

PFA Minutes 9/27/07

Meeting convened at 6:28pm

Attendees: Coleen Gordon, Tamara Copeland, Marcy Schaubeck, Robin Templin, Kerry Zolg, Marcelle Capps, Kandy Tuzzi, Patti Chasteler, Flo Daly, Lynne Deakers, Sharon Daniels, Deb Hazlin, Russ Smith, Angela Ross, Ken Martinez, Diana Rogers, Thomas Saeman, Joe Flanagan, Cara Gault, Sharon Hahn, Trent Amelotte, Irene Vinch, Edde Chalk, Dana Starr, Dianne Hiskey, Lucy Delli Compagni, Lori Mullins, Gail Parisi, Bart Mooney, Geroma Reed, Maria Toner, Crystal Smith, John Markwith

Opening Prayer

Introduction of Board Members – Eric Pellkoffer, President; Tricia Johsz, Vice President; Larry Hardenburgh, Treasurer; Ken Carmichael, Publicity Secretary; Linda Sturdevant, Recording Secretary

Principal's Report: October 30th is the 40th day of school. We are looking for an activity that will make it a special afternoon for the kids.

Treasurer's Report: Income statement through June 2007.

Gift Wrap: Order online through March 31st for it to count toward this year's fundraising obligation. Orders to date are down from last year. There is interest in changing to another company. That idea will be considered for next year's sale.

SSJ 40th Anniversary Celebration: Joe Flanagan reported. The celebration is planned for the weekend of April 5th & 6th, 2008. There will be a dance on April 5th. Following Sunday mass at 11:30am, there will be an Open House & BBQ. It will replace the traditional Open House. There is a high level of Interest from alumni and parents. Event coordinators are trying to contact all alumni. The next planning meeting is scheduled for October 9th at 7pm, in the faculty room of school.

Helping Hands: Joyce Petersen sent out a flyer for volunteers for Helping Hands. There was a great response. The O'Briens had a baby and Helping Hands organized meals. Please encourage your friends and family to utilize this wonderful resource in times of need.

School Supplies: More kits were sold this year with very few issues that needed to be resolved. The overall response from parents is that it is a great service that is provided. We have even been asked by other schools for information about our program. School supplies brought in a net profit of approximately \$3,200.

Room Parents: Room parents have all been chosen and notified. There was a meeting last night. All books have been distributed. Room parents will be contacting the teachers.

Recycle Drive: October 13th & 14th. The average income has been approximately \$290/month or \$3,000/yr. Marcelle will call to get an accounting for the last several months from the recycle company. There has been a suggestion to re-instate the plastic & aluminum cans. This can be done on a daily basis.

Technology: With PFA money we were able to purchase 33 off-lease computers with flat screens. A demonstration of the newest smart board set up which PFA also purchased for classroom 4A will be conducted by Mrs. Ingles following the meeting. We are conducting a trial on a document camera that could be purchased to replace the overhead projector in some classrooms. A demonstration will follow in classroom 3A, after the smart board demonstration.

Festival: The bake booth has volunteers for Friday night. There is a need for volunteers for Saturday. This is an integral part of how the school families support our parish community.

Trunk or Treat: Friday, October 26th, from 5:30 – 7:30pm. Volunteers will decorate their trunks. They will be able to arrive as early as 4pm. Flyers will be coming out next week. Candy donations are being asked for. There will be a popcorn machine. Tickets will be sold presale and the night of the event.

Auction: Saturday, November 10th. Invitations will go out next week. Invitation envelopes will be stuffed tomorrow.

Escrip: Lori Mullins will be sending out a Program kickoff program packet in October. Last year the school made over \$7,000. Ralphs grocery store is still working the accounting issues in order to make contributions through them. Vons renewal is currently under way. Register Escript members need to manually go in and re-register for Vons by clicking on the automatic renewal button.

Partners in Progress: Kerry Volg reported that teachers' wish lists were distributed at Back to School night. The Partners in Progress team met with teachers over the summer to get an idea of what the needs are. If you choose to participate blue sheet with instructions was sent home. Money will come directly to school. The technology department will procure the items from the wish lists. This will take advantage of contacts, knowledge and expertise.

Adopt a Classroom: John Markwith reported that there are currently 20 participants. More than \$10,000 has already been donated. Additional participants are needed. The donation is tax deductible. The money is to be used for educational type pursuits. Our programs sometimes overlap, but that assures great results. Each year the PFA budget is reviewed and can be adjusted to meet the needs of the classroom.

Endowment: We have reached our goal of \$1M. The focus is on long term giving. Proceeds from the endowment are used for educational purposes and financial aid. Checks are issued quarterly. We have been reinvesting and have also been using the proceeds to supplement the general budget. We have recently gotten a renewed interest and donations have started coming in again. The continuing plan is to include proceeds in the general school fund so that we are not continually going out to the parents for just one more thing to support either financially, or with volunteers.

Open Forum:

Service hour list: Sign in on the attendance list and include your email address. These addresses will be added to the notifications for volunteers for service hours.

Special thanks to Lori Mullins for 4 years of service on PFA board & retreat committee.

Mater Dei Spirit Award: The tournament begins the first week of January. We need creative ways to motivate the kids & their parents to show up. Tricia Johsz volunteered to spear head the drive. There are 3 pep rallies a year. Mrs. Dale & Mrs. Woolcock are the faculty advisors to the student council.

The Christmas Pageant will be held Thursday, December 20th. There will be 34 speaking parts. Auditions will be held the first week of November. Kindergarten will be included in the performance.

Next meeting is Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 6:30pm in the library.

Adjourned @ 7:17pm