

St. Joseph Home and School Meeting
March 10, 2015

The March 10, 2015, meeting of St. Joseph Home and School was called to order by President Leslie Windmann. She then led us in the Parents' Prayer. There were seventeen members in attendance. Gwen Deimeke presented the secretary's report. Brenda Swaim moved to accept the report and Coty Cope seconded it. Motion passed. Mandy Cope presented the Treasurer's report. Vicki Duenke moved to accept the report, and Amy Brooks seconded it. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Technology – two computers were purchased – 1 each for the kindergarten and 1-2 room; 2 printers were purchased – 1 each for the kindergarten and 3-4 room; calculators, headphones, and 2 dock cameras have also been purchased. Additionally, Leslie Carter reported that several people are working on grant proposals for 3 smart boards and computers for the lab.

Market Day – Market Day participation has been declining. Vicki Duenke has noticed that she is no longer getting reminder emails to order, and noted that that may help with participation. She also suggested that order dates be placed on the school calendar.

Book Fair – Scholastic is now requiring a minimum of \$600 at each fair in order for them to continue to send books. In the last 3 years, we have more than made the minimum for the fall fair, but have fell short at the spring fair. Brenda Swaim moved to discontinue the spring book fair and keep the fall fair. The motion was seconded and passed.

Snowflake Dinner and Dance – Profit was reported at \$4,150 from this event.

Catholic Schools Week – Gwen Deimeke reported that it went well. Kelly Kuda announced that 7th and 8th grade parents can purchase copies of the picture that was sold at the silent auction if they want. All orders need to be made to Kelly.

Mission Carnival – The Mission Carnival brought in \$879.50 to be given to charities of the students' choice.

Grandparents Mass and Meal – Carol Rohan and Vicki Duenke reported that the pictures were excellent and the meal was great!

Trivia Night – Kelly Kuda stated that profit was down \$300 from last year, but still netted \$747.60 after expenses. Left over tacos will be served to students Thursday for lunch.

Athletic Committee – We currently have students participating on the R-6 Junior High Track Team.

5K Run – Julie Buckman reported that planning is going well and they are ready to send out donation request letters. She predicts a few start-up expenses, but hoping registration fees cover most expenses.

Softball Tournament – Donation request letters and information went out this past weekend. If you donate, your business name will be on the back of the t-shirt. There has already been some response from sponsors. It was noted that parent help would be needed to run the event including concessions. They are currently signing up teams.

Pastor Report – Father was not available, but sent a request via Mr. Struck for Home and School to consider making a payment to the Parish.

Principal Report – Mr. Struck reported that Grandparent’s Day was very special and that he received many compliments. He then thanked all who helped. SJS had a Dental Care Assembly that was very interesting and the kids enjoyed. This assembly is available to SJS every other year. He also reported that at the regional speech meet SJS had 8 or 9 participants and they all received good ribbons. Further, 8th grade had a successful retreat at Father Tolton High School. He thanked Leslie Windmann and Nancy Houghton for providing transportation. He was especially pleased with a phone call from Father Tolton reporting on how well-behaved our students were. The teacher retreat at Immaculate Conception also went well. Lastly he announced the following activities on the school calendar: Stations of the Cross, March 18 at 2:30; End of Third Quarter, March 13th; Birthday Lunch, Monday, March 16th – ordering Teddy Joe’s; No School March 20th, St. Joseph Day; Religious Ed Institute – No School, March 23; and Baptismal Anniversary recognition on March 27th.

Teachers’ Reports – Mrs. Hombs reported that they were doing a lot of interesting history activities, working on fractions, and looking forward to the Pen Pal picnic on April 24th. Mrs. Kuda announced that 2nd grade had already completed a section on Penance and is now working on first communion. She was also excited about writing activities and a personal finance project with the older students. Miss Blackburn reported a lot of fun activities in her classroom ranging from making make-believe islands to mini research projects. Mr. Struck announced that tutoring for 5th-8th grade math is going well. He has expanded the tutoring service to include phonics for K-2, and noted that phonics will be a larger part of their curriculum next year.

Old Business –

It was agreed to keep Home and School Dues at \$5 and send the request for payment with the registration materials.

New Business – Committee Chairs are needed for the 2015-2016 school year for the Oktoberfest, Snowflake Dinner and Dance, Grandparents Day, and Trivia Night Committees. Also, volunteers are needed to fill the offices of Secretary and Vice-President. Concerns about parent participation in Home and School were raised. Mr. Struck and Leslie Windmann agreed to work out possible incentives for those who come to the monthly meetings.

Banner Count was taken and won by the 1st and 2nd grade class. Kelly Kuda moved to adjourn the meeting and Amy Brooks seconded it. Motion passed. Leslie Windmann led us in the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Deimeke