

Trinity Catholic School

PTO Meeting

April 6, 2009

Officers Present: Robyn Yarnevich, Ann Perkins, Heather Emery, Paul Yarnevich

The meeting began at 8:35 am with an opening prayer.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the February meeting were approved with the following revision: Re-Harvest pays the school approximately \$270 each time the receptacle is emptied.

Principal's Welcome and Updates:

- Very positive comments were received regarding the 5th Grade retreat. The kids really seemed to enjoy the event.
- The Arts Gala – 35 students were chosen by the Art teacher, 200 people attended the event. The artwork will be displayed for one month at Guthrie's restaurant.
- Lenten Prayer Services were held at both campuses.
- IOWA testing has been completed. This testing is very important; the school will now have comparison data. Trends from last year's data are emerging and are already being addressed.
- The Annual Auction went well. The committee will be trying to create a broader base of attendees. Hopefully people will spread the news so next year we can increase our attendance at the event.
- The last Pine Tree League Math Meet was held recently– one of our grades finished in third place.
- Pam Sullivan facilitated a retreat for teachers and staff during the most recent Teacher's Workshop day. It was a day that the teachers really enjoyed.
- The State Spelling Bee was recently held at the Jr. High campus. It was a great promotion day for Trinity Catholic School.
- The Knights of Columbus recently held a dinner dance to raise money for school. It is not yet known how much money was raised.
- The First Annual Trinity Catholic School Variety Show was a great success with many students participating. A video of the show will be available.
- The Pre-K service project, the Hop-a-thon, was a success.
- The school play, A Tale of Snow White was held last weekend. About 150 kids were involved, it was a great show.

Upcoming Events:

Live Stations of the Cross will be presented at the Jr. High on Wednesday and at the Elementary Campus on Friday.

April 14th: The Recycling Club will be taking a field trip to the Lewiston Recycling Center.

April 16th: Open House for Pre-K and Kindergarten families.

April 28th – 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Science Fair

April 29th – 4th Grade Retreat – volunteers are needed.

April 30th – Trinity is hosting the Pine Tree Art League 6th – 8th grade.
May 1st – Final Day for school registration.

Mother Son Activity:

The group discussed the planning of a Mother/Son activity and how it could be raised to the level of the Father/Daughter activity. This event did not have a chairperson this year and the event was put together quickly when we learned the Pirates were coming to town and tickets were made available to the school. In order to make this activity more of an “event”, a committee must plan the activity; it cannot be done by just a few. Ideally it should be a father of a student who chairs the committee.

Financial Report:

Auction: Heather is trying to sell some special items that were donated but not put out to bid at the silent auction. The hope is to raise more money for each item than would have been raised at the auction that night.

The Father/Daughter Dance raised \$3,488.80; Mother/Son activity raised \$54.00; Auction net to date is \$19, 373. Total YTD Net for PTO fundraising is \$59, 730.00.

PTO – Nominations Process for 2009 – 2010

We are ready to begin the nomination process for new PTO Board Members. Nomination forms will be distributed in this week’s Family Folder.

Scrip:

We are now able to get Hannaford Scrip cards. For every \$1000 the school spends on these cards, Hannaford gives an extra \$50 worth of cards.

The group discussed the Scrip program and that it would be an ideal project for a committee to facilitate next year. In order to be successful, we need to continue to get the word out about Scrip, advertise in church bulletins during the holiday season, remind people that special orders can be done, and be out selling them at every opportunity. Because of the money exchanged, the Business Office needs to be involved.

Family Night Out: No report.

Spaghetti Supper: No report.

Maine Recycles Week:

Jillian Shepard provided a report regarding the recycling efforts at Trinity Catholic. Please help to get the word out regarding our recycling receptacles, especially our bottle and can return. A notice will be sent to parents in April.

We will stop collecting juice boxes and wrappers at the end of May.

Earth Week will be celebrated the week before school vacation. Mrs. Dunn is working on the week’s list of activities.

Jillian will be at the Jr. High on Wednesday, April 8th collecting paper, bottles, and cans with hopes to fill the dumpster during Earth Week.

A bottle drive is being planned.

Computers will be broken down and brought to Maine Metal to be recycled.

Welcoming Committee:

Robyn would like to have a Welcoming Committee in place so new families can be connected with someone prior to the new school year. We will solicit committee members when we put out a request for chairpersons.

Religion Committee: No report.

Hospitality Committee:

Action: Robyn will ask Terry Chizmar to coordinate refreshments for the Open House as well as the Science Fair.

Music Committee: No report

Art Committee: No report

Library Committee: There will be a Book Fair on May 5-8th at both campuses. Volunteers are needed.

Health and Wellness Committee: No report

Other:

- Committee Chairs: It would be ideal for all Committee Chair positions be filled by the end of the year. Sonia Parisi will return as Library and Field Day chair, Trish Randall will chair School Directory and School Earnings. Ann Perkins and Mikie Stebbins will chair the Father/Daughter Dance.
Action: Ann will contact the current chairperson for each committee and identify which positions need to be filled. A request for volunteers will then be sent via the Family Folder.

- The Golf Scramble date has been set for June 5, 2009.
- Interviews continue for the Development Director position.
- The next Field Day committee meeting is April 15th, at St. Doms.
- A Scrapbooking Event will be held April 25th: at the Jr. High from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
- Teacher Appreciation: Paul and Rebecca have events planned for the week; Paul will contact Brenda Pinkham as she is interested in helping to plan events as well.
- Trish Randall found a program through Staples: everyone who signs on will get \$25.00 and the school will get \$25.00. Trish will get more information.

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- Jillian Shepard has requested that parents be told who their child's teacher will be for next year. Paul has noted her request.
- A 5K Race is being planned for the same day as the parish picnic. If you are interested in helping, contact Robyn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25am.

Next Meeting:

The next PTO meeting will be held Monday, May at 6:30 pm at the Jr. High Campus.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Perkins

PTO Secretary