

## St. Joseph's Home & School Association Minutes

**Date:** September 2, 2009

**Attendees:** Linda Cooney, Ann Archibald, Mary Sue Larsen, Mary MacGillis, Audrey Szews, Beth Stauff, Yvette VonRueden, Sue Hartt, Sharon Wilson, Erica Kasdorf

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with a prayer.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our current balance is \$15,433.55. We received \$268.00 in donations at the Back-to-School picnic. Expenses covered: \$300.00 for the picnic.

### **Principal's Report:**

- Ms. Cooney reported that we're off to a great start! The Back-to-School Celebration had a great turnout; musician Fred Turke was well received.
- Faculty in-service prior to the start of school was held at St. Mary's. It included a spiritual retreat as well as the quad parishes focusing on language arts curriculum.
- A big thanks to Christian Women and the technology fund for two smart boards installed in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade rooms and reading chairs and a rug in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade room.

### **President's Report**

- The teachers were treated to a luncheon during the in-service prior to the beginning of the start of school.
- The Back-to-School Picnic had a great turnout. It was especially well attended by new families.
- Thanks goes out to Mary Sue for assembling the Back-to-School packets. It was suggested that next year a welcome letter be included for new families, as well as a list of school supplies.
- Thank you to Erica for supplying teacher treats and popsicles for the students on the first day of school.
- Back-to-School Night for Parents is on Thursday, September 17, 2009. Ann will present information regarding H&S and hospitality will provide refreshments.
- Ann Mallinger has volunteered to chair Octoberfest – Thank you.
- There are still open positions for H&S: Vice President, Welcoming Committee chair, High Interest Day chair.
- It was suggested that Welcoming Families should contact their new family after Back-to-School night.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Hospitality** – Thanks to everyone who helped with the set up for the Back-to-School teacher luncheon.
- **Fundraising** – Sharon volunteered to coordinate Pizzeria Piccola night. It was also decided to eliminate Murf's as a fundraiser.
- **Volunteer Coordinators**
  - Room mother selection is being made. The information meeting for room mothers will be on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 after drop off.
  - An updated list of faculty birthdays is needed.

- **Spirit Wear**
  - A survey will be sent home to families to find out what items people are interested in.
- **Family Fun Night**
  - A date needs to be set up for "Movie Night" in October.
  - Ideas for future Family Nights were suggested: reading, arts and crafts, science, math, "Get Moving Night".

#### **New Business**

- H&S has made a donation to our Junior Girl Scout Troop 3350 for their Courtyard Project.

#### **Action Items**

- Mary will email Beckey a description of vice president duties to go into the newsletter.
- Audrey will make a list of new families and mentors for Ms. Cooney.
- Audrey will send out a reminder email to mentors to contact their new family after Back-to-School Night.
- Ms. Cooney will set up a meeting for High Interest Day chairs.
- Ann will contact Ann Mallinger regarding Oktoberfest.
- Sharon will contact Pizzeria Piccola to reserve a date for a fundraising night.
- Ms. Cooney will send an updated list of teachers' birthdays to Yvette.
- Mary will take care of gifts for the new teachers.
- Mary will update the volunteer sheet (in the back-to-school packet) for next year, deleting "health room volunteer" and adding "Oktoberfest volunteer".
- Ms. Cooney will include a section in her May newsletters asking for volunteers to mentor new families in fall.
- Yvette will check with Brenda to see if October 24, 2009 would work for Movie Night.
- Mary Sue will take care of the donation for the Girl Scouts' service project.
- Ann will send a note to the Girl Scouts regarding their service project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Stauff