

Co-President: Cynthia Wentworth
Co-President: Kim Phillips
Secretary: Stephanie Kreutzer
Treasurer: Melinda Wheeler

**St. Mary Parish School
Home and School Minutes
December 15, 2009**

Attendance: Mr. Montgomery, all board members listed above, Kim Niebuhr, Rob Johnson, Marcia Helten, Angela Back, Chris Cosgrove, Rebecca Snodgrass, Judy Pinaire, Jessica Rose, Margaret Klosterman, and Heather VanNatta.

Meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory/Atrium area.

Opening prayer and bible verse read by Cynthia Wentworth.

Secretary update: Review of October meetings minutes by all present. Motion made to approve October minutes by Angela Back. Followed by a second from Rebecca Snodgrass. Minutes approved.

President's Report:

- Now is a good time to purchase items for Mardi gras, scheduled for February 6th. Room parents will be asking for volunteers to work the event.
- Fireworks stand: Father Wayne is very supportive. \$6000 went back to the building fund from last years stand. This is a big money maker for about 3 weeks work and helps our building fund grow a lot. A "head" person is needed to oversee this. Please contact Andrea Eastman if you are interested.

Treasurer's Report:

- Turkey bingo profit was \$2584.98. We exceeded our \$2500 goal and our teachers got \$100 each for their classrooms. Bundling the bingo cards seemed to help sales. We may work with Dillon's next year to see about getting the turkeys donated. We should start negotiations earlier in the year. Heather VanNatta and Angela Back did a fabulous job organizing this year and we thank them.

Scrip Update:

- Jessica Rose said November's check from Dillon's reloads was the highest ever at \$2112.00. Scrip sold \$16,000 in gift cards resulting in \$1800 profit. They should be able to make a sizeable donation to the building fund this year.

New Business:

- Home & School elections will be held in April. Up for election are President and Vice President.
- Kim updated us on the Catholic gift shop. The store has sold \$380 worth of items so far. Mona had planned on donating \$2000 worth of items for us but actually when she finished; it ended up valuing at about \$7000. Parishioners seem excited

to have items available. We need people to work the store and we are trying to figure out when to have it open and we need a name for the store. We would like Father to bless the store in General. Need to market this also in order to make a profit. We will hold our next meeting at St. Michael's to view their store.

Old Business:

- Internet safety night will have to wait until spring. No meetings have been held due to busy schedules and the holidays.

Principal's Report:

- There are a number of our students with I.E.P. (special Ed). St. Mary's is approaching 10% and the concern is the need of our students. Mr. Montgomery does not want to lose any students with an I.E.P. They deserve to attend St. Mary's and receive a Catholic education if that is what the parents wish. We are involved with USD 260 to give our students the help they need.
- We are rethinking how we can approach a diverse range of students. In January/February we will be making accommodations for a different approach to those needing assistance. A kindergarten teacher aid will be added.
- There will be lots of upcoming meetings concerning the new school. Teachers will be asked to help in decision making with color schemes, carpet, tiles, etc. Parents will also be involved if they have an interest.
- The Bishop has been a huge proponent in our new school. He just wants to remind us to stick to our commitments.

Mrs. Helten:

- She has made 2 quilts with the pictures some of our students drew for the Black Beauty movie night. The money from that night paid for those. They will go into the nurse's station at school.
- At the end of our meeting we gathered in the Atrium area. Mrs. Helten showed us around and explained the different stations the children use.

Rebecca Snodgrass won 2 movie tickets in our drawing!

Next Meeting: January 26th @ 7:00 at St. Michael's Parish in Mulvane

Prayer: Judy Pinaire

Snacks: Melinda Wheeler