

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PTC MEETING MINUTES – September 17, 2009

Call to order by President Lori Guilfoyle at 7:10
Devotions led by Kathy Siemer

Minutes of March meeting – Approved (Motion: Marilyn Walter; Seconded: Shonda Ulm; Motion carried).

Treasurer's Report

Tina Tisdale presented the treasurer's report. Highlights are given here but refer to the September 2009 treasurer's report for further details:

- The checking account balance as of 9/17/09 is \$2842.69. Outstanding expenses total \$2565.94. The available budget is \$256.75.

The treasurer's report was approved (Motion: Brian Knoop; Seconded: Kathy Wirsch; Motion carried).

Principal's Report

Mr. Carey Owens shared the following:

- Accreditation process is taking place this year.
- Watched a brief video explaining the 5 step process:
 1. Self Study – develop a self improvement plan by gathering data.
 2. External Validation team comes to St. John's to evaluate and give feedback.
 3. Submit plan to OCSAA and implement the Improvement Plan
 4. Progress Report
 5. 2nd Progress Report
- Will be gathering data from parents, students and the Harrison community. Information about an online survey will be going home Friday, 9/18/09, to students in the 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades.
- In-service time held on Wednesdays, once a month, is devoted to the improvement plan and accreditation process.

Committees

- **Toy & Clothing Sale:** Tammy Schroer: The date for the sale is Saturday, October 3, 2009. Set-up will be Friday, October 2, in the gym and the cafeteria. Last spring the expansion of the sale to the gym with the larger items was a success. The same will occur again this year. Toy & Clothing is a big fundraiser for St. John's PTC, 30% of sold items goes to the PTC. Stacie Combs is helping co-chair the sale. Her focus is on marketing the sale in Harrison and surrounding areas. It was suggested to send flyers to the public schools in the Harrison area and to contact churches in the Indiana area to advertise. Staci has contacted churches about the sale.
- **Market Day:** Tammy Schroer & Rhonda Gosser: There are two parts to Market Day: 1) the grocery food program. There is only 25% participation from the school. Goal for this year is to increase the participation. The next pickup day is Wednesday, 9/23. 2) Individual sales coordinated by Rhonda Gosser. This includes fundraising programs. Last year we sold Uno's pizzas raising \$650 for the PTC. October 2nd, there will be a kick off assembly for a brochure fundraiser. This fundraiser will run until October 23rd with items being delivered at the end of November.
- **Promotions:** Verna Zahner: List of promotion programs handed out; refer to the handout for complete list. The Box Tops, Capri – Sun drink brigade and Cincinnati bell promotion money is sent directly to the school. The Nestle and Campbell's promotions offer merchandise catalogues that are used to choose items for the school. Two of the big money makers for the school are Box Tops and Cincinnati Bell Learns. The Cincinnati Bell learns promotion gives St. John's \$10 per person for each person who fills out a flyer. Any neighbors, relatives or friends who don't attend St. John's can fill out a flyer (only requirement is they have Cincinnati Bell as their home phone provider). St. John's has made \$730 this year. The other big money maker is Box Tops. Sept. 21 – Oct 2 there will be a box tops war between the classes. PTC will award the classroom with the highest box top value with a special prize. (Prize is yet to be determined). Verna asked that as parents of St. John students we talk about the promotions.

- **Yearbook:** Susi Charls: There are leftover yearbooks available to purchase. There will be a need for new volunteers to help with yearbooks as Susi will be transitioning out of the yearbook position.

Old Business

- **Spirit Wear:** Lori Guilfoyle: A new vendor has been printing the spirit wear since March. There were 160 orders placed September 8th; should be coming in week of September 21st. Spirit wear will be sold after school on the 1st and 3rd Fridays, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
- **Wish list items:** Lori Guilfoyle: During May's PTC meeting, some teachers asked for new chairs for their classrooms. Purchasing new chairs will be a priority for PTC. Mr. Owens and the teachers were asked if there are any other wish list items if they could prioritize a list for PTC.

New Business

- **Accreditation Process:** Mr. Owens presented the video in Principal's report.
- **Technology:** Joe Combs: Many volunteers who work hard to keep school up to date with technology. Each classroom has at least 2 modern PC's with internet connections. The computer lab has 30 PC's that were purchased in 2007. The entire school is networked, has wireless access and all classrooms will have smart boards and projectors installed in the near future. An electronic grade system, Accelerated reading & math programs are applications in all classrooms. The technology committee looks at what resources are available at St. John's and plan accordingly to stabilize and improve what St. John's already has. Mr. Owens thanked Joe and the entire Technology committee for all their hard work.
- **Subway Loadable cards:** Tina Crail: Bringing information to Mr. Owens so St. John's can register the school. The cards work just like the Kroger loadable cards.
- **City Wide Yard Sale:** Lori Guilfoyle: Last minute fundraiser for PTC that made \$850. Hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and snow cones were sold. St. John's was asked to return next year; something that will be discussed at a later date.
- **Mobile Ed Productions- Earth Dome:** Lori Guilfoyle: Last year was a planetarium demonstration; this year will be an earth/globe demonstration. Dates are being determined.
- **End of quarter popcorn:** Lori Guilfoyle: PTC has popcorn and the machine and would like to offer students an end of quarter treat with popcorn.
- **By Laws /** Kathy Siemer & Lori Guilfoyle: A change to Article 7 pertaining to meeting dates and times was brought to parent's attention and will be voted on in the October meeting.
- **End of year Slide Show:** Stacie Combs: Stacie will be collecting any pictures from school activities and field trips for an end of the year slide show for the students and for the May PTC meeting.
- **PTC Email:** Lori Guilfoyle: ptcnews@sjbharrison.org Parents can use this email if they need to get a message to PTC. The email will be checked weekly by a board member. This is different than the "teacher concierge" parent news messages. The teacher concierge is used to get messages to parents such as early dismissal due to snow.
- **Other:**
 - 8th grade Bake Sale will be September 18th.
 - Some discussion regarding ways to cut down on Friday folder papers and putting school announcements on the web site. One solution was to email Millie with items to put into Jaguar Journal instead of having copies of information. Mr. Owens commented on the announcements saying there aren't enough announcements in a week to post on the website.
 - Mr. Owens thanked all coordinators for coming to the PTC meeting.

The next PTC meeting will be Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 6:15 with guest speaker Sara Graf.
Adjournment: 8:03 P.M. (Motion: Marilyn Walter; Seconded: Kathy Dean; Motion carried)

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Siemer, Secretary