

**PTO Meeting**  
**February 1, 2010**  
**7:00pm**  
**Library**

**Present at the meeting:** Stephanie Hurd, Michael Planey, Heather Madden, Eileen Joransen, Maddy Mitchell, Melissa Wojciak, Eileen Molino, Myleen Lankford, Jean Hersey, Dave Fenimore, Kelly Brinley, Valerie Garcia and Joe Ferrara

**Welcome by Joe Ferrara**

**Opening Prayer by Valerie Garcia**

**Principals Report – Presented by Valerie Garcia**

- Had a visit from the census bureau asking schools to help remind parents to fill out the census forms which will be coming in March
- Auction is moving forward and well.
- Teacher Appreciation went well and all the teachers were very pleased. Thanks go out to Julin Williams and Myleen Lankford for all of their hard work.
- Collecting shoes for Haiti through February 11. Dress down day for Haiti raised \$1400
- Next meeting, we will discuss having another picnic again to mark the beginning of the year where the entire family can attend versus the wine and cheese event

**ECC Report – Presented by Kelly Brinley**

- Kindermusic which was snowed out is now rescheduled for February 8
- The ECC raised \$400 for Haiti
- The Sock Hop was a tremendous success. Special thanks go out to Jill Rough and Kristin Passantino and all of the other parent volunteers. 449 socks were collected.

**Auction – Presented by Joe Ferrara for Michelle Payne**

- The auction catalog is on line.

**Alumni Update – Presented by Stephanie Hurd**

- Still collecting information about alumni. It has been an awesome task due to the different systems that have been used in the past to collect data

- Playground mailing for some alumni have been sent out. The target is alumni 25 years and older
- Email addresses for alumni would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to [alumni@blessedsacramentcc.org](mailto:alumni@blessedsacramentcc.org)

#### **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 fund-a-need at the auction will be dedicated to the fund a need.
- Overall, we need \$77,500 to complete the playground project. We currently have the \$22,000 from PTO, \$4,750 that has been received from parents so we still need to raise \$59,050
- We have sold two benches
- More information about sponsorships will be available
- ECC resurfacing will take place first

#### **New Fundraising Initiative – Presented by Joe Ferrara**

- Discussions of letters and information will be sent to the parents after the auction
- We are trying to streamline fundraising to use less resources but still raise the money needed
- We also want equal attention given to non-fundraising events/activities held at the school
- We want to continue to look for the best ways to ask parents for money

#### **Succession Planning for the PTO Board – Presented by Joe Ferrara**

- Let parents know of the opportunities available and make sure to give them the information about the position
- Current board members should start thinking about someone to take your role

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 by Joe Ferrara. Next meeting will be held on Monday, March 1, 2010 in the Library