

PTO Executive Board Meeting

April 6th, 2010

Room # 34

Call to Order: 7:09 PM

Opening Prayer-Jane

Roll Call- Lisa

PTO Members Present:

President: Paula Beals

Secretary: Lisa Bauserman

Gifts and Grants: Scott Storms

Treasurer: Colleen Teasley

Vice-President: Kathie Van Gheem

Past President: Denis Kelly

Auction Chair: Janice Sanders

Teacher Rep: Jennifer Faulk

Teacher Rep: Jane Seib

PT Liason: Sharon Ely

Public Rel.: Alyssa Preddie-Allen

PTO Members Absent:

Administration: Tim Weaver, Michelle Boyd

Parents Present:

Ann Shea, Beth Becker, Hether Driggers

Old Business:

School Commission Meeting update from March Meeting- Colleen

- Jon Glesing made a presentation about a "brand" for SMS. They continue to work on this.
- Tim Weaver asked for the members to come up with one word, not a phrase, to embody SMS. We gave some ideas, Paula will give those to the Commission.
- Finance Committee said there would be a 2% increase in salaries, plus a 20% financial commitment from the Parish.
- A renewed focus on developing the Spanish program to the next level.
- Teacher appreciation dinner, some discussion.
- Ed Sieb's Atrium idea was discussed. The school is already saving money towards doing something with this area, the money from the trivia night is being saved for this future plan.

- Nominations are being submitted/collected for the elected positions.

Auction Update -Janice

- Status of Teacher Wishes and Fund a Need-(Janice/Scott). We will fulfill ALL the wishes with the proceeds.
- Receipt corrections, so people can submit for taxes. There were mistakes with the stated values. These will go through backpack mail, once Janice emails Lisa with the documents.
- Hearsay of auction....it was a success. They will be holding the wrap-up meeting soon. Suggestions from the group, double the wall of wine, bring boxes for carrying the wine, more food, no early checkout, maybe tell people "when" checkout is available, walkie-talkies for spotters and larger bid numbers. Sectioning by price worked well.
- Thank you notes are being worked on right now. Janice and Colleen will send out special notes to those who spent a large amount.

Plant Sale- update from Chairs Elaine Wells and Julie Koegel, Ann Shea gave report.

- 335 items have been ordered, for a total of \$5100, potential profit is \$1950. They will communicate pick up hours, etc.
- Paula is providing the tent.

May Crowning event- Diane Warnock , Eileen Dennie, Chairs

- Coordination of 6th grade volunteers

Graduation reception- Amy Magan

- Coordination of 7th grade volunteers

New Business:

Treasurer's update- Colleen

- \$88,000 revenue for this year, \$25,000 expenses.
- \$76,000 cash in the bank
- \$1100 still needed for Fund-a-Need and \$1800 still needed for Teacher Wishes will be funded by PTO.
- \$25,000 will be in our reserve for immediate need in the future.
- \$10,000 will be given to the school for its budget.
- Endowment might be idea to add to incrementally over the years.

Future Fundraising events:

- Garage Sale- Co-chair Ann Shea, June 24-26th
- Ann will start soon to advertise.

PTO Leadership Award:

- Paula is working on this.
- \$500 savings bond.

- Nominations from the teachers.
- Paula thinks the teachers should decide.
- Denis talked about how we did it years ago.
- One nomination from the 7th and 8th grade teachers and one each specials teachers, good student with good conduct, 2 letters of recommendation, one from school, one from community.
- Kathie made a motion to change the \$500 savings bond to a \$500 financial assistance award to the high school of their choice, plus a trophy.
 - *All approved.
 - *Motion granted.

Steve Commons Science Award- Scott Storms

- \$500 award presented in May to one student
- Donation solicitations have gone out, and a bulletin announcement has been placed by the committee.
- Jennifer Faulk and Jane Seib will ask for help in judging the essays.

Public Relations- PTO Press-Alyssa

- Email seems to be the best way to reach the most parents. We don't need a PTO Press to say the same things that the newsletters say. A corner of the school newsletter will suffice.

Parent-Teacher Liaison-

- Parent meetings- Drug awareness? Follow up?
- We decided that we don't want to end the year on drug awareness. Maybe next year we can try this.
- Sharon E is focusing on bringing back parent meetings next year that will help generate interest and attendance.

Looking to the future- building next year's PTO-nominating committee (Kathie)

- Anne Shea likes to read the minutes, could we post the agenda ahead of time?
- Could we offer service hours for meeting attendance?
- End-of-year reports due end of year (in folders to pass along) from committee chairs
- Kathie and Sharon have been working on asking parents to be on the board.
- Our May meeting will be the date of the election. All parents interested in confirming the positions will be invited to come to the meeting.

Good of the Cause:

- Volunteers saved the Plant Sale, thank you!

Adjourn/Closing Prayer: Jane

Jennifer motioned to adjourn at 9:35pm. Denis seconded. All approved.

Conclusion: Next meeting, Tuesday, May 4th