

ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING
Held February 10, 2015 at the Administration Building

Present: Mary Lynn Carnovale, Sam MacDonald, Bonnie Pearson, Joe & Dawn Gier, JC Fritz, Melanie Meyer, Sandy Florig, John Schneider, Tricia Bauer, Kelli Brannock, and Julie Heary.

Excused: Ann Caskey, Gina Pistner, and Cortney Bauer.

Absent: Heather Mader.

7:07 p.m. - Mary Lynn opened the meeting with a prayer. Last meeting's minutes were approved by Tricia Bauer and seconded by Julie Heary.

President's Report (Sam MacDonald)

Sam brought to our attention that it was recently published in the local paper that Johnsonburg Public Schools would be bankrupt in 3 years. He suggested that we tactfully try to recruit their Catholic students now by letting them know that financial aid will be available to them. Because the St. Marys School District falls into a "failing" school criterion, we will be receiving a monetary stipend to increase financial aid to our students.

Principals' Report

Sandy Florig (High School)

- Catholic Schools Week was a great success despite the bad weather. We had three two-hour delays that week. Monday the all-system mass was cancelled. The HS students did watch the scheduled movie "God's Not Dead." Mrs. Florig said that you could have heard a pin drop in the auditorium. It was very well received. On Wednesday, the students competed in ping pong, volleyball, and board game tournaments. On Friday, Bingo breakfast was held and cinnamon rolls were provided by the Sacred Heart Social Committee. Teachers provided the prizes. There was also a pep rally on Friday.
- Tomorrow is the Alumni Mass, academic assembly, and the students who traveled to the Dominican Republic this year will be the speakers for the academic assembly.
- The Third Quarter has started.
- Scheduling for next year will begin at the end of February.
- We need to emphasize to the parents that students need to be checking their school email accounts daily.

John Schneider (Middle School)

- CSW was successful. Students had several dress down opportunities. One day was Jeans Day - each student brought in an old pair of jeans to be donated to the Guardian Angel Center. They serve a nine-county area. They were very appreciative of the donation.
- Monday of CSW, the students watched "The Lego Movie."
- Due to weather delay on Tuesday, the ski trip had to be moved.
- On Wednesday, mass was celebrated.
- On Thursday, the kids went on the ski trip.
- On Friday, a cinnamon roll breakfast and a food fair event were held. Guests commented on how polite and well-behaved the students were.
- The ice cream social was cancelled but will be rescheduled for next Tuesday for Mardi Gras.
- March 2 - 7th grade retreat moved because of two-hour delay.
- Junior Achievement starts Thursday for six weeks - eight presenters from the area will come in to present.

Mary Beth Schaut (Elementary)

- CSW was again successful.
- On Monday, the students watched "Ribbit."
- On Thursday, mass was celebrated.
- On Friday, Wacky Olympics were held.
- The 1st graders collected food for the Food Bank.
- The 4th and 5th grade musical will be Friday at 1pm. All are welcome.
- Friday, February 13 - "Red Day" for charity.
- The elementary school will be replacing their blinds on Saturday, February 14 at 10am. Please volunteer.

- Ray Beigel is presenting his local history talks to our 4th graders for the next 10 weeks. They end with a walking tour around town.
- The visiting artist is coming monthly to present to our 5th grade.
- Junior Achievement begins the end of February for six weeks. We have volunteers lined up for every class.
- 3rd grade Lenten program will be held after Mass on Wednesday, February 25.
- "Stations of the Cross" begins on Friday, February 20 at 2:30pm.
- "Read the Most from Coast to Coast" - Friday, February 27 - wear slippers!
- First Reconciliation for 2nd grade is coming up the second week of March.
- Chastity meeting on Tuesday, March 17 for parents of 5th - 8th graders.
- Author Lee Harper visits March 24.

Committee Updates

Clothing Sales - Lou Radkowski will get Dave's Pro Shop to allow us to buy PE clothing at their store and pick it up there.

Bracelets - We'll sell at Friday's AML championship games at the entry table.

Magazine Sale - Kim Sloff agreed to be next year's chairperson.

