

## **ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING**

**Held January 14, 2014 at the Administration Building**

**Present:** Mary Agnes Marshall, Mary Beth Schaut, Mary Lynn Carnovale, Sam MacDonald, Bonnie Pearson, Julie Heary, Ann Caskey, Melanie Meyer, Gina Pistner, Kelli Brannock, Sandy Florig, and John Schneider.

**Excused:** JC Fritz, Tricia Bauer, Jeanne Dippold, and Mary Beth Schaut

**Absent:** Amanda Hager and Mary Tettis

6:07 p.m. - Mary Agnes Marshall opened the meeting with a prayer. Mary Lynn, acting as President, welcomed our new school system president, Sam MacDonald. She gave him a brief overview of the PTO's function here at ECCSS.

There was a correction to last meeting's minutes. On Dec. 12, Early Release Day at the HS, it was decided to not have any of the classes remain for extra sessions, so the teachers could do some planning. Last meeting's minutes were then approved by Julie and seconded by Sandy.

### **Principals' Report**

#### **Mary Beth Schaut (Elementary)**

Mary Beth was absent. Nothing new was reported.

#### **John Schneider (Middle School)**

There was a Box Top check received for \$300 and was submitted.

The Christmas Auction saw an increase in participation this year. St Marys Legion donated a big screen TV.

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders had a choice of seeing Frozen or Elf at the Apollo Theater before Christmas, sponsored by the PTO Christmas Store.

MS Choir performed at Pinecrest in January.

The DARE Program is about to begin; held by the St Marys Police Dept. They will be implementing a new curriculum.

DARE will present once a week for 10 weeks.

Easter candy sale will begin January 23. Mary Steele is the chairperson.

January 28 - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will travel to Holiday Valley for tubing.

January 28 - All three 8<sup>th</sup> grades (St. Boniface, St. Leo, and SMCMS) will videoconference with Bishop Persico.

January 17 - 7<sup>th</sup> grade retreat will be held at St. Leo's.

April 25- St. Marys School District Snow Day Makeup

Tuesday, August 26 - First day of school for 2014-2015

June 4 - Last day of school for 2014-2015

#### **Sandy Florig (High School)**

The Thursday before Christmas Break, there was a HS/MS breakfast sponsored by a cafeteria vendor. That day also included a choir and band concert.

Usually that Christmas breakfast is sponsored by the PTO. Sandy asked if perhaps we would be willing to sponsor a breakfast during Catholic Schools Week instead. Unanimous vote of YES.

Exam Week was challenging with a Snow Day and 2 hour delay, but all tests were completed.

Grades are due next Tuesday.

Last Friday evening, two students left for the Dominican Republic mission trip. Mr. Fernan escorted them.

The EQT Energy Classic basketball tournament was held over Christmas. It was a lot of work, but well worth it. EQT said afterwards that they had their highest attendance since starting the program four years ago.

Thursday, January 16 is a free dress day for HS/MS.

Catholic Schools Week will be January 26 - February 1. Planning is underway and there will be some surprises this year.

Monday will include the All School Systems Mass, and Tuesday will be game day.

### **President's Report (Mary Agnes Marshall and Sam MacDonald)**

Mr. MacDonald simply expressed his gratitude for his welcome here to ECCSS and wants us all to know that he's looking forward to working with us.

### **New Members (Mary Lynn Carnovale)**

Mary Tettis is finding it hard to attend the PTO meeting with juggling her children's extracurricular activities, so we've decided to actively try to replace her on the PTO board for now.

Mr. McDonald suggested a new candidate; we all agreed that person could be an asset to the group, so Mr. McDonald will extend an invitation.

### **Finance (Jeanne Dippold)**

Jeanne was absent, but Mary Lynn had some notes.

PTO has a \$115,000 commitment to the school system each year. Thus far, \$30,000 has been paid. Once Holiday Club money is submitted, we will pay another \$30,000.

All outstanding bills are paid.

We have \$31,026 in the checking account currently.

### **Fundraising (Ann Caskey)**

January Bingo - Attendance increased - 94 people. They had a tablet giveaway which was well received. They also offered \$5 off admission, which brought down the income by \$500 but hoping to increase attendance by trying new things.

Bingo commitment of \$900 was turned in at the meeting.

Holiday Club - Needs a new chairperson. Cathy Bille is interested. Gina & Glen Pistner are also willing to help. Barb Scacchitti is ready to turn it over. Holiday Club raises \$25,000.

January 23 - Gardner's Easter Candy sale begins. Runs for 2 weeks.

Hoagie sales - Need a new chairperson. That person could shadow Cathy Bille for the April Hoagie Sale and then take over next year.

### **Outreach (JC)**

Christmas Store made \$4,828 for their 2 days of sales. Christmas Auction donated \$851 to PTO.

\$1,500 from the Christmas Store donated to PTO, which should cover the cost of the ES/MS movie at Apollo Theater.

Linda Hoffman donated 99 items to the Christmas Store this year. In lieu of a formal thank you, tomorrow's elementary mass will be said in her honor.

Cindy Nussbaum & Nancy Ginther need someone to follow them next year to take over the following year for the Christmas Auction.

Mary Lynn brought the Christmas Store binder to pass on to the new chair people, Kelli Brannock and Melanie Meyer.

### **Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed to give tours for Registration Night at the ES on Wednesday, February 29 at 6 p.m. Star Fish kids help too.

Women's Winterfest is Sunday, March 9 at 12:30 p.m. in the HS cafeteria. Bonnie is the chairperson. So far five ladies have agreed to host tables. Last year we had eight tables. Julie, Gina, and Kelly offered to help where needed.

### **Call List Updates**

All positive feedback received. Mrs. Florig had a new student from Cameron County tell her that he hates when Cameron Co. has 2 hr delays, because he hates to miss any of his classes here.

### **New Fundraiser Ideas**

Tricia was absent, so we have no info on the bracelets that we agreed to sell.

Mr. McDonald will be speaking to a lady in Warren who is proposing a fundraiser in which the students sell products produced right here in our area. He'll update us at the next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing new.

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Since the magazine sale has been decreasing in profits the last couple years, we need to decide if we want to decrease the goal or switch to a new fundraiser.

Box Top sales are increasing. JC is hoping for \$5,000 profit by the end of the year.

Meeting closed at 7:23 p.m.

**Our next meeting will be held on February 11, 2014 at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Pearson  
ECCSS PTO Recording Secretary