

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL PTO MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 2006

Vicki Rohrman opened the meeting with a prayer.

Rachelle Ludge and Kelli Kappus approved minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gina Jinks gave us an update on the magazine sale. We have a total of \$60,211.24 in sales. We are expecting it will hit about \$63,000. We will receive 40% of this.

Gina gave an overview of how the checks work and how she does the budget.

VICKI'S UPDATE

A binder will be kept in the Secretary's office with all notes of appreciation to the PTO.

Joan Cahill sent out the emergency phone tree lists last week. A few families still need to return their information. Joan will try to reach those families through the teachers. Thank you and your volunteers for all your hard work.

Julie Molloy reported that the school directory is at the printers. The directory should be distributed after fall break. Several families will not be in the directory because they did not send back the form. The PTO must have the families' consent to publish their information. Cost of this project was \$297.

Teacher gift cards have been distributed. They each received \$100.

PTO hosted the RCIA meeting and on October 4 and served Market Day food.

All PTO committee chair positions have been filled. Ruth Papandria to distribute volunteer lists to all chairs.

An order has been placed with Wagner Signs for some spirit items. Examples: stickers and license plates. Update on arrival of these items at November meeting.

Cindy McManama is in charge of trash bags. We make a profit of \$2.55 per roll. The cost to purchase is \$8 per roll. They are available at selected events and in the Secretary's office.

Lisa Beretta gave the dates for the Book Fair. The fair will be held October 30 thru November 3. Monday the Book Fair will be open until 8:00 p.m. to accommodate working parents.

Grandparents and Special Guests Day will be November 3rd. We expect around 400 guests. Lori Orman will coordinate refreshments.

An Internet Safety program will be held in the cafeteria on November 15th at 6:30 p.m. Detective Sergeant Michael Hornbrook, Marion County Sheriff's Dept., will be present to speak on safety issues in Marion County. Bill Niezgodski will speak on internet safety in the home.

The sixth grade will head to CYO camp on October 13th. PTO paid \$1500 for this trip.

On October 17th the Hospitality Committee will serve the faculty dinner during parent/teacher conferences.

Mike Murphy will speak to the 5th thru 8th grades on October 25th.

The seventh grade will attend Space Camp in Brownsburg. The PTO paid \$1200 for this trip.

Several items required a vote of the membership:

1. Mr. Peterson would like money to update the Physical Education program. We voted to give him \$1,000 to use. The vote was approved. Vicki to ask Men's Club to help fund purchase of smaller boys basketball hoops for the lower grades. Discussion will continue at November meeting.
2. Mrs. Woodridge wants us to purchase 12 larger chairs for her class. This purchased was requested by the School Commission and will be purchased when order is submitted to the PTO.
3. Mrs. Chandler would like covers for the chimes/tables. The cost would be \$378. The vote was taken and approved.

MARKET DAY

Julie Mollov spoke on the freezer give-a-way. Market Day has offered a free freezer to any school that generates ninety orders, totaling at least \$4500, for the month of October. The freezer, if won, will be delivered in January. This will enable people who absolutely cannot pick up their order on Saturday, to have it put in the freezer. Please place orders. (Note: we don't get this goal and will receive a new freezer!)

During this meeting, there were several Market Day items for the attendees to sample.

November is pie month. The more pies we sell the more profit we will receive. Please order to help the school. We usually receive 10% profit.

Volunteers are always needed. The money received for Market Day this month was \$500.

NEW BUSINESS

We will have a coat drive for St. Phillip Neri. The drive will run from October 23rd thru October 27th with the coats to be delivered on November 30th.

PTO will purchase turkeys for the Thanksgiving baskets. The Room Parents will pay back the cost from the money they receive from the classes for food.

Nan Murphy and April Faust will chair the Santa breakfast. More information at November meeting.

The PTO will be in charge of the yearbooks. Cari Hiatt will head and Mr. Kelley will be the liaison on this project. Grades will be divided up as follows: K-2, 3-5, 6-8. A committee member will be with each grade.

Julie Molloy will be the Marketing Coordinator. If you have any news to print in Indy Star South or Southside Times please contact Julie.

Mother Theodore Guerin will be canonized on October 15th in Rome. Sister will discuss with the teachers what type of memorial to purchase for her. We also would like to see a brick purchased in her honor.

October 26th will be the next Women's Club meeting. Pilates will be demonstrated.

Ms. Meyer and Mrs. Boles gave a presentation on the Math Penathlon. They will send out registration forms for January enrollment. OLG will host the tournament this year.

Defend the Trophy is the slogan for our traveling trophies.

Drawing winners: Jen Simmons won trash bags; Kelli Korns and Joan Cahill won St. Jude cookbooks.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Janice Schwartz would like the social worker to talk to the children regarding the tornado that occurred four years ago. Some children are having difficulty with the stress of that situation during inclement weather situations. Vicki suggested Janice approach the School Commission for their suggestions on how the school is allowed to approach this situation.

SISTER'S REPORT

The seventh grade had a presentation on guns and violence given by the prosecutor's office.

The State's Wellness Program required that all soda and snack machines be removed from schools. Sister has asked that a committee be formed to ensure our compliance with the program.

Sister is going to Terre Haute for the canonization of Mother Theodore Guerin. Mother Theodore established St. Mary of the Woods College and the Sister's of Providence. She will be the first Catholic Saint from Indiana.

The Archbishop will be here at St. Jude to have a mass for all the south deaneries.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer from Sister.

Respectfully submitted,
Donitta Barrer
Secretary

**Next Meeting is Thursday, November 9th
@ 7:00 p.m. in the school conference room.**