

St. Cecilia PTG Board Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2009

Present: Randy Fiorentino-President
Mary Alvarado-Principal
Kathy Ayuyao-Publicity
Rosemarie Bako-VP Volunteers
Lisa Busch-Spirituality
Michelle Cervantes-VP Fundraising
Jeanne DePasquale-Teacher Representative
Roselyn Quileza-Hospitality
Diane Smit-Treasurer
Nancy Walz-Corresponding Secretary

Guest: Darlene Bayardo – 1st grade parent
Jennifer De Mahy-1st grade parent
Joey Espiritu – Kindergarten & First grade parent
Suzanne Mello-1st grade parent

Absent: Sonya Gallegos-Signs
Traci Hassett-Hospitality
Brenda Rodriguez-Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Randy Fiorentino. All guests and board members were welcomed. Mrs. DePasquale led us in prayer with “Take Time”. Changes for the minutes for February 2009 have been made. Since no one had any other changes, they were approved.

Mary Alvarado-Principal’s Report:

- Recycle Fest/Cartridges for Kids – This program started on 3/3/09 and will be ongoing. Each classroom has a box for collection. During March, there is a contest. The class that brings in the most will receive a camera for their use and each child will receive a free dress pass. All money raised will be used to support our technology department. On April 4th there will be a Recycle Fest from 8 am until 2 pm., when families can bring in larger items

(things that won't fit in the backpack.) We need volunteers to help this day. The classrooms all have bins for recycling paper. This will help reduce the trash bill as well as raise money for the school.

- Disability Awareness Fair – Will be held on Monday, March 16th. Charlotte Woolfolk is coordinating this event as part of her Girl Scout Cadet Silver Project. There will be a speaker and 5 to 6 booths that have been arranged. It will run from 7:45 am until 12:45 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with this event.
- Parent Teacher Conferences – Will be held March 17, 18 and 19th. There is noon dismissal these days. Lower grade teachers would prefer to hold the conferences earlier next year.
- Auction Chairs/Committee Meeting – There will be a general meeting on March 17th at 8 am for the auction. It will be an informational meeting and parents will be able to volunteer for the committee. The tentative date for next year's auction is Saturday, October 30th at the Marriott.

Randy Fiorentino-President's Report:

- PTG meeting minutes – The minutes to our meeting are now on-line. We are working to get them approved a week after our meetings. Please let Brenda know of any changes to the minutes as soon as possible.
- Open board positions – Diane will be staying on in the position of treasurer. Roselyn will stay on doing hospitality. Roselyn will check with Traci to see if she wishes to continue next year. Mrs. Alvarado and Randy need to know by March 13th what positions will be open, since elections are in April and a request for nominations needs to go out before then. The publicity chair is open, so we will need nominations for this position which is responsible for the PTG newsletter.
- Family Life dates/PTG funds – There are three evenings scheduled to supplement the Family Life Program. The evenings will be April 28th, 30th and May 4th. Dr. Gallagher and Anne Fiorentino will conduct the programs for the 5th and 6th grade girls and Mr. Marshall and Dr. Fiorentino will conduct the

programs for the 5th – 8th grade boys. PTG paid for the “goody bags”, with personal hygiene items, last year for the children and will do so again this year. Lisa Busch offered to see if they could get items for the bags donated. There was discussion that this should be a line item in our budget next year.

- Uniform Update – The uniform is finalized for next year. Details with Land’s End product numbers will come out by the end of next month. Red v-neck long sleeve sweaters will be worn by the upper grades and lower grade boys. Long sleeve red cardigans will be worn by the kindergarten through 4th grade girls. All the sweaters will have gold lettering and will be mandatory in church, unless Mrs. Alvarado gives permission due to weather conditions. All the white dress shirts will have red stitching. There will be an optional red jacket offered for colder weather. Any outerwear may be worn to school, but must be removed in the classroom. Our current red hooded sweatshirts can still be purchased, but will only be able to be worn through the 2009 – 10 school year.

Michelle Cervantes-Fundraising:

- We received a \$2373.00 check for Innisbrook for internet sales. The school can still earn money if families purchase items on the internet. Information will be included in our next newsletter.
- We just received a \$128 check from Pizza Shack. That brings our total for the year from them to \$310.
- We received a check for \$178.90 from Souplantation.
- Our Ruby’s fundraiser had a good response. There was over \$1,500 in sales from the school. We are expecting to receive over \$300 from Ruby’s.
- Box Tops – We raised \$195 from Box Tops this year. There are feelings that we could do better with this fundraising effort. Michelle and Terese Garret are looking at ways to publicize this fundraiser and build interest among parents, students and teachers. We will be sending out a product list and additional information. We will also consider classroom contests.

- Another fundraising idea is Dream Dinners. They have a fundraising opportunity that the school would get \$10 to \$20 per complete package purchased.
- Gigi Cologna is looking into a local vendor for a portable electronic scoreboard to save on shipping.

Roselyn Quileza - Hospitality:

- Teacher Appreciation is May 4 through 8.

Diane Smit-Treasurer:

- A copy of treasurer's report was handed out. It included all income and expenses for the current school year.
- There was a question as to how the Fund An Item at the auction should be reflected. This year Fund An Item brought in \$10,800.
- We paid Pali Mountain \$50/student. There was positive feedback that PTG helped the families with these expenses.
- There was a question whether FUDGE night should be split out and be an annual standing event. This led to a brief discussion of having a budget for Community Events.

Rosemarie Bako-Volunteers:

- The Fish Bake went well. The parents' participation was awesome and the food was good.

Nancy Walz-Corresponding Secretary:

- Flowers were sent to Sami Fahim whose mother had a stroke.
- A card was sent to Deidre Seaman for the death of her mother.
- A card was sent to Traci Hasset on the birth of a new daughter.

Kathy Ayuyao-Publicity:

- All newsletter items are due by March 11th.

Lisa Busch-Spirituality:

- No report

Other business:

- MNO (Mom's Night Out) had a good turnout. There were some moms that weren't clear on what the event was and there are some families at the school, who aren't on e-mail, so they didn't receive an e-vite. Jennifer DeMahy did a great job organizing this event and was a good community builder. We need to find some moms in the upper grades to start groups.