

ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING  
Held April 15, 2014  
At The Administration Building

Present: JC Fritz, Sam MacDonald, Mary Beth Schaut, Mary Lynn Carnovale, Bonnie Pearson, Julie Heary, Ann Caskey, Melanie Meyer, Gina Pistner, Kelli Brannock, Sandy Florig, John Schneider, Jeanne Dippold, Tricia Bauer, Dawn Gier, and Joe Gier.

6:03 PM JC opened the meeting with a prayer. Revisions were made to the minutes from last meeting. Approved 1<sup>st</sup> by Gina, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tricia.

### **Election of Officers**

JC nominated Mary Lynn for president next year. Unanimously voted in favor. And she accepted.

For Vice President—Ann Caskey nominated Dawn Gier, Sam MacDonald 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous vote of yes. She accepted.

Bonnie Pearson will remain as Secretary, and Melanie Meyer will remain as Press Secretary.

For Treasurer—Kelli Brannock was nominated by Jeanne Dippold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Lynn Carnovale. Unanimous vote of yes. She accepted.

--Suggestions were made for new officers to invite to join the PTO Board. Cortney Bauer, Lisa Martin from Ridgway, and Heather Mader were suggested. We'd like 5 more people to join.

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

Gardner's candy sale reached over \$13,000.

Hoagie numbers are not finished. Chairpeople think the money is down from previous sale. Possible reasons for the decrease: they were delivered on a Thursday during Lent (so no one could eat them on Friday), and there were several other local hoagie sales at the same time.

### **Outreach (Kelli Brannock)**

Teacher Appreciation Week will be the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>—there will be a lunch on Tuesday from 10:30-1:15pm; and Thursday will be distribution of Thank You cards.

Dino's will supply the catering again this year.

### **Volunteers**

Need a 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent to be in charge of t-shirts, graduation, and trip for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Tricia Bauer volunteered to do the t-shirts for the class trip.

Chaperones for the trip also needed.

### **Fundraising (Race for Education- Mary Lynn)**

4,600 mailers were sent out this year. We've already received ~\$4-5,000 so far from mailers.

Thus far, 16 people have sent money via Paypal totaling about \$250.

Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the early dismissal day—as long as we reach our goal of \$30,000.

Discussion about maybe making next years "Race" more service oriented. Like having students go out and rake leaves or clean up a park. That way we can spread our services around the county.

### **(Bingo- Ann Caskey)**

Bingo attendance was down this month. Only 80 people came.

Scott Wehler and Clare Hoffman will need to be replaced as the banker.

Each Bingo requires 22 volunteers to work. And when we only make \$5-700 profit, it seems like not enough profit for the effort. So we rediscussed having a festival. It would be a big one day event that could possibly replace a year worth of Bingo's. JC and Sam will get together to organize a planning meeting for potential festival.

## **Principals Report**

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

5<sup>th</sup> grade went to Jaffa Circus today.

April 16, Wednesday—Eucharistic Adoration Day

April 17, Thursday—Rotary club to pass out dictionaries to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

April 17-Gifted students will take a trip to Bradford CSI Museum

NCEA convention next week

April 23, Wed.- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Easter service.

April 25, Friday—Blessing of the Crucifix in the school hallway.

First Eucharist retreats/sacrament at all parishes April 28-May 4.

May 2, Friday- First Eucharist breakfasts at all parishes.

April 30 - Vocation Day

May 6—May Crowning

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

DARE culmination ceremony and lunch with parents after.

Junior Achievement Program is wrapping up this week.

There's a meeting for the Wallops Island Trip for 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents tonight. The trip takes place in September.

Thursday—the enrichment kids are going the Bradford.

May 22-23—8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to DC

May 7—May Crowning

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

Activities at ECCHS during the past five weeks:

March—14<sup>th</sup> Junior Retreat/Big Brothers-Big Sisters bowling: students raised an all-time high of over \$3,000.

19<sup>th</sup>—Representative GT Thompton visited the MS and HS students and met with those upperclassmen who had been scheduled to meet him at UPB in October, but because of the budget lockdown GT was unable to attend.

21<sup>st</sup>—Jazz Band dinner and dance at the Fine Line.

25<sup>th</sup>—Spring sports/Band/ Clubs picture day

26<sup>th</sup>—Monsignor Rubino and admissions team from Mercyhurst spoke to the Juniors and Seniors.

30<sup>th</sup>—Gale Largey, ECC alum, sponsored the video presentation "The Lessons of Sr. Victoria." It was very well attended.

April—2<sup>nd</sup> First Annual AP Chemistry Symposium

4<sup>th</sup>—GALA!!!

6<sup>th</sup>—April School of Dance presentation

8<sup>th</sup>—Third Quarter Academic assembly-speaker was Mr. MacDonald

11<sup>th</sup>-IU9 Spring Band Festival

14<sup>th</sup>—Donut Breakfast

23-24—Drama Club trip to NYC

### **President's Report (Sam McDonald)**

Sam had meetings in Erie last week with other Catholic School principals. He's very impressed with all we are able to offer here at our school as opposed to others in the Diocese. He says we should be congratulated.

### **Festival conversation**

Joe Gier talked to what he knows about St. Leo's Festival.

He suggested a planning/brainstorming meeting open to all parents.

1<sup>st</sup> get all heads of athletics/band/PTO/principals together

JC and Sam will choose a date and let us know.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Tricia will be speaking to a rep. at Gunner's to see about having ECC family dinner fundraising nights there.

Meeting closed at 7:31pm.

**Our next meeting will be held on May 13, 2014 at 6:00pm at the Administration Building.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Pearson  
ECCSS PTO Recording Secretary