

Minutes from the St. Mary PTU Meeting
February 3, 2005

*As this meeting is being held in conjunction with the parent meeting to discuss the tuition for the 2005-2006 school year, our date was changed. Also, attendance will only include the executive board as there were approximately 70 parents and teachers in attendance.

Attendance: Dan Humphrey, Haydiee Perkins-Burkes, Ray Riedel, Cindy Finnegan, Carolyn Duffield, and Colleen Elbert

Meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Haydiee Perkins-Burkes. Dan Humphrey led us in an opening prayer called "I said a prayer for you." He had said it during school for us parents in recognition of Parent Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools Week.

Haydiee Perkins-Burkes – President

Haydiee thanked everyone for coming and for being so supportive this year.

Haydiee read a report from Jan O'Dell regarding Family Fun Night. This report is attached to these minutes. Briefly, the Family Fun Night brought a profit of about \$300. Chinese Raffle brought in \$1000. The winner of the 50/50 raffle won \$171.

Elaine Zemanek resigned as Vice President. Time constraints and other commitments were stated as her reasons. The letter is attached to these minutes. It is dated 1-12-05. We are looking for a replacement.

Carolyn Duffield – Vice President

Carolyn thanked everyone for their support during the magazine sale. So far, we have \$8200.

The candy sale will begin soon. If you do not want to sell candy, you can donate \$25, which is the profit we will make from a box of candy. The deadline to send in the donation is Friday, February 04, 2005. Due to Hershey downsizing their fund raising candy bars, we will be selling Harry London chocolate.

Cindy Finnegan – Treasurer

Cindy put the budget up on the screen so that everyone could view the figures. The paper is attached to these minutes.

Ray Riedel – Corresponding Secretary

Reminded everyone that the deadline to have an article put in the newsletter is the Friday closest to the 15th of each month. He works on the newsletter over the week-end and it is distributed at school on Tuesday or so during the third week of the month.

Libby Sudnick – Label Coordinator

We are no longer collecting Tops receipts. Please continue to save Campells soup labels and box tops from General Mills products. Also, Target credit card users help us by Target donations. There are websites you can visit which will show what to save and what we can get for our collecting.

New Business

Dan Humphrey thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He briefly discussed our theme “Go the distance” and EC’s previous theme “Begin with the end in mind”. Dan gave a few examples of how our school is improving and going in a positive direction. The junior high had begun an Academic Challenge and won it’s first competition. Our sports program is very successful. Our new building is great. Dan noted here that the Superintendent has visited three times and recently called to request to use our library for a meeting of local principals. He commented on Fr. Ed and his involvement and how positive it is. Fr. Ed frequently has lunch with the students (which Dan pays for!) and is seen visiting Dan and the students and teachers during school hours. He has improved Masses and is going to go to Ski Club with some of the students this Friday! Dan also stated that our 8th grade students scored the highest of the other 14 catholic schools who participated in the placement exam. He brought up the three things that he had mentioned at the meeting at the beginning of the school year that we need – technology, which is evident in our computer lab, our Smart Boards, and our latest addition, the Edline (which we can sign up for on Sunday – the Open House for Catholic Schools Week). Professional Development, which is displayed by our teachers – three of whom have their Masters Degree and two more are in the process of obtaining theirs. Lastly, Catholic Identity which is self explanatory. (Note on Edline, this will allow parents to access a website with a password and see if their child is missing assignments, view their grades, and more.)

Dan worked with Finance Committee to give his input and then Finance came up with the final numbers. Dan commented that rumors tend to circulate and to please come talk to him if you have any questions as most rumors are not true.

Our enrollment was 280 as of last June, 310 at the beginning of the school year and is now 314.

Pete Duffield and Debbie Conner – Finance Committee

They listed the objectives of Finance for the school. They put their information on the overhead projector and they are also attached to these minutes to avoid being redundant. It should be noted that only 41 families contribute over \$1000 per year for the collection basket during Mass. 50 families contribute \$501-1000 and 38 families contribute \$251-500.

The tuition for next year will only be increased \$75.00 per student. The registration fee, which 75% of it goes towards technology, will increase \$15 per student.

March 1, 2005 is the deadline for applications for the next school year. If tuition is paid in full by June 10, 2005, there will be a discount.

Dan noted that our marketing is targeting Oberlin, Lagrange, Grafton to increase enrollment. We have put commercial on radio stations and are using billboards and signs in new developments to get our name out there. He noted that tuition increased \$250 the last two years and this year the increase is only \$75. We have to be careful to not out price ourselves for Elyria.

Dan thanked everyone for coming.

The closing prayer was the "Glory Be" and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Elbert on February 4, 2005.

Please note – in order to not be redundant, there are several attachments to these minutes, i.e. Elaine Zemanek's resignation, Treasurer's report, Family Fun Night report, and the overhead information from Finance for next year's tuition.