

Trinity Catholic School

PTO Meeting
October 6, 2008
8:30 a.m.

Officers Present: Brenda Pinkham, Heather Emery, Ann Perkins, Terri Chizmar
Absent: Robyn Yarnevich
Others Present: Paul Yarnevich

The meeting began at 8:35 am with an opening prayer offered by Brenda Pinkham.

Halloween Social: Teresa Sprinter and Fred Nash are planning the Halloween Social. The event is scheduled to be held October 24th from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm for elementary children with a dance for the Jr. High from 8:00 p.m – 10:00 pm. The location of the event is yet to be finalized. The Holy Cross parish hall is booked on the 24th, so is Holy Family. Saturday the 25th is open in the Holy Cross parish hall. Teresa will call the Parish Center to confirm a place. The next meeting is October 9th at 6:15pm at the Jr. High. Volunteers are still needed.

Pie Sale: Lynn McAfee is the chair of this committee. The pie sale will begin October 15th and run through October 29th. The price of the pies will be \$11-\$15

Holiday Fest: The Holiday Fest will be held November 22nd from 9-3 at the Jr. High. The next meeting is October 14th. Jim Fortin is the chair of this committee.

Tuition Raffle: James Wieland reported the raffle information will be announced on Wednesday, the winning ticket will be drawn this spring. The tuition prize will be credited to this school year.

Spaghetti Supper: The Spaghetti Supper will be held during Catholic Schools Week and parent volunteers Mr. and Mrs. Cogle will chair this event

PTO Bylaws Revisions: The following revisions to the PTO by-laws were proposed:

1. A suggestion to remove the Executive Board (mainly because it is not active at this time) was made. Heather provided some background about how the current bylaws originated. The PTO board and principals adopted the national PTO bylaws when the three schools combined to be Trinity Catholic. The executive board was included to ensure that it doesn't become just a few people overseeing the PTO activities. The Executive Board consisted of the prior the year's PTO chair, the current chair, a priest if need be and an administrator. It allowed someone from the previous year to give guidance to the new PTO.

At this time the Executive Board is not functioning, as no one is available from last year to serve. Sonia Parisi and Debra Haire voiced concerns about removing the Executive Board from the by-laws noting if the committee is dissolved now, we cannot go back to it. The suggestion was made that we keep the Executive

Committee as part of the PTO.

2. A suggestion was made to revise the PTO bylaws to allow Trinity Catholic School employees to be Officers of PTO.

Action: Revisions will be voted on at the November PTO Meeting.

Financial Update: Heather provided an update for the Financials. No final revenue numbers for Basket Bingo or School Earnings. QSP will probably net about \$20,000. 77% of families participated. Manieiacs Ticket sales are ongoing. A few other games will be announced. Trinity makes \$2.00 for every flex ticket sold.

Committee Updates:

Scrip: Heather gave an update on Scrip. The holidays are coming which is the busiest time for Scrip sales. Heather will work with any businesses that want to purchase a group of tickets.

Trinity will have a table set up at the Auburn Catholic Fair to sell Scrip cards. She is also willing to sell other items at this table as well. Volunteers are needed.

If parents want to pick up the SCRIP cards in the office, please make note on the order form. The school office is now open 7-4pm.

Recycling: Mrs. Dunn had her first meeting with Recycling Club, about 10 children attended. The club will meet every other Tuesday at the Elementary Campus. November 8-15th is Maine Recycles Week and will serve as a kick off week for some new initiatives. Mrs. Dunn will have children talk about the new juice pouch, cork, cookie wrapper and aluminum tab brigade.

The school is also collecting printer cartridges. Jillian Shepard is working with a few vendors to get the best price per cartridge. Collection boxes are set up at each campus.

We are very close to beginning a bottle brigade. Volunteers from the Recycling committee will collect, count and redeem bottles left in the collection bin. Mr. Yarnevich explained to the group that the money collected from the recycling initiatives is designated for the Teachers Endowment Fund. Money from this fund will go to the Teacher Endowment Fund only through Christmas or until a suitable gift is possible. Once that is achieved, the funds will return to PTO.

Welcoming Committee: no report

Religion Committee: Mr. Yarnevich gave a brief update. The goal is to have a retreat for every class. All retreats are planned. The first retreat will be held for first grade

students on October 24th. The second goal for the committee is the service projects. Each project needs to tie in to their religion curriculum. Melanie Hatfield and Pauline Collette are co-chairing this committee.

Hospitality Committee: Terri Chizmar reported the first event, the Open House, went well. They had just enough snacks for the event.

Mr. Yarnevich would like to have some refreshments provided in January when the Pine Tree League school principals will be at Trinity for their meeting.

School Earnings: Deb Rotolico gave an update. We receive cash for 4 out of 5 initiatives. The Campbell's soup program earns credit toward items in their catalog. Last year \$4500 was raised and spent on playground equipment.

Deb has received feedback that participation may increase if parents knew what the money was used for.

Collection bins and flyers have been placed at area churches. Deb would like to get information in the church bulletins.

Trinity is the top school in the state for the collection of box tops. We have an opportunity to earn extra money with box tops by families registering on line. An informational flyer will be sent home with this information.

Music Committee: Sam Ouellette will be meeting with Music Teacher to discuss her needs for the coming school year.

Art Committee: Emily Tuttle gave an update. She was not able to meet with the committee but was able to talk via phone and e-mail. One of the first activities for this committee will be to help the art teacher with ornaments for Holiday Fest. They will also help paint the art rooms. The art teacher has a "wish list" for items to use in the art rooms. A list will be included in an upcoming Family Folder.

Library Committee: Sonia Parisi gave an update. She had a kick-off with Room Parents. Volunteers will catalog library. The Book Fair will be held November 18th; the location is to be determined. Sonia will contact room parents for volunteers.

Wellness Committee: Denise Cogle, the committee chair was not present but Mr. Yarnevich gave a brief description of this new committee. The goal of this committee is to provide wellness information regarding a variety of subjects to students, parents, faculty and staff. Denise is recruiting volunteers; she will bring ideas and interests to future PTO meetings.

Family Restaurant Nights: Brian Martin announced a family restaurant night will be held Wednesday, December 3rd at Papa Gino's from 4-9pm. Brian will do the paperwork; they will give us a flyer. Heather would like to remind families to purchase Scrip cards to use that night. Trinity earns 20% of the Papa Gino's Scrip

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cards.

A Family Restaurant night was done at Pizza Hut last year. Potential dates for this year are November 10th or February 2nd.

Budget: Heather explained the money earned from PTO fundraisers is applied to the school's working budget.

A suggestion was made to provide some education to parents regarding the PTO mission, budget and uses of money. This information could be included on the new website which is due to be launched November 18th.

Portland Pirates: The Pirates will be playing at the Collisee on November 14th. We will be selling tickets on consignment. Trinity will earn \$5-\$6 per ticket

With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Perkins
PTO Secretary