



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
PARENT FORUM

Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

Approved 3/9/10

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

6:30pm, School Library

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 17, 2009 meeting were approved with two minor revisions.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Stasi ordered green vests for the teachers as part of Catholic Schools Week. Vests will have logo of 100 Years. Order was promised in time for CSW. Also as part of CSW, Kindergarten through 4th grade classes will see the play, *The Magic Onion* at 1:00pm Tuesday, February 2. Grades 5-8 will attend some type of presentation on the topic of bullying to be held later in school year.

Treasurer's Report: Carole reported that Parent Forum netted \$8,200 from the Gift Wrap fundraiser. This amount is lower than previous years, though good considering the economic times. The most current bank statement was given to Secretary for inclusion in meeting minutes.

Presidents' Reports:

Old Business:

Catholic Schools Week: Amy Canty, event Co-Chair, presented a detailed, typed hand-out of all the events planned for the week. She reported on these details and also offered the following additional remarks: Candy donations have been received (with some leftovers from Block Party) and will be given to all shoot-out participants; Dee Watson is handling Eye Spy Contest; Trivia Contest winners will receive Fun Fair game tickets and pens as possible prizes. The Senior project involves collecting items for senior care kits similar to the birthday boxes students have done in the past. More pictures of students with their seniors are needed for a project to be displayed that week. Committee is excited to present Andy Head, magician/juggler on Weds. Other comments and questions were raised involving adequate quantities of hot dogs and buns and supplies of juice and water for Hot Dog Lunch day. Also, it was news to the committee that CSW is in charge of the bulletin board outside the gym for 2 weeks around time of CSW. Suggestions were offered for filling this space.

Amber Hodgkiss, CSW event Co-Chair, also presented a detailed, typed hand-out of the budget for all the events. She commented that they have received many generous donations of food and supplies for the week. Vases for teachers' flowers were purchased for \$20. She thought the figure shown for Hot Dog lunch would go higher because costs of dessert and water bottles were not included. To save money, it was suggested to not purchase water or juice and have students drink milk or bring drink from home. Some concern was raised for the cost of magician for a one-hour program. This is actually a discounted amount because of referral from Noreen.

Suggestions were made for the type of ice cream and source of ice cream for the planned Ice Cream Social. One cup of vanilla ice cream, pre-scooped, no other toppings, will be given to students. Total cost of CSW should cost about \$1600.

Sister Dorothy reported on Acts of Kindness. She will ask Marita Blanken to put together something for display on classroom doors.

Fun Fair: Kathy Gaydos reported that everything is on track for Fun Fair, Saturday, February 6, 11:00am-3:00pm. Lucy Oleski and Danielle Brauweiler are handling overall details, Rosary Smith is once again handling ticket sales and Kathy Gaydos is in charge of kitchen. The 8th graders will run a cake walk as in the past, and 7th graders will run a popcorn stand and goldfish game. Cathy Metzler and Melanie McGinnis are in charge of 7th graders.

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Kindergarten Round Up: The question was raised about what this event involves so that the school website can be updated. Mary Paveleck, who hosted event last year on behalf of PF, will provide details to Kathy Gaydos who will write up and give to Kurt Metzler. Mary also agreed to host again this May. Noreen Woods will also contact Maria Lifka, who had expressed interest last year about helping with event this year.

Mother/Son Event: Carolyn Bronke, event Chair, reported that the event will be held Saturday, March 20 at 6:30pm at Arabian Nights in Willowbrook. Cost will be \$13 per person for pizza, soda, DJ and clown. Kelly Roth offered to supply cupcakes and Amy Kovarik will supply some type of gift for the 8th grade Moms whose youngest child is graduating this year. A 200 attendance minimum was guaranteed. Advice was given regarding publicity and invitations.

Pizza Lunch: Mary Paveleck, Pizza Lunch Chair, reported that she is ordering an additional 15 to 20 pizzas each week compared with previous years due to increased student enrollment and kids having bigger appetites. She is interested in possibly purchasing a second pizza warmer/oven. A \$3,000 unit was found on a quick search of the web. She has not done much research yet as to cost, electricity, other considerations because she wanted to get an idea of feasibility. She might approach a vendor to see if they would be interested in supplying an oven/warmer to us or splitting the cost in exchange for more orders. It was suggested that a subsidy from the milk program might be used toward the purchase. Much discussion followed regarding food safety issues. It was suggested to contact the SJS parent who handled the ordering process for the first warmer to get more information.

Vice Presidents' Reports: Nothing to report at this time.

Additional remarks: Sr. Dorothy mentioned that it came up at the staff meeting that notice needs to be given to the maintenance person, Ron, regarding the set-up and clean up of all big events such as those using school hall or church hall. Kathy Gaydos offered to work with Ron to set up a form and/or get something on-line for Parent Forum use.

Meeting adjourned.

