

St. Mary Home and School Association Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 7 p.m.

Attendance: Angie Seimer, Ann Canby, Tom Rose, Kathy Wotruba, Eileen Gundelfinger, Jayne Bryant, Holly Sutter, Shelley Gavin, Diane Stuckey, Leanne Ross, Lynann Shea, Deanna Ventura.

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Opening Prayer

1. **Approval of Minutes:** There was an amendment made to the January minutes as follows: "The minutes from the December minutes were approved." Ann Canby motioned to approve the amended minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.
2. **President's report/Info from School Advisory Board:** Details regarding the school's February 21 Open House were covered. The focus of the open house will be on recruitment, retention and welcoming parishioners to see their school. There will be displays in the gym featuring academics, enrichment, music, drama, athletics and other extra-curricular activities. Hospitality co-chairs Diane Stuckey and Amanda Strigle will coordinate the cookie donations and hospitality for the open house. It was brought to the board's attention that there is no code of conduct for junior high coaches or parents. The Board & administration are working on this issue and it will be on the February agenda.
3. **Faculty report:** Mrs. VanEvra reported via email for Mr. Rider – Because all the teachers are pitching in, things are going smoothly in Mr. Rider's absence. Also, Mr. Baughman is doing a great job taking care of situations as they arise. We are very proud of our students for the respect shown to Lt. McCafferty (Lancaster Fire Dept.) during his funeral procession. Our committee for Catholic Schools Week has worked hard to put together a fun week for the students. Mrs. Mickey in the cafeteria has made sure favorite foods are on the menu this week, including delicious desserts. We look forward to having parents visit us during lunch. The teachers are looking forward to working together with School Board to make the February 21 open house a success. Jenny Smurdon, cafeteria staff, reported that she will attend a meeting on Valentines weekend with Chef Ann Cooper as keynote speaker. She is an activist for healthier government commodities and has implemented some pilot school lunch programs that promote healthier foods.
4. **Treasurer's report:** Tom Rose distributed the treasurer's report for January 2010. Ending checkbook balance January 31, 2010 is \$49,720.28. Holiday Happening was very successful with the profit at \$43,862.62. Discussion followed on the use of the cafeteria income from within the Holiday Happening profits. Past treasurers Deanna Ventura and Eileen Gundelfinger clarified that if the cafeteria would like funds, they may submit invoices with a request for funds.
5. **Fundraising reports:**
 - **SCRIP Report:** Deanna Ventura reported that there is currently a \$65,082.66 checkbook balance with YTD profits of \$30,128.05. The Grub Day pass promotion is very successful and sales are up considerably since its implementation. SCRIP responsibilities are being revised to distribute the responsibility more evenly. Additional volunteers are still needed to help with Scrip.
 - **Market Day:** No Report. Paper orders are due February 8, online orders are due February 9.
 - **Holiday Happening:** No report
 - **Miscellaneous:** Eileen Gundelfinger reported that profits from Nov 30 were \$137 and Dec 22 profits were \$177. Profits will go to the Home and School's general fund. A similar program with the Spaghetti Shop is currently in place and is going on all day every Monday in February. Some discussion followed on the Giant Eagle "Apples for Learning" program.
 - **Campbell's Soup Labels:** The Student Council is working on this program. With the direction of faculty, they will

use the labels to purchase items for gym classes and playground equipment. It was suggested that Mr. Chenault be consulted about purchases.

6. **Services to Parents/Faculty:**

-**Thursday Folder Newsletter:** Greer Edwards emailed a request to remind everyone to email their submissions to the newsletter by Monday evening to greer2008@mac.com.

-**Spirit Store:** Shelley Gavin reported that it is a little slow now after the Christmas rush. Spirit Store items will be available for sale at the Open House.

-**Teacher Wish List:** Angie Seimer reported that she has requested updated wish list items from the faculty. It was suggested that the list to parents be shortened so that it will be less overwhelming. Angie will send a new request will go home to parents. A comment was made regarding the need for art supplies in order to implement some of the new Art Attack activities.

-**Welcoming Committee:** The committee met last week. There is a representative from each grade with two reps from 5th grade. Ice cream social is being planned for summer. Calls will be made to new families before school starts, in September, prior to Holiday Happening, and in spring to let them know about the uniform exchange and additional items new families may have questions about.

7. **E-2 - Enlighten and Enrichment Program:** Jayne Bryant submitted an invoice for ventriloquist Mark Wade who will perform at St Mary on February 23.

* Margaret Peterson Haddix will be visiting St Mary School on Friday, March 12.

* The pARTnership Program & workshop, "Artful Paper" from the Decorative Arts Center, will be presented to the entire student body on February 25.

* Monthly after-school programs include the Art Club, Photography Club (grades 4 -8), and Mystery Club (K -8).

* Willy Wonka will be the spring musical and will be presented on May 14 & 15.

8. **Volunteer Report**

- Spanish will be requesting funds for a Cinco de Mayo party.

- Mrs Lindsey is asking for additional help with the Book Fair this year. She needs help the day of set up, coordinating volunteers, and particularly on Friday to help pack up the fair. The book fair will be held from March 15 - 18. There will be a meeting on Monday, February 8 after school.

9. **Old Business**

- \$\$ Request for purchase of hanging microphones to be installed on the school stage. The cost for this equipment is \$2284. Candy Cane profits were \$273, so an additional \$2011 is needed. Diane Stuckey made a motion to approve funds of \$2011 for the purchase, installation and training for new sound equipment. The motion was approved.

10. **New Business**

- Ann Canby presented an overview of the Accelerated Math Program. Nora Ginty will proceed with writing a grant for funding after the program is presented to the faculty.

- Thank you to Home and School for the donation to the St. Bernadette/St. Mary Fifth Grade skating party. It was a huge success. More social activities are being planned and parents would recommend that this event continue to be sponsored in future years.

Jayne Bryant made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Next Meeting: March 2, 2010 – 8:10 a.m.