

## PTO Executive Board Meeting

March 2 , 2010

Room # 34

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

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- Opening Prayer-Alyssa Preddie-Allen
- Roll Call- Lisa Bauserman

### PTO Members Present:

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President: Paula Beals

Secretary: Lisa Bauserman

Gifts and Grants: Scott Storms

Teacher Rep: Jennifer Faulk

PT Liason: Sharon Ely

Treasurer: Colleen Teasley

Vice-President: Kathie Van Gheem

Past President: Denis Kelly

Public Rel.: Alyssa Preddie-Allen

### PTO Members Absent:

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Teacher Rep: Jane Seib

Auction Chair: Janice Sanders

Administration: Tim Weaver, Michelle Boyd

### RECAPS:

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- January's PTO meeting was a joint meeting with School Commission to prep for the upcoming Open House. Minutes were approved and posted on the website.
- February Meeting was cancelled because of ongoing work on the Auction. Not much to report except that Janice and her team were working very hard on last minute items.
- School Commission February Meeting- Sharon Ely
  - It was mentioned that some feel there are too many emails from the school office.
  - Someone asked about tuition discrepancy between parishioner and non-parishioner.
  - The Commission is planning the Staff Appreciation Dinner. There were several comments:
    - +Some asked if that was necessary, since PTO does this in January.
    - +It is felt that the staff doesn't like to come back in the evening for an event.
    - +Soliciting parents for help for the same type of event just seems redundant.
    - +The amount of money spent seems very high.

- Service Hours:
  - Paula asked those present to discuss feelings about the service hour requirement.
  - some think it's too high.
  - Lisa stated that keeping track of all those service hours is a BIG job.
  
- Gifts and Grants report- Scott Storms
  - 3 grants have been approved:
    1. Berg, Environmental Backpack
    2. Roggeman, videos
    3. Villarias, Challenger Center
  
  - 3 new requests have been received:
    1. Berg/Scherer: teacher-mate hand held computer system, supplements learning in the classroom. Scott Storms sent email to Tim and Michelle for input, have not heard back. Asked for more information.
    2. Berg-wants to attend 1<sup>st</sup> grade conference, 2010 April, price was pretty low, but we have budget issues.
    3. Bush/high ropes and challenge course next September. Since this request was not for this school year, Mr. Bush was asked to re-submit for 2010-11.
  
  - Paula asked if we need to have guidelines for field trips. Will we be forced to fund all field trips? Sharon said it should be case by case, Scott says the committee already does this. When they are submitted to PTO for a vote, they are already vetted and researched. In general, Scott would rather fund items that are in the classroom year after year, than fund conferences and/or field trips.
  
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch Recap- Feb 4<sup>th</sup>- Sharon/Kathie/Janice
  - Teacher Luncheon was great. Maybe do hour and a half for the luncheon instead of 2 hours? This would be easier to cover. There was some shortage of food.

### New Business:

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- Auction Update- Janice
  - Still need volunteers to help that evening.
  - Details of evening, items and funds needed that evening etc.
  - Teacher wish items are all under \$500, not part of the live auction.
  - Computer lab update is the fund-a-need item, new server is needed.
  
- Treasurer's report in relation to Auction- Colleen
  - Auction sponsor items are now on the website. 200 packages. Also the sponsors are listed.
  - We are almost at a break even if you count the food expense, so the income from that night is mostly profit.

-We will advertise for people to pay by check at the Auction, to avoid the credit card expenses.

- Future Fundraising events:
  - Plant sale, Julie Koegel is the chair.
  - Garage Sale (June-need date; Co-chair in works)
  - Dinner by Design-follow up?
  - AppleBees fundraiser?
  - Not too many fundraisers? What's our focus?
- Public Relations- PTO Press-Alyssa
  - what is best way to communicate to parents? Is PTO press needed? Would a PTO corner in the newsletter each Friday suffice?
- Parent-Teacher Liaison- Parent meetings- Drug awareness?
- Looking to the future- building next year's PTO
  - Vacant Positions for 2010-11:
    - Treasurer
    - Secretary
    - Parent/Teacher Liason
    - Teacher rep
    - Communications
    - Parent/Teacher Liason
    - Auction Chair?
  - Filled Positions for 2010-11:
    - Jennifer Faulk has one year left as Teacher Rep.
    - Paula Beals has one year as Past President
    - Kathy Van Gheem has one year as President
    - Scott Storms has one year for Gifts and Grants
- PTO Leadership Award committee- student award in May
  - Kathie Van Gheem is in charge of the nominating committee.
  - \$500 savings bond award.
  - Should parents interview the kids again? Should we recommend that teachers choose the student?
- Committee reports are due at the end of the year( in folders to pass along)

Adjourn/Closing Prayer:

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-adjourned at 8:45pm.-

-Next meeting, Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>-