

St. Cecilia School PTG Board Meeting Minutes **November 3, 2009**

Present: Randy Fiorentino-President
Mary Alvarado-Principal
Aaron Mahony-Correspondence
Kathy Ayuyao-Community Events
Sonya Gallegos-Communication
Roselyn Quileza-Hospitality
Diane Smit-Treasurer
Michelle Cervantes-VP Fundraising
Rosemarie Bako-VP Volunteers
Jen Gourde-Publicity
Brenda Rodriguez-Secretary

Absent: Jeanne DePasquale-Teacher Representative
Traci Hassett-Hospitality

Guest: Jenn deMahy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by president, Randy Fiorentino. We began with a "Prayer of Thanksgiving," which was provided by Mrs. DePasquale. The meeting minutes from the October meeting are pending corrections from Mrs. Alvarado before approval.

Mrs. Alvarado-Principal:

- Sixth grade is at Science Camp this week up at Pali Mountain. They will return Friday around 1pm. Mrs. Alvarado and Ms. DeGrave will be going up on Wednesday to see everyone.
- The school continues to monitor absences due to flu season. The numbers are down from last week. Hopefully this will continue to be the trend. The teachers are still being asked to keep things wiped down and reminding children to use hand sanitizer in the classrooms and washing hands during recess and lunch.
- There will be a questionnaire going home in tomorrow's envelope seeking feedback regarding the community needs for preschool and/or pre-kindergarten in the next few years. There will also be two meetings on Thursday, November 19th, at either 9am in the preschool classroom or 7pm in the pre-k classroom. We will share information about our current program and find out from our school families what types of preschool/pre-k needs they have.
- Lifetouch has offered to do a fundraiser in the spring. They would come and take pictures of the children in regular clothes. No money would be due up front. They would mail the photos to parents for approval. You can send them back with no obligation or order a package. \$2.00 from each package would be donated to the school and earmarked for choir for the purchase of choir robes. This matter was discussed and

it was decided that we would not use these services. The idea was brought up that perhaps we could use a vendor that would take pictures, upload them onto a website and allow us to choose whatever we want for next year's school pictures. This was made note of.

- The student's will be participating in our annual Veterans' Day celebration on Wednesday, November 11th. Students may wear free dress red, white and blue. All of our veterans will be remembered.
- Mrs. DeMahy and Mrs. Beres are starting a St. Cecilia Booster club to promote school spirit and support the afterschool sports programs. Please join them in the library on Thursday, November 12th, at 7pm for more information.
- There will be a safety preparedness meeting on Wednesday, November 11th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. More details will go home in tomorrow's family envelope.

Randy Fiorentino-President:

- There is a School Board Meeting on November 11th at 6pm at Marywood. There will be board training from 6-7pm with Mrs. Todd and then the Catholic Legislative Network will meet from 7-9pm which will be primarily for the board president. All PTG Board members are encouraged to attend.
- An auction follow-up newsletter will be going home tomorrow. All the ways we can still support our school through the auction will be given. Also, a flyer will be going out for one last chance to support fund-an-item. This year's items are science kits and smart boards for all homeroom classrooms, science and technology. Some of this is also funded through the ACT program.
- PTG is responsible for Santa Photo day on Friday, December 4th. Rosemarie states she has enough volunteers so far but if anyone would like to volunteer, the additional help would be appreciated. This year, pictures will be limited to the student plus siblings and 7th and 8th graders with their buddies.

Mrs. DePasquale-Teacher Representative:

- No report.

Diane Smit-Treasurer:

- The treasurers' report was distributed and reviewed. There were no questions.

Michelle Cervantes-VP Fundraising:

- Innisbrook will be delivered on Thursday, November 4th. The 7th and 8th graders will help their buddies to carline.
- The next restaurant night is at El Ranchito on Sunday, November 15th from 2-10pm. Look for your flyer later this week.

Roselyn Quileza-Hospitality:

- Roselyn asked if she could do the teacher breakfast at Citrus Café in the interest of time. The breakfast is scheduled for December 9th. She feels if we hold the breakfast from 7:15-8:15am and have a limited menu, there would not be a problem feeding 34 people and getting everyone back to school in time. The budget was reviewed and should be enough to cover this change of venue. The board approved.

Brenda Rodriguez-Secretary:

- Children's Choice school hot lunch program was introduced. It was felt at this time with choir adding another hot lunch day that it is not a feasible option at this time.

Aaron Mahony-Correspondence:

- No report.
- Aaron will go to the front office and get a class directory from Terri.

Rosemarie Bako-VP Volunteers:

- The book fair is coming up December 1st to December 4th. Rosemarie still needs more volunteers. PTG will also arrange again this year to have the Book Fair open in the evening on December 1st to allow parents to drop children off at daycare and shop.

Kathy Ayuyao-Community Events:

- Roller Skating was cancelled for now. They have been difficult to get in touch with and only have sessions for schools on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will try for some time in the spring.
- We will be having a Family Train Night at Irvine Regional Park on Monday, December 21st. Parking is free. It is \$15.00 per ticket and includes dinner, dessert, the holiday train ride and a visit with Santa. Salad and spaghetti furnished by Buca di Beppos. We need at least 40 people to cover our cost and then can accommodate additional groups of 20.

Jen Gourde-Publicity:

- Newsletter items are due by November 11th.

Sonya Gallegos-Communication:

- No report.

Auction Update:

- No report.

New business:

- Mrs. Lejano is putting together a business directory of services St. Cecilia families have to offer. It was suggested that another flyer go out to make sure everyone that wants to be in the directory is included.

The next meeting is Tuesday, December 1st. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm. Thank you for coming and please drive safely.