

ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING
Held October 8, 2013
at New Administration Building

Present: Mary Agnes Marshall, Mary Beth Schaut, Jeanne Dippold, Mary Lynn Carnovale, Bonnie Pearson, Julie Heary, JC Fritz, Ann Caskey, Melanie Meyer, Gina Pistner, Amanda Hager, Kelli Brannock, and John Schneider.

Excused: Tricia Bauer and Sandy Florig

Guest: Fr. Richard Allen

6:05 p.m. - JC Fritz opened the meeting with a prayer. Last meeting's minutes were approved by Julie, and seconded by Jeanne.

Principals' Report

Mary Beth Schaut (Elementary)

5th grade trip to Erie was wonderful. St. Boniface and St. Leo 5th graders went too; it served as a retreat as well.

Mrs. Schaut expressed thanks to Mary Lynn Carnovale and Mary Tettis for driving for the field trip.

4th grade saw two elk on their trip to the Elk Visitor Center. They learned a lot.

Kindergarten went to the fire hall.

Tomorrow is Adoration Day - each class will have time set aside for adoration.

This week is Fire Prevention Week.

Friday - Kindergarten will go to Farmer's Inn.

October 31 - Kindergarten will go to Silver Creek to sing to the residents.

Friday, October 18 is Magazine Prize Day.

Picture retakes are October 28.

Stanford testing is done.

Movie night will be Friday, November 15; Thanksgiving Feast will be November 18.

John Schneider (Middle School & High School)

Standardized testing is complete.

MS and HS had Spirit Week last week; celebrated an outdoor mass.

Fall elective classes started - geocaching, cake decorating, etc. Classes will continue through mid December.

County-wide Pink Day is October 18.

MS has its own mass in the auditorium every Wednesday.

October 21 - No School for HS; MS and ES have school. HS teachers will attend a retreat in Grove City.

School pictures came in today.

October 29 - 5th graders will visit the HS (St. Boniface and our elementary school)

Picture retakes will be October 30 for MS and HS.

Report cards go home October 30.

President's Report (Mary Agnes Marshall)

At the high school level, an effort is being made to form a team to participate in a program known as the "FIRST Robotics Challenge." Engaged students will discover that technology and manufacturing are fields that intertwine and are not only fun and rewarding but paths to very successful careers, whether tied to a four-year college degree or a two-year (or less) certification program.

Finance (Jeanne Dippold)

Currently we have \$65,000 in checking - misleading due to expenses for the magazine sales.

Payments still to be made - \$351.90 (for the 5th grade trip to Erie) + \$128 (for the 4th grade trip to Elk Visitor Center).

Gym clothing sale is over.

Fundraising (Ann Caskey)

Magazine sale goal was \$30,000; we're short \$5,000. Still no final totals.
Hoagie sale starts October 24, ends November 7; delivery November 21.
Order form for hoagie sale will be posted in the HS office.
Bingo profit - \$800 - \$1,000.

Outreach (JC)

MS Party as well as Movie Night are on schedule.
Christmas Auction chairs will be Cindy Nussbaum and Nancy Ginther.
Christmas Store committee includes Mary Lynn Carnovale, Tricia Bauer, Gina Pistner, Kelli Brannock, and Melanie Meyer.
5th graders will help with the Christmas Store setup.
Christmas Auction will be held on Wednesday, and winners will be announced on Thursday.
They'd like to have the Christmas Store only on one day; so if we have 8-10 volunteers on Day 2, only pre-k - 4 will go that day.
Cathy Dornisch has obtained a license so they can retain movies for the whole year.

Volunteers

Thanksgiving Dinner for ES students will be Monday, November 18. A letter will be sent home in Thursday folders.
We will be having three PTO members on each PTO committee - Finance, Fundraising, Outreach, and Volunteers. We'll decide on committee groups at the next meeting.
Holiday Club Party is November 9.

New Fundraiser Ideas

Tricia Bauer sent an idea with Mary Lynn. It's for rope necklaces and bracelets that are maroon and gold with Crusaders on them. We could buy the necklaces for \$8 and sell them for \$15; or we could buy bracelets for \$6 and sell for \$12.
Pizza Magnet - coordinate with a local pizza place to sell cards for \$10 (\$5 to PTO and \$5 to the business.)
Online Sale of Miscellaneous Goods - Kelli Brannock said that her nephew's school has an online sale of wrapping paper, food, and gifts. She'll look into it further.
Hoss's Nights - maybe have only two times a year. Previously we had them every month; not well attended.

OLD BUSINESS

Box Tops for Education - \$1,800 turned in already from the elementary school only. \$800 - \$1,000 yet to count. Keep collecting. The next contest will take place after the first of the year.
Mary Lynn read a card sent to us from Fr. Michael thanking the PTO for all their service and help.
ES and MS set to attend a movie at the Apollo Theater in December sponsored by the PTO.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Tettis has been approved as a new PTO member. She has students in HS, MS, and St. Leo.
Mary Gerg will be asked to join PTO; her kids attended St. Boniface.
Andy Rettger was also suggested as a possible member.
President search is no further along. One candidate was removed from list due to a conflict. Mary Agnes is optimistic that we'll know the new president's name by Christmas.

Our next meeting will be held on November 12, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the New Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Pearson
ECCSS PTO Recording Secretary