

BLESSED SACRAMENT PTO MEETING
March 7, 2011 7PM
AGENDA

Welcome (Ellen Hannah)

- Auction Thank you's – very successful
- Reiterates the need for more family events

Opening Prayer (Mrs. Garcia)

Principal's Report (Mrs. Garcia)

- More auction appreciation – record number of parishioners in attendance
- Lenten service project for military troops
- 5th grade girls and 7th grade boys won basketball championship
- Odyssey of the Mind – won 1st place at Thomas Jefferson
3-5th grade won 3rd place on Sat. at West Potomac

DFE Update (Mrs. Knight)

- DFE book completed and sent to visiting team (evidence not in book – used to support what is in book)
- Revisited mission statement and philosophy of learning this year
- April 5th – opening night for visiting team – Gym @ 6:30 – food by Merkle's and live entertainment by students – PTO invited
- 100 surveys completed

ECC Director's Report (Mrs. Brinley)

- Very successful Sock Hop
- ECC will do collection for Mariah Center – they will accept anything for babies & have things they are low on – list went out to parents
- Friday – ECC teachers going to an inservice on reactive attachment disorder & crime and safety in the school

Playground Spring Maintenance (Michael Planey)

- Inspection recommended after initial winter
- Plaques have arrived & need to be installed (16 or so)
- More sealer needed on certain surfaces – may require some light sanding
- Another layer of sealer needed

- Need another 50 yards of mulch for areas under swings, zip line and overall area - \$2500 for additional mulch – tentative date of Sat., April 9th – need volunteers for 4-5 hours. (weather permitting)
- Kelly said ECC can use some more mulch as well.
- Overall total for maintenance about \$3000.00.

Field Update (Heather Madden)

- Putting together a more concise proposal for Mrs. Garcia and Fr. Cregan which will include 3 bids and pros & cons
- Goal to have completed by 2012
- Plan to bring in company – when confirmed – to answer questions of community

Parish Council (Kristin Passantino)

- Very excited about development community – elderly parishioners
- Diocesan women’s retreat at St. Thomas More this Saturday
- Men’s retreat also in March in Herndon
- A few members were wondering if there was a way to get CCD parents more involved in community – allow them on committees???
- Have reached out to CYO, etc. , but no response thus far, but will look at it again for options

CYO Update (Blaine Lankford)

- 2 division winners
- Notable season by 5th grade boys and 7th grade girls
- Good season overall
- Will reach out to Knights of Columbus to contact CYO about events such as the Free Throw Contest

Diocese PTO update (Jim Rives)

- Breakfast on March 22nd at St. Ambrose to talk about transition to high school.

Auction Update (Rosy Lowenkron)

- Very successful
- Need more volunteers (seems to be a general thought that since people gave to annual fund, they don’t need “volunteer hours”)
- Suggestion made for hiring a crew for clean-up – possibly utilize high school group who is trying to raise money

Adjourn

Attendance: Ann Bremner, Rosy Lowenkron, Heather Madden, Cesarina Berrigan, Michael Planey, Sue Knight, Nancy Conway, Kelly Brinley, Jim Rives, Nancy Gregoire, Dave Fenimore, Michael Haas, Roland Engelhardt, Ellen Hannah, Valerie Garcia, Kristin Passantino, Blaine Lankford