

PTO Meeting
December 7, 2009
7:00pm
Library

Present at the meeting:, Ann Bremner, Michael Planey, Maddy Mitchell, Jean Hersey, Eileen Shea Joransen, Dave Fenimore, Heather Madden, Kim Soutuyo, Cathy Johnson, Carol Leongini, Jill Rough, Mary Burner, Myleen Lankford, Kelly Brinley, and Joe Ferrara

Welcome by Joe Ferrara

Opening Prayer by Joe Ferrara

Principals Report – Presented by Joe Ferrara for Valerie Garcia

- Many thanks for the Principal Appreciation Day flowers and scrapbook.
- Wednesday, December 9 is Catholic Charities day. Blessed Sacrament has always been at the top of the fundraising chart as compared to other catholic schools in the area. We are only behind Paul VI High School.
- Father Cregan was thrilled to receive his new chalice and we are very close to raising all the money for the chalice.
- The 8th Grade has been very busy with Confirmation being held on November 23 and then their High School Placement test taken on December 3
- Raylene Sok had her baby girl, Jillian Marie, on November 19. She weighed 5 lbs 8oz. Both Mom and baby are doing great.
- Advent confessions were offered after the mass on Monday, December 14.
- There will be no aftercare on Friday, December 18 because of the staff Christmas party. Instead of going out, a wine and cheese party will be held at the school and all money saved will go to Catholic Charities.

ECC Report – Presented by Kelly Brinley

- Bag lunches for thanksgiving to benefit Christ House were done on November 17. Between 110-115 bag lunches were distributed to people coming to Christ House for their thanksgiving dinner.
- The ECC teachers attended a conference in DC on November 18 that was fabulous and allowed them to come back to the classroom with a lot of great ideas

- Christmas concert will be held on Wednesday, December 9. It is a combination Thanksgiving/Christmas program
- The ECC is doing a service project where the kids bring in unopened kids meal toys. The toys will then be sent to Iraq and Afghanistan to be distributed by the troops to children in those countries.
- The ECC will be doing their own fundraiser. They will be selling labels which can be personalized to be put on clothes, backpacks, etc. All funds raised will be used to purchase a projector for the big ECC room and also a new flower bed.

Christmas Bonuses for teachers – Presented by Joe Ferrara

- The PTO approved \$75 Christmas bonuses for each staff member (there are 49 staff members).
- \$75 is the same amount of bonus money that was given to the teachers last year.
- The PTO is also looking into possibly donating items for their staff Christmas party

ECC Sock Hop – Presented by Jill Rough

- The ECC sock hop is an annual event that the ECC parents organize which allows ECC families to come together for an evening of fun, dancing and food
- In order to get into the dance, each attendee donates a pair of socks for Carpenters Shelter
- They are trying to reduce the costs of the event by asking parents to help donate food, drinks, etc.
- Last year, they asked for \$570 from the PTO and \$30 from each classroom
- They are hoping to be able to run the sock hop on the \$570 from the PTO and not ask for any additional money
- The PTO once again approved the \$570 for the sock hop
- The PTO also recognized that their needs to be a line item in our budget that allows us to continue to support these student activities.

Playground Update – Presented by Heather Madden

- All families received a letter via email last week about raising \$55,000 by April for the new playground
- Letters will be available for families to send to grandparents asking for their help with this very large endeavor
- There will be sponsorship opportunities as well

PTO Survey – Presented by Joe Ferrara

- The PTO is working on a survey which will allow families to share with us how the school is doing and things that need to be improved/changed, etc.
- This will allow the PTO to strategically plan out the next 5 years and things that we want to accomplish.
- This survey will include information on volunteer hours, fundraising, etc.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm by Joe Ferrara. Next meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2010 in the Library