

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PTC MEETING MINUTES – JAN 15, 2009

Call to order by President Stacie Combs – 7:10 PM

Devotions led by Julie Bischoff & Lori Guilfoyle

Minutes of November meeting – Approved with name spelling correction (Motion: Mindy Caldwell; Seconded: Kathy Siemer; Motion carried).

Treasurer's Report

Tina Tisdale presented the treasurer's report. Highlights:

- The checking account balance on 1/14/09 was \$8795.67. Refer to the January 2009 treasurer's report for further details.
- An updated budget proposal was shared reflecting some additional cuts to proposed spending in areas including the teacher/staff luncheon, bus driver appreciation, student appreciation/rewards, math and science and a few others.
- Raising adequate funds to cover the reduced budget for the remainder of the year remains a concern. Discussion followed regarding other fundraising possibilities such as expanded Spirit Wear sales, tapping into the Carl Lindner Foundation and the possibility of directing Upromise points to the school.

The 2008-09 budget cuts were approved (Motion: Marilyn Walter; Seconded: Kathy Dean; Motion carried).

Principal's Report

Mr. Carey Owens shared the following:

- The end of the 2nd quarter is Jan. 16th and there will be a 2:30 dismissal. Additional 2:30 dismissals are aligned with the end of the 3rd and 4th quarters.
- Grades 3, 5 and 7 completed writing samples that were anonymously rated by the archdiocese on a scale of 0-8, with 5 indicating competent. Mr. Owens noted that the results were very good. One example given was that the entire 7th grade received ratings of 5 and higher.
- Terra Nova results for grades 2, 4, 6 and 8 will be shared with parents in February. Preliminary data looks excellent with St. John scoring above the average for the archdiocese, which is already in the top 25% nationally.
- Catholic Schools Week kicks off with Open House on Sunday, Jan 25 from 1-3.
- Priority registration is during the month of February. The registration fee increases in March by \$25.

Committees

- **Santa's Breakfast** / Debbie Milesky: The breakfast was a success bringing in about \$1300. 8th grade students did a nice job. More 8th grade parents are needed next year.
- **Toy & Clothing Sale** / Tammy Schroer: The spring sale is planned for 3/28/09 and has been expanded to the gym to include formal wear and larger items such as bikes.
- **Market Day** / Tammy Schroer: Online ordering is encouraged. A new coordinator is needed for next year for this important fundraiser.
- **Santa's Workshop** / Jenny Watson and Molly Shields: Molly reported that the workshop went great and there were many happy kids who enjoyed this.
- **Book Fair** / Kelli Schoster: This is planned for March 9-13. Helpers are needed.
- **Grandparents Day**: This is planned for Thursday, March 26 (grades 2 and 4) and Friday, March 27 (grades K, 1 and 3). Discussion followed about possible ways to schedule differently in the future to better accommodate grandparents with children to join on both days such as A-M on one day and N-Z on another. This has the disadvantage of disrupting class time on multiple days per grade. This was tabled for discussion next year.

Old Business

- **Family Fun Night** / Tina Tisdale: "Are You Smarter Than a St. John Student?" is planned for Friday, Jan 30 at 7 PM. Bring a canned good for St. Vincent DePaul and a 2-liter pop to share. The night will also include a "Physics is Fun" demonstration by Mr. Brickner of Harrison Junior High.
- **By Laws** / Stacie Combs: The By-Laws amendment discussed in November with changes to Article 9 about budget planning was brought for approval. A further change was requested to include language about amending the budget throughout the year. This will be brought back to March meeting for further discussion and a possible vote.
- **Security System**: No updates were given.

New Business

None

The next PTC meeting will be Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 7 PM.

Adjournment: 8:30 P.M. (Motion: Kathy Siemer; Seconded: Becky Hummeldorf; Motion carried)

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Kluesener, Secretary