

St. Malachy PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 11th, 2009

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

Cindy Miller – Vice President

Lori VanNoy – Treasurer

Kim Chapman – Secretary

Those attending were: Kim Chapman, Lori VanNoy, Laura Sulecki, Diana Jacob, Michelle Tuttle, Chad Tuttle, Theresa Wynne, Ruth Boberg, Beatrice Bursten, Dawn Hostetler, Susan Odier, Colleen Sicuso, Jill Houston, Annemarie Hensley, Kirk Martin, Janelle Logan, Tami Scott, Patti Witczak, Jennifer Carr, Mary Sullivan, Andrea Ettenberger, Heather Ertel

2. Secretary Report – Kim Chapman-minutes from October 2009 meeting were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report – Lori VanNoy-as of the end of September our balance was \$51,112.84.

4. New Business

A) Principal's Coffee scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th at 7PM in the school library. Volunteers were scheduled to provide refreshments.

B) Skating party for St. Malachy families is being scheduled. The party will be on Saturday, January 30 from 5-7pm at the skating rink in Avon. The rink is being rented to us free of charge, there will be \$3.00 charge for skate rental. Parents must stay at the rink with their children, they may not just drop students off.

C) Advent – Annemarie Hensley is our parent liaison. On Monday, November 30th the school children will meet in the gym for a blessing of Advent wreaths and a short prayer service. Sister Barbara has been invited to attend since Fr. Joe will not be available. The main bulletin board in the hallway will have the morning prayers each day. The readings will be provided to Mrs. Sullivan for the announcements. Black silhouettes of the figures in the nativity will be on the bulletin board as well. Each day one item will be added to correspond to the reading of the day. The annual toy drive sponsored by the student council will take place during the first week of Advent.

D) Requisitions-none

5. Old Business

A) Red Ribbon Day – thank you to Jennifer Van Meigham for being our parent liaison.

B) The last PTO meeting of 2009 is scheduled for December 1st at 7PM. This is a social gathering at Boulder Creek. Please RSVP to Diana Jacob at dianasjacob@hotmail.com by November 25th. We will have a white elephant gift exchange.

C) Just another gentle reminder, if anyone is making PTO related copies on the goldenrod paper and notices 2 reams or less of paper left, please let Lori in the school office know so that she can reorder. Thank you!

D) Potential school uniform vendor change is being investigated and will be presented to the school commission in the near future. A uniform vendor committee will be formed at the Parent/Principal coffee and will hold it's first meeting on Monday, November 30 at 7:00pm in the school library. If you

would like to join this committee you can email Becky Walsh at bwalsh18@indy.rr.com

6. Committee Reports

- A) Fundraising-trash bag sales are finished, monthly drive thru's are still available. Prizes were given out to students after mass on Feast Day. The gift cards were well received by students. The sale was about the same as last year (within 100-200 rolls). One suggestion was made: please specify on the order form whether parents can send in cash with the order or if it has to be a check.
- B) New Family-none
- C) Logo/Used Clothing-Logo clothing sale is going on right now and ends on Friday, November 13th. Dana Koester will be stepping down as chair of this committee after this year. Mary Arnold and Becky Rollett will take it over.
- D) Volunteers-none
- E) Enrichment-Sneeches for K-3 is Monday, November 16th and Christopher Columbus for 4-8 will be Tuesday, November 17th. The clay artist is still coming as well for grades 7/8.
- F) Special Speaker Coordinator-we still need to plan two presentations for the spring. St. Vincent's has a new list of topics and Clarian has several as well. If you have any idea/suggestions please let Dawn Hostetler know.
- G) Food for the Friars-Cindy Miller stepped down from this committee. Lori VanNoy will help coordinate this along with Susan Hinkle.
- H) Publicity-Two items were submitted to the Hendricks County Flyer. Mrs. Carson helped organize a diaper drive to collect needed baby items for the Gabriel Project. The first quarter honor roll was also sent in.

7. Parent Input/Suggestions/Concerns-It was suggested that St. Malachy School try to have more activities with Cardinal Ritter High School.

The kindergartners went trick or treating at Ritter and had a wonderful time. There are currently some times that Ritter students come to St. Malachy, but most of the interactions are with middle school students. It was suggested that we contact Vince Purichia, who handles recruitment for Ritter, to see what could be done to foster our connection with their school.

8. Principal's Report-Picture retakes are Friday, November 13th for students who were absent or for anyone needing a retake. Please return the entire package of portraits from the first time. The tentative date for H1N1 clinic is December 2, 2009. This clinic is all tentative as there may not be enough vaccine to be given out. St. Malachy may not know for sure until the day before the clinic whether it will be held or not. If you really want to make sure your child receives the vaccine, then you should plan to take your child somewhere else to get it.
9. Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 1st at Boulder Creek at 7PM.
10. Adjournment – Thank you so much for coming!!

