

ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING
Held May 8, 2013
at Queen of the World Rectory

Present: Mary Agnes Marshall, Mary Beth Schaut, Tricia Bauer, Jeanne Dippold, Holly Eckert, Sandy Florig, Bonnie Pearson, JC Fritz, Mary Lynn Carnovale, Ann Caskey, Melanie Meyer.

6:50 p.m. - JC Fritz opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Correction to last month's minutes included changing Melanie Meyer's name to Kelli Brannock under Teacher Appreciation section. These changes were made and noted. They were approved by Holly Eckert and seconded by Tricia Bauer.

OLD BUSINESS:

President and Principals' Report

Mary Beth Schaut (Elementary)

Fifth graders took a bus trip to Erie. Bus was provided by the PTO. The Bishop spoke with the class; they got a Cathedral tour, and toured the Flagship Niagara also. Was a great success and it is hoped it will be an annual trip.

First Communion and corresponding breakfasts were held at each parish.

Teacher Appreciation luncheon was a hit, and they extended a big thank you to the PTO for sponsoring it.

Volunteers are needed for Junior Achievement next year. 5-8 weeks, once a week; instruction materials are provided.

Race for Education is tomorrow.

Fourth grade went on a local history walk today.

Friday at 1 p.m., the second graders will perform "Bugz." All are invited.

(Middle School)

MS is looking into a business initiative program similar to the one implemented at the HS.

Sandy Florig (High School)

Extended appreciation from the teachers for the Teacher Appreciation luncheon.

"Seussical" was well received and attended.

Mock Crash and Mock Trial went well.

Ninth and tenth graders attended a texting program sponsored by the State Police, while the older students were at the Mock Crash.

Nine Envirothon teams went to regionals this year - one team is going on to States.

Two weeks ago, FBLA went to states - two sophomores won.

There is a new shed at the end of the Maurus Street entrance to the school. It's owned by Penn DOT and is to be used for the motorcycle safety course.

Email notification system is running more smoothly.

All-School Mass is tomorrow at 9:15 a.m.

Finance (Jeanne Dippold)

Jeanne distributed the proposed budget for 2013-2014 school year.

A lengthy discussion ensued about whether to continue the Race for Education yearly or every other year. It's a lot of work, but how can we make up for all the money it brings in every year? Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Fundraising

She needs to contact the Magazine Sale coordinators for the fall sales total.

Concern about where we'll sort hoagies next year after the MS moves to the HS building. Mrs. Florig offered the HS cafeteria, which needs to be reserved in advance.

Outreach (Tricia Bauer)

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon went well. Dino's did the catering. They received good feedback. Several teachers suggested that we not have the kids bring them flowers next year. It makes the teachers feel awkward, and the students who forget a flower that day feel bad.

Race for Education is tomorrow from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Rain is forecasted; in this case, the students will walk inside the schools. Popsicles and water will be distributed.

Cinnamon rolls and drinks were distributed this week as prizes for the classes who had a majority of students submit five or more labels for the Race for Education. Greatly appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officers for next year

JC Fritz agreed to remain President for one more year (this is officially in writing.)

Mary Lynn Carnovale volunteered to be Vice President.

Jeanne Dippold will continue for her second year as Treasurer.

Bonnie Pearson volunteered to be Secretary.

Melanie Meyer volunteered to be the Public Relations Secretary.

All nominations were approved - No one opposed.

Holly asked if the First Communion breakfasts could be held at one parish each year and rotate to all parishes. Similar to the way Confirmation runs.

Mary Agnes suggested that we have another open house or information night in the summer.

Fall sports sign up is tomorrow.

JC offered Holly many thanks for serving on the Board this year. Other departing members were absent.

The meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held on May 28, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. at the Queen of the World Rectory

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Pearson

ECCSS PTO Recording Secretary