

Home and School Committee Meeting Minutes October 12, 2009

Attendance: Sister Margaret, Laurie Miller, Linda Gould, Joan Kawalec, Jean Lois, Chery Caliva, Laura Weiler, Trina Tully, Gina Weithaus, Laura Proctor, Jenny Nice, Jenny Reesman

Opening Prayer: Read aloud by all

Minutes: Minutes approved from August meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$23,818; this includes income from the golf outing, but not from candy sales. The copier lease and activity center utilities are paid through December. Treasurer report was approved.

Principal's Report:

1. Washington D.C. trip: Trip was a huge success again. Pizza sale program has really allowed trip to be affordable to all families. Four local catholic schools, including St. Charles, travel to D.C. together. Sister would like Home & School to sponsor a social prior to the trip, which would allow the students to meet one another.

2. Gym: Home and school contributed \$2,000.00 toward the purchase of new gym lights. Athletics paid the balance. Sister also indicated that we need to budget for the refurbishing of the gym floor. This will be completed next summer and will cost between \$2300-3000.

3. Technology: St. Charles is required by law to store student records for 60 years. Currently we are storing hard copies. Storage is a concern, due to increasing lack of space. The Technology Committee found new technology that allows these copies to be scanned via our copier and then stored on our server. The cost of the software is \$9000 which would be paid in payments of \$250/month for 36 months. There was concern about the cost versus need, as well as concern of incompatibility of the software with other copiers in the event that we switch copier companies. Sister will find out more about any possible additional costs.

Guest: Jenny Nice indicated next year will be her last year of running school service hours, she would like someone to shadow her next year and take over. Jenny also proposed Home & School sponsoring lunch for the teachers on additional occasions. Home & School agreed to provide an additional lunch for the teachers at the end of the school year.

Standing Committees:

1. **Candy Sale:** Linda indicated that it was a successful sale. An initial estimate is a net of \$9,000, which is up from last year's net of \$6,356. The Yankee Candle sale was very popular contributing \$5914 of the net profit. The switch from paying at pick up to pre-paying was relatively smooth. We will send a notice to the families indicating that we will deposit their checks now.
2. **Spirit Wear:** Sales were way down. Only 40 shirts were sold. We will skip winter sale. New on-line order may have affected sales.
3. **Golf Outing:** The outing netted approximately \$14,500. Golfers were down as well as sponsors. In spite of the struggling economy, we netted \$2500 above budget. We reserved a date with Evergreen for next year.
4. **Market Day:** We will again be offering the pie donations to Love, Inc. through Market Day. Judy will provide more information about Love, in hopes of receiving more orders for donation.
5. **Special Interest Day:** Next year will be Judy's last year running Special Interest Day. A replacement is needed and would benefit shadowing Judy.
6. **New Business**
 1. **Budget:** The 2009-2010 budget was approved. Textbook cost is higher, because we are replacing reading books which are more expensive.
 2. **Fun Nights:** Home and School will be hosting fun nights on Thursday, October 29th for 4th-6th and Friday, October 30th for K-3rd.
 3. **Pizza Sales:** Sale will include new items. We will start sale before Thanksgiving. Delivery is January 14th.

Next meeting: Monday January 11th (6:00 p.m.) Christmas Party Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Submitted by Jenny Reesman