

**ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING**  
**Held January 13, 2015 at the Administration Building**

Present: Mary Lynn Carnovale, Sam MacDonald, Heather Mader, Bonnie Pearson, Melanie Meyer, Cortney Bauer, Gina Pistner, Sandy Florig, John Schneider, Tricia Bauer, Ann Caskey, Kelli Brannock, and Julie Heary.

Excused: Mary Beth Schaut, Dawn and Joe Gier, and JC Fritz.

7:04 p.m. - Mary Lynn opened the meeting with a prayer. Last meeting's minutes were approved by Sam MacDonald and seconded by Tricia Bauer.

**President's Report (Sam MacDonald)**

Someone suggested to Sam that we begin an advertising campaign in the fall, even though school has already started. We've had many transfer students since Christmas, so they will do that. Sometimes one student from a family transfers and then when the family sees how much they enjoy it, other siblings or friends follow.

**Principals' Report**

**Mary Beth Schaut (Elementary)**

(Was absent from the meeting, but sent notes.)

The children enjoyed the movie/popcorn/drink given by Santa. Teachers were glad it was shown the last afternoon before Christmas break. Thanks to PTO for sponsoring.

Hoop Shoot winners were announced.

All grades are participating in the Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest.

**Catholic Schools Week** planning is underway.

- Monday - County-wide mass at Queen of the World at 9:15am. All are invited. Donations of jeans in good condition for the Guardian Angel Center will be accepted. St. Boniface students and teachers will stay to watch the movie "Ribbit," and do some FROG (Fully Relying on God) activities, and lunch.
- Wednesday - Students will play Bingo and create posters for a local nursing home. Information and Registration Night is Wed. from 6 - 7:30pm. Helpers are needed to give tours and to promote PTO as well as Scrip.
- Students will enjoy an hour of bowling that week.
- Thursday - Vocation Day is scheduled. Fr. Allen and Mrs. Cotter are making those arrangements.
- Friday - Spirit Day - Dress in ECC clothing. Students will play Whacky Olympics in the afternoon.

New Students - 3<sup>rd</sup> grader as of December 1 and 5<sup>th</sup> grader as of January 5. Two more students will tour next week (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders).

February 14 - Help is needed to remove the old blinds in the front of the elementary school. New ones are scheduled to be hung on Monday, February 16 (no school that day). Please add to the PTO notes that go out to parents.

**John Schneider (Middle School)**

Christmas Auction went well. Nancy Ginther and Cindy Nussbaum will chair it again next year. Had about 80 items plus a TV.

Movie Day showed during school. Elf (100 attended) and Toy Story 2 (30 attended).

Finalizing Catholic Schools Week plans.

January 27 - 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are going skiing at Holiday Valley. St. Leo's students will come along.

"High School Musical Jr." will be the MS performance this year. March 19 at 6:30pm. Tryouts being held tomorrow.

**Sandy Florig (High School)**

Two new students in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

Retired Lt. Col. Tim Pearson will be teaching a course during the second semester called "Medal of Honor." It's a citizenship class based on the stories of Medal of Honor winners. He is also reinstating the ECC Health Club which was at ECC when he attended. He's providing open gym times every day after school, as well as individual training if requested. Admin has been talking about doing a "practice lockdown" due to the incident at SMAHS. Plans are moving forward for late January or early February.

Sports photos went home today. If there are any mistakes, call LifeTouch. Our regional rep at LifeTouch donates all athletic photo proceeds to the Athletic Association.

The annual Christmas Concert was well attended. They had hall decorating, locker decorating and ugly Christmas sweater contests. Snow Ball was held. December 23 was the Christmas breakfast, mass, and concert encore. Ten alumni came to speak about their careers to the juniors and seniors.

When the convent had its sale this fall, the Stations of the Cross in the chapel were purchased by donors with the intent of them being hung in the ECC chapel. A wall is being prepped for their arrival. And if the chapel at the convent were ever to reopen, the stations will be returned.

Ski Club had their first trip January 5. When the MS takes their ski trip, four or five seniors will go along as ambassadors. Finals started this week.

Right to Life trip is coming up – 15 students from ECC and 41 people from the area will be spending the night in DC and seeing a concert.

Five senior girls are going on the Dominican Republic mission trip this year.

Mr. Knight and the band have completely moved into the new band building beside the school.

### **Committee Updates**

**Clothing Sales** - PTO members will be selling ECC bracelets, license plate covers, and shirts at Spirit Night this Friday.

**Magazine Sales** - Still in desperate need of a chairperson at the elementary school for next year.

**Holiday Club** - In 2014, 787 tickets sold. 2015 so far - 900 sold. We have 1,200 to sell. The club paid \$22,000 to their PTO commitment. Set up and cleanup money needs to be donated to the band and athletics. Their time commitment was very low this year, so we need to reevaluate how much the donation will be for next year.

**Box Tops** - \$4,100 was given to PTO and \$700 in labels has just been turned in.

**Christmas Store & Auction** - Christmas Store made \$3,000 in profits with the Auction. \$5,000 was given to PTO. Lots of volunteers this year. Movie costs this year were decreased because the students didn't go to the Apollo Theater. ES watched "Frozen." Popcorn and drinks were purchased. MS had an ice cream social on December 19 (chaired by Jean Kirst). Next year, we need someone to buy popcorn, Huggies, and ice cream; and someone to bag the popcorn.

**Easter Candy Sale** – Order forms go out this week. Mary Steele is the chair. Starts January 15 and goes through early March. HS forms to be mailed; HS students to help with that.

**MS Spring Party** - Asking Sue Jansen to chair; will be held around St. Patrick's Day (March 14 or 23).

**Women's Winterfest** - This year we have seven ladies to host tables so far. Last year we had seven also, but anticipating a few more. Main dish this year will be lasagna. Bonnie to be chair again.

**Hoagie Sales** - Dates are in discussion. Perhaps orders out February 26, due March 19, and delivered April 16.

**Accelerated Reader Program** - Gina will buy prizes this year. Students must use all their points up each year.

**Race for Education** - May 6 this year. Mary Lynn, Bonnie, and Heather agreed to be on a committee. HS students to help with stuffing and stamping envelopes.

**Festival** - Plans are moving along; will take place Saturday, August 22. They are starting to look for people to set up booths. There will be a photo booth, mass, beer booth, food booths, volleyball tournament, mum sale (band-sponsored), FBLA Club to help with money; cash raffle (tickets sent home with report cards, turned in on packet pickup night), rip-off ticket booth, Color Run, and alumni selling ECC items.

**Flower Sale** - Tricia and Heather are looking into where we can get the best assortment for the best price. Heather suggested we use a local company.

**Finance (Kelli Brannock)**

Updated spreadsheets were distributed. Members voted unanimously to make a \$30,000 commitment payment to the school.

**Outreach (Dawn)**

Movie night will be Friday, February 6 (“Madagascar 3”).

**Volunteers (Melanie Meyer)**

We need volunteers for the Magazine Sale (chair), hoagie sale, and a chair for Race for Education.

**NEW BUSINESS**

By-law revisions will be done by committee. All PTO board members will be on that committee.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.

**Our next meeting will be held on February 10, 2015 at 7pm at the Administration Building.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Pearson  
ECCSS PTO Recording Secretary