

PTO Meeting
November 9, 2009
7:00pm
Library

Present at the meeting:, Rebecca Barnes, Stephanie Hurd, Selome Mersha Tesema, Michael Planey, Valarie Warburton, Ellen Hannah, Maggie Braeuer, Pamela Pascua, Ann Bremner, Melissa Wojciak, Anne Hoffman, Jill Matchett, Maddy Mitchell, Jean Hersey, Eileen Shea Joransen, Dave Fenimore, Heather Madden, Kim Soutuyo, Myleen Lankford, and Joe Ferrara

Welcome by Joe Ferrara

Opening Prayer by Joe Ferrara

Principals Report – Not Presented due to illness of Valerie Garcia

ECC Report – Not Presented

Fall Festival Final Report – Presented by Kim Soutuyo

- Turnout was very low
- There continues to be a problem with getting volunteers and many who committed with a 24 hour reminder did not even come to work which caused many to scramble to find others to take their places.
- Need to find a way to find out why attendance was so low.
- Vendors were wonderful but not much traffic for them.

Playground Update and Next Steps – Presented by Joe Ferrara and others

- Joe Ferrara and Valarie Warburton gave a presentation to the church finance council about the playground and presented the three areas that we want to concentrate on which is: resurfacing the ECC and regular playground, build a new community built playground and fundraising for the new playground
- Fr. Cregan and the church finance council pledged financial support for this project but wants us to go ahead with getting the fundraising going and try to make as much money as we can
- Fr. Cregan does want to be presented with our fundraising plan to be sure it does not interfere with any other church initiatives
- Fr. Cregan also wants us to present the planning details once again to the Diocese now that we have more information for them (we

did meet with someone in the spring of 2009 but it is time to meet again)

- The goal for the playground is to have it up and running in time for the 2010-2011 school year
- Joe and Valarie made very clear that Fr. Cregan showed extreme support and dedication to our project
- We have a blue ribbon school with blue ribbon teachers, building, curriculum and students but not a blue ribbon playground and we need to fix that.
- Another big part of this project not to be ignored is the extreme safety aspect – particularly the ECC playground

PTO Strategic Planning – Presented by Joe Ferrara

- We need to develop a PTO strategic plan just as the school has to every 5 years – it would be nice to have both coincide
- This will also create a context for discussions that pertain to the PTO and its future plans
- We need to develop a pie chart that shows parents just how much money the school collects and how much it spends so parents have a better idea of how the money is spent and just how much money the school needs to operate
- One part of the strategic plan is fundraising and one thought is to explore doing an annual pledge fund which will remove some of the fundraisers that are often not very successful and/or take a lot of volunteers to run
- This strategic plan will also help when the new PTO begins their tenure so they will know where the previous PTO left off
- A survey will be going out to the parents soon to allow them to let us know their opinions about the above mentioned items

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm by Joe Ferrara. Next meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2009 in the Library