

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PTC MEETING MINUTES – March 6, 2008

Call to order by President Kelli Schoster – 7:05 PM

Devotions led by Stacie Combs

Minutes of January meeting – Approved (Motion: Kathy Dean; Seconded: Christy Bingle; Motion carried).

Principal's Report

- Mr. Carey Owens shared the following:
 - Thanks to helpers at Open House and Catholic Schools Week.
 - Thanks to PTC for funding Abe Lincoln and Planetarium special programs.
 - "Grades Online" pilot continues with grades available for the 3rd quarter. Mr. Feist continues to do test runs.
 - 250 students enrolled as of 3/5 for 2008-2009 school year. Please send in paperwork in not yet done so accurate count is available for planning.
 - Archdiocese indicates that Scripps cannot be used for tuition, as this would jeopardize our non-profit status.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was approved (Motion: Mindy Caldwell; Seconded: Gayle Rolfes; Motion carried)

Committees

- Book Fair: Monday through Friday next week; a new chairperson is needed for next year.
- Toy & Clothing sale / Stacie Combs: Profit was \$814.76. Thanks to the workers and Tammi Schroer.
- Grandparents Day: Thursday, March 13 (grades 2 and 4) and Friday March 14 (grades K, 1 and 3). Workers are desperately needed for Thursday between 8:45 and 11:30 AM. Several volunteers came forward.
- O'Charleys: This is planned for 3/11 from 4 – 8 PM with profit going to PTC. Scripps can be used and carryouts are welcome.
- Fr. Sine Celebration / Dale Bleigh: The parish is planning this for Sunday, 5/18 from 3 – 7 PM at the K of C hall. Workers are needed and a donation was requested to help offset the costs (~\$1000 - \$1500). Cookies baked by school parents could be donated.
 - Tina Brown proposed PTC donate \$500 for Fr. Shine's celebration. (Motion: Mary Lohman; Seconded: Sr. Rose; Motion carried)
- Auction for fall 2008: A format similar to the 2007 auction was proposed. A chairperson is needed to solicit donations and organize.
- Catholic Schools Week: Abe Lincoln visited the school and PTC paid the fee of \$200 under the budget item of Student Appreciation Fund. This was not approved previously as the February meeting was rescheduled due to a snow day.
- Santa's Workshop: New chairperson is Molly Shields.
- Cathy Ruschke proposed that PTC sponsor tuition (\$300 - \$500) for a child from El Salvador. More details will be gathered before the next PTC meeting.

Old Business

- Jimmy Minnelli provided an update on his Eagle Scout project. He apologized for the delay. He explained his plans to raise awareness and to create an annual fundraiser (penny wars). Marilyn Walter said the 5 year plan includes an El Salvador connection which could be incorporated with this project and possible Scholastic Spanish books.
- PTC survey / Kelli Schoster: Surveys were sent out after last meeting regarding PTC meeting attendance and a good response was received from both teachers and parents. Areas discussed:
 - The #1 reason people gave for not attending the meetings was "Too busy".
 - The majority of the responses were positive.
 - Discussed meeting less frequently; This would require change to by-laws. A proposal was made to hold the meetings every other month. This was tabled until the April meeting for a vote.
 - Discussed meeting time; Some find 7:00 too late. After school works well for teachers but is too early for many others. Decided to keep at 7:00.
 - Some responses referred to controversy at the meetings. This seems to have decreased this year and asked to spread positive information via word of mouth.
 - Lack of babysitting: Adult supervision and a larger space to hold this would be required before this could be reinstated.

- Other ideas to boost attendance:
 - Reinstate Student of the Month
 - Girl Scout flag ceremony
 - Speaker / special interest
 - Movie night / book night
 - Drama kids perform or class presentations of work
 - Monthly specials (Sept / Tshirts; Nov / Kindergarten; March / play performance)
- PTC to attend a faculty meeting to get specific ideas from faculty
- Post agenda before meeting so people know what votes are pending

New Business

- April meeting: Nominations are needed for Vice President and Treasurer.
- Motion to forego the 3/20 meeting (Motion: Mindy Caldwell; Seconded: Kathy Dean; Motion carried)

The next PTC meeting will be April 17, 2008.

Adjournment: 8:10 P.M. (Motion: Mary Lohman; Seconded: Kathy Dean; Motion carried)

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Kluesener, Secretary

Thanks to Susi Charls for taking the notes at this meeting which were used for the minutes!