

St. Malachy PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 13th, 2010

1. WELCOME

Introductions and prayer

Do we have a quorum? (>5 voting members) YES

Officers for 2009/2010 school year:

Laura Sulecki and Diana Jacob – Co-Presidents

Lori VanNoy – Treasurer

Kim Chapman – Secretary

Those attending the meeting were: Kim Chapman, Lori VanNoy, Mary Sullivan, Andrea Beyke, Laura Sulecki, Ruth Boberg, Andrea Ettenberger, Diana Jacob, Janelle Logan, Michelle Tuttle, Chad Tuttle, Tami Scott, Patti Witczak, Jill Houston and Dawn Hostetler.

2. Secretary Report – Kim Chapman

One change was made to the November meeting minutes and then the minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report – Lori VanNoy

Balance at the end of November was \$63,151.10.

4. New Business

A) Resignation of Cindy Miller, the PTO Vice President

Cindy Miller has resigned her position of Vice President. If anyone is interested in taking over this position, please notify one of the presidents. Ruth Boberg is going to help coordinate the teacher luncheons by notifying the room parents when their luncheon approaches. Diana and Laura will take over any other Vice President duties for now. Someone else will need to set the slate of officers for the spring election though.

B) Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 31- Feb. 6. Gina Carty is the parent liaison. Fifth grade teacher, Ms. Beyke, shared some of the planned activities for the week with us. The theme for Catholic Schools Weeks is Dividends for Life: Faith, Knowledge, Discipline and Morals. The roller skating party will kick off the week (more information below). Eight grade students will speak at the masses on the weekend of January 31. Student work will also be displayed at the new church. Student Council will present the gifts at mass. Monday there will be a prayer service at 7:45 in the gym. Classes will also be making special placemats based on the dividends for Thursday's lunch. Tuesday students are to wear motto shirts or logo wear. Student Council officers will attend a Catholic Schools Week mass at Cathedral. Wednesday the students will receive donuts and milk for a treat. It will also be favorite team spirit day (football, baseball, hockey, basketball, etc). On Thursday the students will dress up and have a retreat day. The 8:15 school mass will honor all volunteers of St. Malachy Parish

School. A living rosary will take place in Noll Hall in the afternoon. Friday ends Catholic Schools Week with the traditional Green and White volleyball games and ice cream. PTO is sponsoring a teacher luncheon on Wednesday. Parents are needed to help cover recess duty for K-5 that morning so those teachers could have the opportunity to eat lunch together. One parent per classroom is needed.

C) Lent – Tami Scott is the parent liaison. The children's mardi gras is being coordinated. More parent and teacher help will be needed in the hallways this year. There will be a class competition for the money raised as part of almsgiving. Students are asked to do chores at home to earn money to donate for the Haiti mission. This money is used for the classes to sponsor children in Haiti. Another meeting pertaining to Lent will take place this Thursday.

D) An all school skating party is scheduled on January 30th from 5-7pm at Rock & Rollers in Avon. A Homework Watcher will be sent out to remind families about the party. As a reminder, parents need to remain at the skating rink with children.

E) Logo clothing will be headed by Mary Arnould and Becky Rollett next year. Thank you Dana Koester for your hard work coordinating this in the past! The committee is looking into the possibility of having logo clothing available earlier in the year. There would still be the regular big sale in October.

F) A request was made for the PTO to provide cookies and drinks for the Mission at Church on Tuesday March 2nd. It is scheduled from 7-8:30pm. Volunteers are needed. Lori VanNoy, Kim Chapman, Diana Jacob, Dawn Hostetler have volunteered. We will coordinate this when the time gets closer.

G) Requisitions

-A request for \$125.42 to reimburse Mrs. Doan for costume materials and \$54.00 to pay for props and the backdrop for the K-3rd grade Christmas program. This was already approved by the executive board in December.

-Teacher request of \$1419.00 from Mrs. Swihart for pottery classes for the 6th grade students. This was approved and we will look to put in a line item for this next year.

5. Old Business

A) Advent – thank you to Annemarie Hensley for being our parent liaison.

B) Potential school uniform vendor change is being investigated. Parent letters will be coming home next week.

6. Committee Reports

- A) Fundraising-no report
- B) New Family-some ideas for this committee were: pairing new families up with “buddies”, coming up with a Frequently Asked Questions/tips/survival guide section for the website pertaining to each grade level. We would have an approximate idea of how many new families there will be by April, but numbers will change slightly throughout the summer.
- C) Logo/Used Clothing-no report
- D) Volunteers-no report
- E) Enrichment-Kenyetta dancers in March and Chemistry demonstrations in April
- F) Special Speaker Coordinator- travel agent, safety night through Riley, car seat safety, check Riley’s community education department were a few of the suggestions. We will email out a list of potential topics once we have them.
- G) Food for the Friars-Lori VanNoy coordinated this and the calendar was presented to Father Joe/Sister Barbara/Father John at the last school mass before Christmas. They will receive two meals per week throughout the entire year. The calendar for the year was sent out to those families who chose to participate. Susan Hinkle will make the reminder calls to families. If you have any questions you may call Lori.
- H) Publicity-no updates. Beatrice Bursten will try to get coverage of Catholic Schools Week, Spell Bowl and Art Fair later this month. It was mentioned that there has been more coverage of St. Malachy School in the Flyer this year. Thank you Beatrice!

7. Parent Input/Suggestions/Concerns

8. Principal’s Report

- The student Mardi Gras will really focus on the almsgiving since this money is used for classrooms to sponsor children in Haiti. There will be a goal for each classroom and it will be posted outside the classrooms.
- Catholic Schools Week is coming up and plans are underway.
- Second grade has decided to take part in a project that will be going on in our parish. There is going to be a used clothing drive February 22-26. Clothes may be brought into school in *paper bags* to be donated. The second grade families will transport the clothing to the drop off site. This clothing drive will benefit Sheltering Wings.
- February 13 is the parent Mardi Gras. Tickets are \$150 per couple and are available in the school office, Parish Center or by contacting Mary Murphy. The on-line auction “Shamrock Rules” will be held again this year as well.

9. Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 10th at 7PM in the school library.

10. Adjournment – Thank you so much for coming!!