

St. Bernadette School PTO Executive Board Meeting May 3, 2011

7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

President	Geoff Bacino	Present
Vice President	Erin Moore	Present
Secretary	Andrea O'Grady	Present
Treasurer	Mike Hickman	Absent
Principal	Mrs. Beeks	Present
Vice Principal	Mrs. Richard	Absent
Faculty Representative	Sandy Barrick	Present

Copy to: Donna Feerst Church
Fr. Larsen
Fr. Pollard
All Committee Members

The following constitutes our understanding of the matters discussed and conclusions reached. If there are any errors or omissions in the basic discussions, please notify the writer.

Opening Prayer: Geoff Bacino

President's Report: Geoff Bacino

Ways and Means:

Ways and Means Chairman Joe Bury has resigned effective immediately.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation week is this week. The PTO has purchased gift cards for the "Where in the World Raffle." The PTO has also purchased \$10 gift cards to be given out to the teachers this week.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Beeks

Gymnasium Ropes:

Five years ago when Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Beeks came to the school, the Gym was being renovated. The PTO at the time received permission from the OCS to restore the ropes that had been used for years. They now need to be recalibrated and re-done. The PTO was supposed to pay for this but the company who did the calibration has gone out of business. Mrs. Prince has exhausted options in trying to find a company who can take care of this. Is there anyone in the PTO who can take on the research to find a company who can take care of this? Geoff says Mrs. Heaney worked on this 5 years ago. Erin Moore will research a company.

Classroom Assistants:

In the last 2 days, Mrs. Beeks has received several emails from Kindergarten parents. At the last General PTO Membership meeting, the topic came up about using assistants in the classrooms. Mrs. Beeks explained at the last meeting where money was spent to aid children. At the PTO meeting, she made a mistake saying the 1st grade class would be 25-28 students. It looks like its going to be close to 30. She sent out an email immediately to the community after realizing the mistake. She then received about 12 emails from Kindergarten parents after Easter break asking about having a Kindergarten assistant. If we have the money we could hire personnel to work directly with children. She will do all she can to meet the needs of the kids. Mrs. Beeks has inherited or hired the best teachers. She is not unwilling to hire people. She hired 3 people this year to work with children. She will assess class sizes this summer and see what can be done with the money she has, to support the children in those grades.

For example, this week, Mrs. Beeks hired 2 subs to help the first grade teachers/classes who received the Super Class basket. Another example, at Christmas, a sub was hired to help out the Kindergartners in addition to having Mrs. Rouin. If the parents want full time assistants in the classrooms, it has to be paid for. Mrs. Beeks has a deep commitment to helping the children in these classrooms. Fr. Kevin has been most supportive in this effort. Mrs. Beeks is grateful to the parents who are gracious in sending her an email to discuss this issue.

Race for Education:

The Race for Education makes a lot of money for the school. Mrs. Beeks is hoping that someone will step up to the plate and run the fundraiser. Get in touch with Darlene Rouin for information.

PTO Officers:

To help encourage people to come forward, if stay at home parents would like to be on the board, an option may be to have the meeting during the day.

Dates for next year:

Is it necessary to have monthly Room Parents meetings with the email system that is in place? Appreciation lunches will remain on Wednesdays next year. These lunches have been wonderful.

Mrs. Beeks will type up a list of events for next year and give it to Geoff and new President.

PTO Operating Committee Meetings will be Tuesday nights next year in the Library.

August (PTO Operating Committee Date TBD)

October (PTO Operating Committee Date TBD)

November 15

January 10

January 17 (General Membership)

March 6

March 20 (General Membership)

April (PTO Operating Committee Date TBD)

May (PTO Operating Committee Date TBD)

May 22 (General Membership)

Race for Education will be October 26, 2011.

October 22 possibly will be the Cardinal March.

Art Show, March 30, 2012

Sock Hop/Auction April 27, 2012

Volunteers:

We no longer have Volunteer night but we will have Back to School night which will also be a General Membership PTO meeting.

Instead of having individual Halloween parties in the classrooms, can the PTO have the ice cream social for Halloween? PTO agrees. We will still have the Christmas and the end of the year parties. Sr. Bernadette says Catholic Schools Week does not have to be as grandiose as it has been over the last years.

PTO Board members:

Sandy Barrick says we should “advertise” in the Cardinal Flyer about being on the PTO Board to try to sell it. It’s a great place to get your voice heard. We can work around people’s schedules.

Auction:

Mrs. Beeks would like to use the money raised at the auction for the Science Lab Learner program.

Closing Prayer: Geoff Bacino

Meeting Adjourned 8:24pm