

St. Joseph PTO

Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2011

Attendance: Sign-in sheet attached with official minutes. PTO Officers present: Michelle Shane, Judith Schneider, Laura Elpers, Carrie Fehrenbacher, Rhonda Fehrenbacher, Angie Will and Mrs. Wilderman. Meeting was called to order by Michelle Shane at 6:35pm.

Opening Prayer: Sr. Bridget

Introductions: New families introduced themselves and were welcomed by the PTO. Mrs. Wilderman introduced the teachers and staff.

Review Fundraisers scheduled for 2011-2012: Michelle Shane introduced the Fundraiser Committee Members.

- **Fall Festival:** (Mary Stratman, Becky Ondash, Becky Harl, Pam Schaefer, Jason Smith) Parents are asked to sign-up for shifts to work the booth. Each school family is asked to donate 2 cases of drinks (a letter with your designated drink is sent home in the red folder news). Schelly Weidner is in charge of the drinks. Please put drinks by the concession stand in the cafeteria. Please mark your drinks with a removable label. If you prefer for us to purchase your drinks for you, a \$15 donation can be sent to the office. Becky Harl requested a couple more volunteers to help slice/weigh/pack the smoked meat at Nisbet. See Becky if you can help.
- **Pizza Sales:** (Mary Stratman) Mary Stratman reported that we sold 500 kits last year and make \$5 off each kit sold. Forms for the Little Caesars fundraiser will come out before Christmas with delivery on Friday, February 3rd (right before Super Bowl). Mary reminded us that there are 3 pizza kits inside each box.
- **Scrip:** (Angie Happe, Michelle Shane, Mandy Elpers, Stephanie Purcell, Lisa Douglas) Angie Happe explained Scrip to those new to the school and reported that Julianna Voelker will be filling her spot in September. They have down-sized the vendors available in the bag but the incentive remains at 40%. A \$7000.00 check was presented to PTO from profits made last year (an additional \$2934.00 in incentives goes back to the school). Angie credited the profits in part due to the availability of Scrip. You can purchase Scrip in the school office (Thank you, Mrs. Doshier!), after weekend masses, and by sending the green sheet through red folder.
- **Spring Flower Sale:** (Becky Ondash, Amy Elpers) Becky Ondash reported that the flower sale is usually the 1st Friday and Saturday in May. They have geraniums, hanging ferns and hanging mixed baskets. Order forms should go home in March.
- **Clothing Closet:** (Sharon Hollingsworth, Denise Allison, Stephanie Purcell, Paula Buedel, Karen McDonald) Sharon Hollingsworth reported that the closet will be open as needed beginning in September. They have shorts, pants, polos, and spirit wear. Contact a Committee member if you would like to set up a time to visit the closet.
- **Book Fair:** (Michelle Shane) Michelle Shane reported that all profits from this fundraiser go back to the school in the form of books for the classrooms and library. The Book Fair is scheduled for November 14-18.

- Nut Club Dinners: (Pam Schaefer) Michelle Shane reported for Pam Schaefer, Committee Chair. Volunteers are needed to make desserts, serve food and clean-up. The first dinner is scheduled for October 18th.

Michelle Shane announced and introduced the Classroom Representatives for 2011-2012. Classroom Reps help with fundraisers and class Christmas party.

- Kindergarten: Michelle Shane, Stephanie Frey
- 1st grade: Tim & Julianna Voelker, Melanie Denning, Cyndi Bonds-Conaway, Liz Turner
- 2nd grade: Stephanie Frey, Kelly Lyke
- 3rd grade: Jessica Wallace, Melissa Gillenwater
- 4th grade: Debbie Scheller, Karen McDonald, Lisa Lannert
- 5th grade: Dana VanBibber, Mandy Elpers
- 6th grade: Michelle Kirk, Schelly Weidner
- 7th grade: Patty Montgomery, Eran Happe
- 8th grade: Becky Ondash, Lisa Douglas, Keri Hartz

Financial Report: Michelle Shane reported the following balances as of August 1st, 2011, for a total balance of \$76,852.45. Regular checking: \$30208.33, Savings account: \$8901.65, Technology Fund: \$31,928.12, Technology CD: \$8056.86. A copy of this financial report is on file.

2011-2012 Budget: With the reorganization of St. Joe PTO, a proposed budget has been created and needs approval. With an estimated income of \$27,000 and estimated expenses of \$22,800, an income of \$4200 is expected for the 2011-2012 school year. Mandy Elpers made a motion to approve the proposed budget as is. Eran Happe seconded the motion. A vote to approve the budget was taken and passed. A copy of the 2011-2012 budget is on file.

Technology Needs and Proposals: Mrs. Wilderman requested the need for additional smartboards (and accessories such as LCD projectors, Airliners/slates, etc.) for the classrooms without any. It was proposed that 3 smartboards be purchased this year and possibly another 3 the following year. Mrs. Wilderman informed us that the smartboards were on sale until September 1st and estimated that it would cost \$9000.00 for 3 smartboards/accessories. A motion was made by Becky Harl to purchase all 6 units since the funds were available from the technology account. A vote was taken and passed by majority. Mrs. Wilderman said we could expect to see the new smartboards in the classrooms by the end of September.

Mrs. Elpers, spoke on behalf of the Robotics Club. She and Mrs. Daugherty coach the team of 6th-8th graders. This club programs robots to do tricks and faces other schools in a large competition around Spring Break. They currently use Lego robots and would like to purchase newer, sophisticated NXT robots like most other school use. Mrs. Elpers requested that we purchase 4 NXT robots and would like to sell the old robots. The 4 kits would cost \$250 each. Denise Allison mentioned that it was already budgeted under the Technology Fund that we spend \$1000 towards Robotics. No vote was needed. All four Lego robots were offered for sale and sold for \$50/each at the end of the meeting.

Closing: Michelle Shane thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone to check the red folder for any PTO news. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.