

Trinity Catholic School
PTO Meeting
November 3, 2008

Officers Present: Brenda Pinkham, Robyn Yarnevich, Ann Perkins,
Others Present: Paul Yarnevich

The meeting began at 6:40 pm with the group reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Approval of Minutes: There were no changes to the minutes as written.

Principal Comments: Paul wanted to convey his satisfaction with the Halloween Party, Teresa and Fred did a great job. A suggestion for next year would be to further define the age group and include activities for the older kids.

Financial Report: Brenda reported that the Pie Sale profit was \$428.00 with 122 pies being sold. Profit from QSP sales was \$19,634. Brenda was unsure if that total includes online orders. The Holiday Fest has taken in \$634.00 in table rentals so far.

Committee Updates:

SCRIP:

There are no totals to report at this time. Heather has built a large inventory of cards in anticipation of the holidays. SCRIP cards will be sold in local churches, volunteers will be needed. Announcements and order forms will be in the bulletins.

Recycling Committee:

We have sent out information about the ink cartridge and cell phone recycling programs. Education regarding other initiatives will be provided during Maine Recycles Week. There will be a poster contest within the classrooms. A notice regarding newspapers, catalogs and brochures will be sent. Jillian would like to bring attention to the bottle recycling collection bin. Mrs. Dunn is doing a great job with the Recycling Club. They meet every other Tuesday 3:15 – 4:00 pm. Any child is welcome to participate and can meet Mrs. Dunn in the playground after school.

Welcoming Committee:

The breakfast for new families will be held November 13th, volunteers will be needed.

Religion Committee:

Retreats: The first grade retreat went very well last week. The kindergarten retreat will be held November 24, 2008, the 6th and 7th grade retreat will be held November 19th.

All Saints Day: presentations will be held at each campus this week.

Hospitality Committee:

Trinity Catholic School is hosting the Diocese Principal's Meetings. The event will be held at Holy Family parish hall. Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up, and arrange food for breakfast. The dates for these meetings are: November 19th, December 9th, and December 16th. 30 people are expected to attend.

Box Top Committee:

A flyer was sent home last week with information regarding the deadline for sending in milk tops. Parents are encouraged to keep sending them in even after the deadline and they will be stored until next year. The first submission for box tops will be this month; Campbell's labels collection submission is ongoing.

Music Committee: no update.

Paul shared that the Christmas Concert will be held December 9th at the Basilica and includes all grades.

Art Committee:

Mrs. Leon-O'Brien is working with kids on projects for the Holiday Fest. All the projects will be ready by November 15th.

Volunteers are needed to assist with painting the Art Room at the Elementary campus and for the art table at Holiday Fair.

Library Committee:

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held the week of November 18th at both libraries, there will be a different selection at each campus. Last year's profit was between \$3,000 - \$4,000.

Celebration Book Club: Information will be going home in an upcoming newsletter regarding the Celebration Book Club. This is a program where books can be donated to the library in a child's name in celebration of a special event.

Children in grades 5-8 will be participating in Battle of the Books, a nationwide competition where students read three novels and then participate in a group competition answering questions about the books they read. (The format is similar to a Spelling Bee.)

Health and Wellness Committee:

The committee would like to solicit ideas for education from children and teachers. They will consider having a suggestion box in the schools to solicit ideas. It may also be helpful to have a table at the Holiday Fair with helpful information. One of the committee members suggested taking a look at the school lunch program. Denise Cogle will talk with Mr. Yarnevich.

Holiday Fest:

There is a need for volunteers to set up, work and clean up at the Holiday Fest. Set up is Friday night; St. Dom's kids can volunteer, but will be paired with adult. This year there will be a Hospitality Room where volunteers can report to see a list of assignments, take a break, have a snack, etc.

Family Restaurant Night:

A Family Restaurant Night will be held December 3rd at Papa Ginos. Heather has some Papa Gino's SCRIP cards on hand.

Maineacs: Flex Tickets are still being sold.

Auction: The Auction will be held February 28th

Tuition Raffle: Information will be sent home soon.

Spaghetti Supper: The Spaghetti Supper will be held January 28th which is during Catholic Schools Week. Paul will reserve the space. This will be a fundraiser for the 8th graders.

Father/Daughter Dance: The date for the dance has been tentatively set for February 7th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Perkins
PTO Secretary