

St. Mary PTU Minutes
November 18, 2004

Attendance: Haydiee Perkins-Burkes, Dan Humphrey, Colleen Elbert, Pat Murray, Darlene Zidek, Mrs. Aliff, Mrs. Buss, Elaine Zemanek, Mrs. Knuff, Miss Edwards, Jan O'Dell, Rene Leighton, AnnMarie Smeraldi, Rhonda Kloock, Kelly Copa, Cindy Finnegan, Mrs. Babb, Carolyn Duffield, Donta Walker, Michelle Flanagan, Libby Sudnick

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. Dan Humphrey led us in the opening prayer.

Dan Humphrey – Principal

Dan stated that the new leadership in the parish is wonderful. The Stewardship and the Hall Committee were needed and well on their way.

The new fundraiser for the wreaths has good prices and there are samples outside of his office. There are several fundraisers being discussed to keep tuition affordable. There is no forecast for next year's tuition, he will keep us up-dated.

The music program is a little different this year. The Christmas program will be on December 15th at 7:00 and will be performed by preschool through third grade. The fourth through eighth graders will put on a play or a talent show in the spring.

Dan thanked Kelly Copa for a very successful book fair. Her marketing was great.

Dan commented on the wonderful way our students speak in public, example, the eighth graders at the Fall Sports Banquet. Fourth grade poetry recitals help with that Jan O'Dell asked if there was a way we could put the eighth graders speeches on the website or print them somehow as they summed up what CYO meant to them. Some of them were especially touching. A poetry book was suggested by Mrs. Babb. They can possibly be put on the website.

Dan would like everyone to enter the building for future PTU meetings through the East entrance (the new wing) as opposed to the North entrance so that he only needs to unlock that one door.

Haydiee Perkins-Burkes – President

Haydiee is speaking via Elaine Zemanek as she has pneumonia.

Thank you to Mr. Humphrey for his sportsmanship when he kissed the pig for the magazine sale competition. Thank you to Carolyn and Elaine for all of their hard work putting the sale together.

Haydiee wanted to possibly put the PTU minutes on the website. AnnMarie Smeraldi says that should not be a problem.

Thank you to Ray Riedel for his great work on the Cougar Newsletter. Thanks to everyone for attending the meeting.

Carolyn Duffield – Vice President

The students who earned the cash box and the money wheel from the magazine sale won \$426! We have earned (potentially) a \$9300 profit – not everyone has paid their invoices yet.

The Cavs fund raiser, working in the concession stand, was discussed. The interest form sent home was positive as far as people willing to work, but after discussing earning potential versus time to earn the money, it was voted not to pursue this fundraiser. Below are listed some our reasons: -only \$100 - \$200 per game can be earned, each game could take 6 – 10 hours each, games are during the week and workers may not leave the Gund until 12:00 a.m., there are two training sessions for concession stand workers (alcohol awareness and general concession stand operation), 84 spots must be covered for 14 games – 6 people per game, our response was 29 people for about 60 spots, we would be given the 5th level to start out – your stand improves the more years you work there, you may not make anything if you have a bad stand and an unpopular game

We will put a small note in the newsletter thanking everyone who expressed an interest, but this will not come to pass.

Cindy Finnegan – Treasurer

We are caught up on our books. So far this year, the gift certificate program has brought in \$80.00, the ice cream sales \$250.00, Market Day \$380.00 and the PTU dues, \$1267.00. 181 families joined the PTU, 85%, our goal was 80%! The resale shop is doing better so far this year than total from last year!

Ray Riedel – Corresponding Secretary

The deadline to turn in articles for the newsletter will be the Friday closest to the 15th of each month. He will put it together over the week-end and have it ready to send home by Tuesday. The next month's deadline will be on the front page.

Jeanine Wascovich – Hospitality

Hospitality provided treats for the EC band after the Halloween Parade. There were 40 members. She also provided two meals for the teachers during conferences. She wanted feedback as to how the Sam's sub sandwiches were and the teachers responded that they were very good and convenient. She also provided cheese and crackers for the ADHD speaker.

Lori St.Marie – Room Parents

The directory has been distributed. A few comments were made about how the set-up can be improved. Haydiee will discuss the matter with Lori and possibly the company who put it together as some pages were inserted incorrectly.

Libby Sudnick – Label Coordinator

Libby is taking this over for Michelle Flanigan. Her e-mail is sudmom@sudnick.com. She said there is a catalog available to show what is available to purchase with the points we earn. There are two turn-in dates, one in October and one in March.

Market Day – Vicki Dakters

No report – finances discussed by treasurer

Resale Shop – Lisa Love

No report

Jan O'Dell – Programming

Family Fun Night is Friday January 21, 2005. Michelle Flanigan made some posters to put up around the school and they look great. The Chinese Raffle baskets are making progress – each grade is responsible for one basket each. Proceeds help defray the costs of Family Fun Night and any profit made is donated to St. Vincent de Paul this year. It was discussed to possibly sell tickets for the bigger items rather than give them away for door prizes. Donta Walker is gathering donations.

Membership

181 families joined PTU – 85%

AnnMarie Smeraldi – Webmaster

The website is a work in progress. It is now linked to the parish site as well. Future plans are to have the PTU minutes on there, the team shop

merchandise that is available (possibly an order form) and prices, school work, CYO information, forms for parents to fill out. Mrs. Vinicky is working on the Edline, also.

AnnMarie asked PTU for \$150.00 plus tax for software to allow her to turn documents into portable document files. It has Acrobat also. This was approved.

Kelly Copa – Library

The book fair was success! She earned \$2200 of the \$8600 she sold – about 25%. She also earned \$1800 to be used during their warehouse sale. For the size school we have, we sell a good amount of books. Possibly turn this into a twice a year event. The Clifford costume was a big hit. The marketing was great – Chronicle wrote an article, sign by the bridge in Elyria, sent packets to local preschools, channel 22. Read and Feed was a big success, also!

Darlene Zidek – Physical Education

The eighth graders went to the YMCA for a gym class. The feedback was positive. Thanked PTU for our help.

Jan Howell – Art

No report

Music

No report

Old Business

Gift certificate program should be offered more to parishioners before and after Mass. Possibly purchase several and sell them directly rather than order them. Pat Murray is having something put in the bulletin this Sunday to encourage sales.

New Business

Mrs. Knuff requested a grant to purchase items for her classroom. The concept is known as sensory integration therapy. The items help calm children through various techniques and helps them regulate their environments. She showed examples which help the children focus and calm themselves. She also requested a slant board which helps children with their printing. Mrs. Knuff requested \$500.00 from PTU. It could be split as she could purchase some things now and some in the spring. This would be

a pilot program for kindergarten and, if it proves successful, could be expanded to other grade levels. PTU voted yes, but we will have to see how much we will be able to give her after checking our finances. It was pointed out that this is a great marketing tool as well as beneficial to the entire class.

Action Items

None

Motion to close made by Elaine Zemanek , seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. Next meeting is Thursday, January 6, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Room.

~ three votes taken and approved:

- do not pursue the Cavs fund raiser
- give Mrs. Knuff the grant money for the sensory integration therapy that she requested – may be split into smaller amounts now and in the spring according to our finances
- give AnnMarie Smeraldi the money for the software for the website

Minutes submitted by Colleen Elbert on November 19, 2004