

# MINUTES

## **Saint Bernadette PTO Minutes**

Tuesday, January 18, 2012 7:30 PM

### **In Attendance:**

Mrs. Beeks, Tracey Pilone, Yvonne Horner, Becky Garcia, Mandy Molinari, Laurie Altdorfer and General Members

### **Opening Prayer**

- 1) Larry Pierce: Chairman of the Catholic Charities Liaison committee for our parish. Explained that the Liaison committee promotes and manages the activities at St. Bernadette that support Catholic Charities. He is responsible for representing the Parishes needs to Catholic Charities, and representing the Catholic Charities needs to the parish. The Liaison Committee will run ideas and events by PTO president and Mrs. Beeks to see where school can help out.
- 2) Dr. Rene Hackney Founder of Parenting Playgroups: Discussed Stress in Children, and Overscheduling.
- 3) President's Report: Tracey Pilone
  - a) Upcoming Catholic Schools Week: Open Houses, Barnes and Noble night, Auction. Tour guides are needed for the Open Houses.
  - b) Finance Committee: Will be forming soon to prepare the budget for next school year. Request for two parent volunteers to serve at two or three committee meetings.
  - c) Next year's PTO board: Request for parents to consider volunteering for one of the Board positions for next year.
  - d) Proposed Charter Change: Proposal is to add the three grade reps to the executive board. This would increase the Executive Board size to eight members. If a vote were held which resulted in a tie, the President would then abstain from voting. This Proposed Charter Change will be mailed to the General Membership for a vote. If approved, would take effect next year.

4) Treasurer's Report: Laurie Altdorfer

The YTD budget and expense report was presented. It was noted that RFE money was allocated to Lab Learners.

A question was raised about donations from the Fall Festival to the Eighth Grade, NJHS, and the Band. The Fall Festival Expense of \$3,893 listed on the report includes money paid to the Eighth Grade, NJHS, and the Band. Laurie will check on this.

A question was raised about the Field Trips Expense, as the budgeted amount for the year has been spent. The answer is that the money was expensed from the PTO to the school, and the school will use it for upcoming field trips.

A question was raised about the Opt out money, the Opt out money is being spent.

A question was raised about the Scrip Income. We are following Diocesan guidelines for reporting the income for the Scrip program, and as was noted in the report, Scrip is only to be reported in net terms.

5) Principal's Report: Mrs. Beeks

- a) Mrs. Beeks expressed her thanks to Dr. Hackney for tonight's talk, and to the room parents for attending the meeting, and preparing for upcoming events. Thanks to the PTO Board for their work this year.
- b) Catholic Schools week is coming up. The schedule has been revised somewhat from previous years. This will enable class instruction time to continue during the week. We will still have the parent picnic lunch, as well as Barnes and Noble night and the Auction.
- c) Summer Camp: Mrs. Beeks is looking at a summer camp program, that would be held at the school during the month of July
- d) End of Quarter: Report cards will be going home next week.

**Closing Prayer**

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.