Holiday Club - Ann was absent, so we are still waiting to see if we can decrease the donation made for set-up and tear-down services from the Athletic Assoc. and Music Boosters.

Box Tops - \$4,100 previously, \$350 more was turned in last week. There are more to be picked up.

Easter Candy Sale - \$18,000 deposited today, more to come in. Online orders were received in three days.

MS Spring Party - Sue Jansen will chair.

Women's Winterfest - Nine hostesses for this year. That's two more than last year. Everything is ready to go.

Hoagie Sales - Flyers will go home the end of February.

Accelerated Reader Program - Students will receive eight cents per point this year and they must use all points up at the end of each year.

Race for Education - Tricia Bauer and Jill Kaul will chair this year. Date changed to May 8. Goal remains \$30,000. Money this year is slated for student activities, field trips, and the Accelerated Reader program. Prizes changed - Five addresses turned in constitutes participation for K-5th grade (lollipop) and 6th - 12th grade (movie). Ten addresses will get a donut day. Class with an average of five turned in will have T-shirt Day on March 5. Every ten addresses gets students entered into a drawing for a Walmart gift card. All students who walk the course get a Popsicle. If the goal is reached, there will be an ice cream social and movie. We will invite St. Leo and St. Boniface students to come on race day. Schedule for the day is changed: each school will eat at their own cafeteria a little earlier than normal; then celebrate mass at their own schools at noon, then be bussed to ECCHS for the race at 1pm. Packets will be put together in the ECCHS cafeteria on Thursday.

Festival - Entertainment has been booked. Working on booths. There will be a general PTO meeting for the public to discuss the festival plans soon. Goal is to eliminate other fundraisers. Instead of selling stuff, volunteer at the festival. There will be an alumni volleyball tournament and a color run. Alumni will be selling ECC stuff: Alumni t-shirts, Christmas ornaments, and mugs. Stacy Ginther was suggested as a contact person for Christmas ornaments.

Flower Sale - Heather was absent. Tricia said that she's talked to Amy Fedus at Goetz's Flowers and she was having a hard time getting prices this early. She suggested that we do six-inch potted geraniums in two colors with a pot cover from Canada. \$9/piece, we'd sell for \$12. Waiting for Heather to get price from Biondi's.

Finance (Kelli Brannock)

Kelli thinks we're in good shape to give another \$30,000 to the school for our commitment. We'd still have \$20,000 to put toward anything for the festival prep. Joe made a motion that we give \$30,000 and it was unanimously voted "yes." Finance asked Kelli to ask PTO if we thought we would still be able to donate \$600 for 8th grade scholarships in 2015-2016 as well as still be able to reach our commitment of \$115,000 next year. Mary Lynn said that as long as our fundraisers next year reach their goals, we should be fine for those commitments in 2015-2016, but the following year may need to be reevaluated.

Outreach (Dawn)

Movie night was held February 6.

Volunteers (Melanie Meyer)

No volunteers are needed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- 8th grade scholarships were paid for - \$600. Finance decided how to best split the funds - 6/\$100 ones or 4/\$150 ones. We unanimously voted to continue this.
- Kindergarten registration - PTO paid for the t-shirts for the kindergarteners last year (24-25 kids this year). Mary Lynn will ask Advancement if they would pay for the t-shirts every other year and we pick up the opposite year. If they say no, we'll do it every year.
- Aimee Lasko is interested in joining PTO. We voted unanimously to invite her to our next meeting.
- Kelli Brannock, Bonnie Pearson, Julie Heary, and JC Fritz will all be leaving PTO after this year. We'll need to recruit members to take their places. Kelli may be moving as early as March, so we need someone to take over treasurer ASAP.
- Mary Beth Schaut informed us that she'll be retiring at the end of this year as principal of the elementary school.
- Tricia agreed to get the 8th grade class trip t-shirts made again this year. They chose pink as their color.
- Since Kelli did Teacher Appreciation day last year, JC and Tricia agreed to do it this year.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Our next meeting will be held on March 10, 2015 at 7pm at the Administration Building. There is a conflict with First Reconciliation, so we'll see how many people can attend closer to that date.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Pearson

ECCSS PTO Recording Secretary