

St. Jude Catholic School
Parent Teacher Organization Minutes
March 8, 2007

Vicki Rohrman opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as read.

SISTER'S UPDATE

The 8th grade will have a spaghetti dinner on March 9th.

Sister would like to have the volleyball game (8th grade vs. teachers) and the Walkathon on the same day.

On March 16th the following will happen:

- The 6th grade will participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- The Irish Program will be held at school through the Symphony.
- Reconciliation Program

The 7th grade parents will meet on March 20th in the Parish Center. The meeting will be used to sign up on committees for next year.

Report cards will be issued on March 21st.

Spring Break will be March 23rd thru April 2nd.

April 5th will be the faculty meeting and early dismissal.

Sister asked how the parents like Homework Watcher. All were in favor of this program. It was used and was very successful during the snow days.

Sister is concerned about the children and Internet safety at home.

Stations of the Cross will be presented by the 8th grade on April 6th at 1:00 p.m.

Sister sent out an SOS on behalf of the teachers. They would like PTO to purchase eleven overhead projectors. Sister would also like a podium with a microphone. Sister will work on getting the projectors. PTO will discuss the podium in May.

VICKI'S UPDATE

The dinner for the teachers was on March 3rd. Mrs. Meisberger celebrated 35 years of service and Mrs. Schultz celebrated 25 years teaching at St. Jude. PTO gave them \$100 each.

Vicki talked on the SCRIP Program. SCRIP is a fundraising program in which school families sell gift cards from various merchants. The cost of the gift cards to the PTO is discounted, and the profits will be shared between the school family's tuition account and the PTO's general fund. Profits will be credited to the school families twice a year. We have been looking closely at the Great Lakes SCRIP Company as a partner in this program. Vicki will report to the School Commission at their April meeting, and we will kick off the program October 1, 2007. Vicki is looking for someone to chair this program.

Market Day: March 17th is the month for the fifth grade. We have a profit of \$3,680 to date.

PTO voted to raise the teachers' gift checks (This is money for the teachers to use to start up their classroom in the Fall) to \$125.

Molly Schrader asked for PTO to vote on giving Mr. Sauer (He takes care of the school.) a gift card for all he does. It was approved.

The budget for 2007-2008 will be presented at the April meeting. PTO is closing in on \$30,000 from the magazine sale.

TREASURER'S REPORT

See attached.

NEW BUSINESS

Food Label Fundraisers: Kellie Kriech updated the PTO on the three fundraisers she coordinates:

- Box Tops:
 - Last year Box Tops brought in @\$2700 and this year @\$2800
 - Box Tops formed a book club. We will try it to see what parents think about it. The school gets .10 for ever \$1 spent through the book club.
- Campbell's:
 - Kellie will send out information on the new criteria for collecting soup labels.
 - Information is available at www.labelsforeducation.com
- Tyson Project A+:
 - Kellie needs 24 more Tyson labels to have enough to send in.
 - Information is available at www.projectaplus.tyson.com

Raider Rally: April 20th is the date for the rally. \$1500 will be given to the library and the remainder will be used to purchase a defibrillator for the gym.

The **Family Breakfast** will be held May 6th after the 10:00 mass. It will be for the mother and children.

Ruth Papandria and Vicki Rohrman will work on recruiting committee chairs for the 2007-2008 school year. They will call each chair and find out who wants to stay. Room Parent Chair is open.

Jackie Renfro will speak at the next meeting on defibrillators.

Door prizes were given out.

Sister ended the meeting with a prayer. The next meeting will be April 12th.

Respectfully submitted,

Donitta Barrer
Secretary