

ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING
Held April 14, 2015 at the Administration Building

Present: Bonnie Pearson, Gina Pistner, Jennifer McAllister, Aimee Lasko, Kimmy Simbeck, Tricia Bauer, Joann Schatz, Lynn Schatz, Jessica Shirey, Jen Thorwart, Melanie Meyer, Debbie Slay, JC Fritz, Ann Caskey, Dawn Gier, Joe Gier, Heather Mader, and Mary Beth Schaut.

Excused: Mary Lynn Carnovale, Sandy Florig, Sam MacDonald, John Schneider, and Julie Heary.

Dawn opened the meeting with a prayer. She welcomed our new members: Jen McAllister, Kimmy Simbeck, Joann Schatz, Lynn Schatz, Jessica Shirey, Jen Thorwart, Debbie Slay, and Aimee Lasko. We all introduced ourselves.

The previous meetings minutes were revised. Approved by Tricia Bauer, seconded by Gina Pistner.

President's Report (Sam MacDonald absent - no report)

High School (Mrs. Florig absent - no report)

Middle School (John Schneider absent - no report)

Elementary School (Mrs. Schaut)

Rylie Belsole, 4th grade, won a Silver medal at the Diocesan Challenge 24 competition on Monday. Four students will compete at the Intermediate Unit on May 8.

5th graders will go to the Circus tomorrow - tickets are a gift from the Shriners each year.

K-5 will be bused to HS for mass and musical highlights on Thursday. We will return for lunch and our 1st grade Dress Rehearsal.

Friday is the First Grade Musical at 1 p.m.

The Elementary Band tour is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21. Students will perform at St. Boniface then eat at McDonalds before the second performance at SMCES at 1 p.m.

Our 5th graders will meet members of the Arbor committee to plant a tree at Benzinger Park on Thursday, April 23.

Act 80 day on April 24 so teachers can attend curriculum, instruction and assessment workshops held by the Diocese.

First Eucharist retreats will be held the week of April 27 at each parish with their breakfast and practice day on Friday, May 1. They will receive their First Communion the weekend of May 2-3. Third grade will not attend school on Monday, May 4 so they can celebrate this special sacrament.

5th grade puberty talks on Tuesday, April 28. They have been completing the lessons that build into these talks this month.

May 5 – May Queen Crowning at 1:15 p.m. All are welcome!

Committee Reports

Clothing - Nothing new.

Magazine Sale - Kim Sloff and Lisa Daghir to chair next year. August 28 kickoff date.

Holiday Club - Ann Caskey published the list of winners in newspaper ad. 200 tickets left - payment not due in full. \$60 ticket can win at least \$70. Party at the end of the year. We received a thank you note from the Office of Aging (we donated the left over Bingo cards to them).

Box Tops - JC said we made \$5,500 this year. Next turn in date is in the fall.

Easter Candy - Goal was met (\$35,000) - students received their pizza lunch prize.

Hoagies - Delivery Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Volunteers needed to sort. Pickup from 3-5 p.m.

Accelerated Reader - Prize sheet as been adjusted. Added a \$1 & \$5 pool refreshment stand coupon. Budgeting \$1,000 for next year; this year was \$2,800. PTO voted unanimously that next year prizes will still be purchased. Summer points will count for next year. Students will spend all their points every school year. Joe made a motion that we set the new budget for AR at \$1,000 and that all points be used each year. Tricia Bauer seconded the motion. Unanimously voted yes.

Race for Ed - Tricia stated that we are \$3,000 from our \$30,000 goal. Race is set for May 8.

Shoe Drive - Aimee Lasko, Jen McAllister, and Kimmy Simbeck are chairing. Cut off for donations is June 23. Dress down in the schools will be April 17 with donation. Asking for three pairs per student. Goal is to get 200 bags of 25 pairs of shoes. They will have a community collection day on April 18 from 9-1 p.m.

Festival - August 22 from 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. Volunteers are needed in many areas.

Flowers - Tabled till next year.

Teacher Appreciation - May 5. JC and Tricia chairing; will contact Dino's for catering.

8th Grade Graduation - Need a chair for next year; should be a 7th grade parent. There's a binder with thorough instruction on what to do. Tricia suggested the Uberti family or Parrish family. T-shirts are in - \$8/shirt (PTO pays for them).

Bonfire - August 27 - Kim Sloff volunteered to chair the games area. The children will just do activities with no cost. Drink booth - the sodas are donated; made \$800 last year. Aimee and Jen McAllister agreed to run the drink booth. Joann Schatz will oversee Tina & Bruce Sherry in running the kitchen.

Trivia Night - Tricia suggested that we hold it in the spring after basketball season. Need a committee - Gina Pistner, Lynn Schatz, Aimee Lasko, Kimmy Simbeck, Jess Shirey, Jen McAllister, and Melanie Meyer all volunteered.

Finance (Debbie Slay - new chairperson)

\$14,500 was turned in for candy sale, \$2,495 for Women's Winterfest, and thus far \$20,000 for Race for Education. On May 30, we'll make another payment to the school for our commitment, then July will be the final payment for the year. We are responsible for the Kindergarten t-shirts for the 2015-16 school year. We split every other year with Advancement.

Outreach

Movie Night - done for the year.

Old Business

Volunteers will be needed for the Festival in August. Race for Education is ready to go.

New Business

We need to appoint a new treasurer since Kelli Brannock has moved. Ann Caskey nominated Debbie Slay. Unanimously approved by the PTO Board.

Also need a new secretary for next year. Aimee Lasko volunteered. Melanie made a motion to accept her, seconded by Jen. Unanimously voted Yes.

The PTO closet at the elementary school needs cleaned out. Mary Lynn and Bonnie will do it.

Suggestion made to put Shoe Drive flyers on the tables at the high school play this weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. **Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Pearson

Recording Secretary