



# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

PARENT FORUM

## Parent Forum Meeting Minutes -- FINAL

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

6:30pm School Library

Approved January 11, 2011

Attending Board Members: Sr. Dorothy, Mrs. Stasi, Noreen Woods, Kathy Chaulk, Debby Criter, Marguerite Nader, Jessica Jaworski, Kathy Gaydos

Attending Committee Chairs and Parent Forum Members: Jackie Provenzale

**Opening Prayer** – The meeting was opened with a prayer to St. Joseph the Worker.

**Principal's Report** – Mrs. Stasi presented the following information/asked for feedback on:

- December and January calendar – Vision Screening will occur December 2 and any necessary rescreens will take place January 5. PF Vice Presidents will coordinate.
- A school parent would like to hold a “fun” night out at a restaurant that is not a fundraiser. This was something we discussed last school year as a board and agreed that it is a Development Committee event not a Parent Forum event.
- A Ministry Fair will be held in late May for all parish groups to attract members for the various ministries and functions of the parish. It was suggested PF should run the slide show made for the Curriculum Night. PF will review closer to date of event whether or not we will participate.
- A school parent would like to start a Spirit Squad whereby younger students in the school cheer on older students at various sporting events. Most meeting attendees seemed to think that there are already too many pressures on parents to get younger students to their own sports, music, scouts events, etc. without adding to their schedules.
- Room Parents should check with teachers regarding plans for the class parties. Noreen Woods will follow up with Colleen Morrison, Room Parent Committee Chair, on this topic.
- Mrs. Stasi will ask Ms. Rensi, Student Council Advisor, to develop guidelines for student council activities and membership which will be posted in the school handbook.

### Committee Reports:

**Father-Daughter Dance** – Jackie Provenzale reported on this committee. This year's dance will be held February 12. The theme has not yet been decided. Coach Josh has been hired as the DJ. Clara's in Woodridge has been the caterer for the last few years, but Jackie is considering going with a local restaurant such as Gatto's. She will investigate her options. Jackie will begin putting out messages for volunteers to help with decorating, baking, etc. There is no volunteer cleaning service to clean up after this year's event as there was last year. Cleaning expenses by our school's regular cleaning service will have to be charged to this event.

**Christmas Program** – Noreen Woods reported from an email from Lucy Oleski. Pam Edwards has come on board to help Chair this event. Lucy and Pam will soon meet with Mrs. Schmidt to cover details for the event.



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**Fun Fair** – Noreen Woods reported from an email from Lucy Oleski. Carrie Stangle will help Chair this event. Plans are underway. Lucy would like to add some type of raffle to help raise funds for a Smart Board. It was requested that the Fun Fair not include a fundraiser, as there are already too many fundraisers at school. Other concerns were raised about how the new format of the event would accommodate the large numbers of Kindergarten and pre-school students. Noreen Woods will follow up with Lucy.

**President's Report** – The following items were briefly discussed:

Parent-Teacher Conferences – PF Vice Presidents will be providing refreshments for the teachers throughout conference day – breakfast foods, sandwich trays, cold water and other cold beverages.

Sleepover – It was suggested to have a sleepover for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the school, with gym time, games, food, etc. with teachers and parents serving as chaperones. This idea had been presented to the teachers and staff. They were not in favor of it.

St. Nick – Mrs. Stasi will coordinate with Fr. Jerome or Fr. John about visiting the school children (including pre-schoolers and KPM) on Monday, December 6 to give a blessing and a candy cane. Father will dress as St. Nick. Noreen Woods will purchase the candy canes. Debby Criter will serve as Santa's helper.

Service Project – Sr. Dorothy expressed interest in finding service projects to encourage students to perform acts of kindness and to help others.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jessica Jaworski reported that the Gift Wrap fundraiser earned \$9000 in profit. She also asked that teachers be reminded that they will receive up to \$200 in reimbursements for classroom supplies they purchase but will not be given an upfront check for purchases as in prior years. Parent Forum agreed to fund \$340 in t-shirts for the recent Student Council District Fall Leadership workshop.

**Secretary Report** – Minutes for the October 12 were approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Parent Forum meeting will be held Tuesday, January 11, 2011. There is not a December meeting.

Respectfully submitted by PF Secretary, Kathy Gaydos

Note: Prior to official meeting, the board met to discuss and approve the purchase of one Smart Board which had been discussed at a previous meeting. Parent Forum will contribute approximately \$3500 toward this purchase with the remaining funds coming from last year's 8th grade remaining funds. Three other Smart Boards will be purchased near the same time, from other school funds as approved by Fr. Jerome.