

ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING
Held September 10, 2013
at the New Administration Building

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

Excused: Tricia Bauer, John Schneider, Jeanne Dippold

Guest: Fr. Richard Allen, Frankie Stubber

6:03 p.m. - JC Fritz opened the meeting, and Fr. Allen lead us in a prayer. Last meetings minutes were approved by Julie, and seconded by Gina.

Advancement (Frankie Stubber)

Advancement's Annual Giving Report will be coming out soon.

The Heritage Gala will on Friday, April 4th next year. The theme will be "For the Love of Chocolate and Our Students."

New Student Packets given to 13 MS/HS students, and 4 ES students.

They have given out 48 packets in the last 2 years.

The packets are given to transfer students and new students to the school system.

The Msgr. Haggerty Fund was started in January. It was initiated by a former student who was influenced by Msgr. Haggerty during his time at ECC.

The Quarterly e-newsletter went out in May.

Frankie said that the Advancement Team had some ideas for the Race for Education, so they'll assist Bonnie and Mary Lynn when the time comes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Principals' Report

Mary Beth Schaut (Elementary)

Students will have a dress down day on Friday; a donation of \$1 per student will go to the Christian Food Bank.

Picture Days are September 19 (groups and 4 year olds) and 20 (3 year olds and all other grade levels). Children can dress out of uniform. One parent helper is needed for each day.

September 19 is the Elementary School Open House.

September 25 - The 5th grade will go to Erie for a retreat. They will get a tour of the seminary, Carmelite Monastery, cathedral, and maybe St Patrick's Church. We invited St. Boniface and St. Leo's 5th grade classes as well. They could use 2 or 3 people with vans to help drive. Mrs. Schaut is asking for a donation of \$500 from PTO to defer costs.

September 26 - The 4th grade will go to the Elk Visitor Center.

September 27 - HS Band competition.

October 1 - The 4th grade will attend AHUG, a forestry program in Johnsonburg.

Sandy Florig (High School)

First 3 weeks with MS/HS in the same building went smoothly.

They have hired a Spanish teacher.

Family picnic and bonfire went well.

September 11 - Picture Day for MS/HS portraits and HS sports. MS has dress down for picture day; HS does not.

September 19 - Pictures for Jr. High sports.

The first week of school, MS and HS had mass together due to conflicts with the priests. From now on, HS will have mass in the chapel and MS will have mass in the auditorium. Both will be celebrated at 8 a.m.

The first part of the Senior Retreat will be this Sunday evening from 6-8 p.m. Monday they will spend the day at Parker Dam. They will complete service projects while there, and they will have team-building exercises and mass.

Friday will be dress down day for the HS. The students voted unanimously to donate the proceeds to the Beimel/Cuneo families.

President's Report (Mary Agnes Marshall)

Mary Agnes expressed gratitude from the Beimel/Cuneo family for all the assistance given to them during the wake/funeral celebrations.

The phone system at the Administration Building has been updated. Advancement and Finance have their same numbers. The Food Service number is 834-7813, and the President's number is 834-7812.

JC asked if we can opt out of the hot lunch program. If we did, we would no longer get free and reduced lunch subsidy. The new president should be instated before Christmas; there are 3 viable candidates right now.

Finance (Jeanne Dippold)

Bonfire money should yield \$800-1,000. Right now it's showing negative, because there is still clothing that needs to be sold.

Fundraising (Ann Caskey)

Magazine sale didn't reach its goal. MS total is uncertain as of the time of meeting.

Mary Lynn suggested that the magazine drive goals for next year be lowered, because of decreasing student numbers.

Hoagie sale is set up for October 24 - November 7 with delivery on November 21.

Jeanne suggested we look into working with local pizza places to offer a discount card as a fundraiser.

Holiday Club still needs a chairperson.

Upcoming Activities

MS Halloween Party is scheduled for October 26 in the ECC Cafeteria.

Movie Night, chaired by Andy and Cathy Dornisch, will be November 15 so people can attend after 5:30 p.m. mass.

The Christmas Store/Auction will be held at the ES on December 4-5. Kelli Brannock, Gina Pistner, Laurie Kraus, Tricia Bauer, and Melanie Meyer will be on the committee.

Christmas Auction still needs a chairperson for the Elementary School. If interested, contact Mary Lynn Carnovale.

Volunteers

Open House needs volunteers.

HS may have the option to sell hoagies in the spring with the rest of the school system.

Ann Reedy is chairing the Thanksgiving Dinner for the ES.

Family Picnic (Julie Heary)

There were 5 games, 5 starfish kids, and 3 teacher supervisors. This year, tickets were sold from 5 - 6:30 p.m. At 6:45 p.m., the game lines were really long, and everyone was supposed to be headed up to the hill.

Sacred Heart has games we can borrow on the 3rd floor. Amy Brunner is the POC.

Mass attendance was about 130 people.

We will need more helpers if we increase the number of games.

Nancy Hoffman got people to donate pop this year, and we profited \$550 as opposed to a \$300 loss as in the past.

Mt. Dew and Dr. Pepper were the most popular soda brands.

People commented that there were fewer students up by the bonfire. Many were down by the DJ dancing, and some had to go home to do homework. The DJ was a big hit.

NEW BUSINESS

Before next year, we should send out a survey for Picture Day and ask if people would like the ES kids to wear uniforms.

It was suggested that we have an End-of-the-Year party in the evening after the Race for Education on May 9. Could we have the party at the park or the pool?

Should PTO have a booth at the Bavarian Festival? – unanimous vote of “no.”

The next meeting will be held on October 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the New Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Pearson
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