

Home and School Association
Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2008

Present: Jill Miskelley, Pam O'Brien, Theresa Asselin, Judi Koepnick, Karyn Rice, Jessica Cook, Holly Bouwens, Carol Quinn

Call to Order: Jill Miskelley called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm at the Corpus Christi Center, and she led all present in an opening prayer.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the November 3, 2008 meeting were distributed to all members present. There was a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded and the motion passed. Correspondence received included surveys from parents regarding the Walk-A-Thon.

Treasurer's Report:

- ✓ The Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual Report for July 1, 2008 through December 1, 2008 and the Balance Sheet as of December 1, 2008 were distributed to all members present. Net income from the Walk-A-Thon to date is \$9,825.00. Accrued expenses have been adjusted to include wish list items from teachers, playground improvement fund (picnic tables), and tech update fund (for future upgrades). All wish list items are expected to be funded with the exception of the MANS conference, which will be considered at a later time as it is held in the fall. There was a motion to approve the financial reports as written. The motion was seconded and passed. Jill Miskelley will write an announcement for the school newsletter regarding the purchase of wish list items.

Principal's Report:

- ✓ I hope everyone had a wonderful and family-filled Thanksgiving. Now it is Advent and our message to our children is to prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ!
- ✓ Our Day of Sharing was fantastic! We started with Mass and we shared in the joy of three students as they were baptized in front of our school family – this was a first to be sure! Our day just got better as the students shared activities, lunch, and enjoyed assemblies to end the day! Many thanks to all parents and especially the Sharing Day Committee for preparing, setting up, serving, and cleaning up at lunchtime – it was delicious and festive! Food left over from the lunch and canned goods donated at Mass were given to the Holland Rescue Mission. Letters of appreciation were written and sent to the Holland City officials. \$190 worth of board games were donated to the Holland Hospital and Family Hope Ministries.
- ✓ Student Council collections have been tallied from Halloween and will be sent to the Holland Police Dept K-9 Unit (~\$230).
- ✓ Conferences were held last week. Thanks to all for attending.
- ✓ Upcoming field trips: include 4/5 to Lansing, Middle School to Frederick Meijer Gardens, Herrick Library, DeGraaf Nature Center, and Service projects at OLL and SFD.
- ✓ PJ Day is Monday, December 15 (this was an election result here at school!)
- ✓ Circle Wednesday, December 17th's School Mass (8:45 a.m.) on your calendar! Bishop Hurley is our celebrant!
- ✓ The entire staff is looking forward to the Home and School Association's Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday December 16!
- ✓ Many special events are happening this Holiday Season – please remember to check backpacks, email newsletters, and the website for updates!
- ✓ Our Christmas Program is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9 @ 7:00 p.m. and will feature our choirs, orchestras, and bands in songs, scripture, and music! Please plan on joining us. Dress Rehearsal is set for Tuesday, December 9 at 9:30 a.m.
- ✓ The Preschool Christmas Program is Monday December 15 at 2:00 p.m.
- ✓ Christmas Break begins at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 19. It will also be a green and red/jeans "morning." Classes resume on Monday, January 5.
- ✓ Have a blessed Advent!

Board of Education (BoE) Report:

- ✓ The Marketing Committee has made arrangements for the Corpus Christi float to appear in the Parade of Lights on Tuesday, December 2. Front office will email a notice to parents.
- ✓ New format for school newsletter has been implemented.

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Committee Reports:

- ✓ Room Parents: Nice job on Day of Sharing. Theresa Asselin will talk to Rebekah Brown about classroom baskets for Spring Fling. Ideas for baskets are welcome. Comment was made to consider class size in basket assigned.
- ✓ Special Events (Teachers' Christmas Luncheon, Admin. Assistant's Day, First Comm/Reconcl. Gifts, Tulip Time snack): Teachers' Christmas luncheon is scheduled for December 16. Holly Bouwens is arranging coverage for teachers while they are at luncheon.
- ✓ Volunteers: Anne Gardner will organize label cutting events in January, with one during the day and one during the evening. A suggestion was made to have bags of labels available for volunteers to work on at home and return to school.
- ✓ Fall Fundraising: Committee had a meeting in late November to review event. Plans for next year to start in January.
- ✓ Other Fundraisers (Book Fair, Pop Cans): No report.
- ✓ Winter Fundraising: Event scheduled for April 18, 2009. Theresa Asselin will meet with Rose Bays about working on obtaining licenses. Art projects for event were discussed; ideas included class canvas paintings or tablecloths.
- ✓ Field Day: No report.
- ✓ Family Social Events: Family movie night scheduled for December 7.
- ✓ New Families: No report.

Old Business:

- ✓ None.

New Business:

- ✓ Policy regarding movies shown at school was discussed.

Announcements: None.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: January 5, 2009, 6:00 p.m. Prayer: Pam O'Brien (January – March meetings at 6:00 pm).

Submitted by:
Carol Quinn
Secretary, Home and School Association '08-'09