

PFO Minutes for November 11, 2010

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Teacher Representative: Lisa Schultheis discussed the new group, Moms in Touch, started by parishioner Stephanie West that will meet on the first Wednesday of every month in the Children's Chapel at 7:00 PM to pray together. The first meeting will be Wednesday December 1, 2010. There is a box in the chapel where anyone can drop off a prayer request if they would like. Mrs. Schultheis also discussed the Service Journey that she and Beth Curtin take the 7th and 8th grade students on once per month during their exploratory time. The Service Journey is a service project and today they visited the Veteran's Hospital. The 7th grade also adopted the bus stop on 46th Street. They will occasionally leave a bag of goodies with a note for someone to find to brighten their day! Finally, Mrs. Schulthies is also taking Middle School students to Adoration on Thursday from 11:15-11:45AM. It is optional and so far there have been an average of 20 students in attendance. The 6th graders have also gone twice. All are invited to Adoration with the students!

Mrs. McCormick was also present at the meeting and reported that last weekend at all the Masses she announced the new school colors of crimson red and white. She also presented the new uniforms, but reminded families the old uniforms may still be worn. Mrs. McCormick also discussed the ACE program she has been involved with and that this Saturday the group was coming to St. Lawrence to work on various projects. She has a \$400 budget and it was discussed putting digital frames outside of the classrooms to play the marketing video as well as for teachers to download photos of the students. She asked if PFO could provide funds for more frames, but it was not yet decided about the purchase.

Minutes: The minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report: Aricia Asano was unable to attend but asked that Chris Ugo report the following: There is \$14,077 in the PFO account. Aricia deposited a check of \$6,960 from the winter sale but has not yet received an invoice from the sale to determine the profit. Aricia also paid a math book bill for \$1,629.13. A check came in from the Chuck E. Cheese Dine to Donate night for \$678.12. It was also discussed at this time that Lorna Kelley requested \$200 for laminating paper and it was decided to approve the purchase.

Cookie Dough/Cake/ Sock Sale: Kim Czachura was present and reported that the sale has decreased from last year. This year approximately \$7,000 was brought in compared to \$10,000 last year. The delivery date is Thursday November 18, 2010 from 2-7 PM. Volunteers will be needed on delivery date.

Teacher Time Off: Jen Siek and Michelle Barnes will coordinate the Teacher Time Off this year by sending emails to room mothers to help find volunteers.

Christmas Celebration/Visit from Santa: Carol Overstreet and Barb Butcher are organizing this event. The event will change this year, from previous years since the school day is a full day. It will also include the entire school this year. Tentatively the program will begin at 1:30 PM on Friday December 17, 2010 in the gym. Mr. Fred McCarthy will be asked to read a Christmas story to the students. The 8th grade ensemble will lead the school in Christmas carols and there will be an appearance from Santa. Each student will receive a prize Santa as they leave.

Retail Rewards: Carol Overstreet reported that approximately \$1,000 in Boxtops have been collected. She also reminded everyone that Campbell Soup Labels, Coke caps or the numbers from the 12 pack card board boxes can also be turned in as a "point" when purchasing items in the Boxtop store.

Halloween Treat Day/ Conference Meals: Thank you to Chris Ugo for arranging the Silly Safari show for the students. Thank you to Aricia Asano for organizing the conference meal for the teachers-the all enjoyed the food and soft drinks!

President's Notes: Kim Jamell reported that the date for the Annual School Commission/PFO Christmas Party will be December 3, 2010. The location is still to be determined. The PFO members bring an appetizer or dessert to share and the School Commission members bring beverages to share. Katie Allspaw reminded everyone of the Chili Cook Off Saturday November 13, 2010 in Fr. Conen Hall. She also provided an update on the Fr. Beechem committee that they are still working on gathering donations for the silent auction and baskets. The Christmas flower sale went well. The Stars for the Walk of Fame at the Father Beechem Event that have already been sold total \$340. Kim Jamell discussed using carpet squares when replacing the carpet in the school. Anna Marie Burrell was present and stated that a carpet rep has agreed to work with us and sell to us directly. She did not have the cost information at this time. She also said that anyone interested on being on the carpet selection committee can email her directly at aburrell@schmidt-arch.com. Finally, it was discussed getting order forms for new spirit wear out soon so that items could be purchased as Christmas presents.

The meeting adjourned. Information regarding the Christmas party on December 3, 2010 will go out to PFO members once determined. The next PFO meeting will be January 13, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the school.