

Home and School Association
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2009

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

Call to Order: Jill Miskelley called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm at the Corpus Christi Center, and Theresa Asselin led all present in an opening prayer.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the January 5, 2009 meeting were distributed to all members present. There was a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- ✓ The Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual Report for July 1, 2008 through February 2, 2009 and the Balance Sheet as of February 2, 2009 were distributed to all members present. At half way through the school year, approx. half of the budget has been used, so things are on track. There was a motion to approve the financial reports as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

Principal's Report:

- ✓ This year's CSW celebrations were filled with prayers and fun! Thank you so much for sponsoring the Donuts and Juice Party and the Talent Show – your support and enthusiasm for our events is deeply appreciated! The Talent Show, January 29, was entertaining as usual! Weekend liturgies at SFD and OLL are coming up (SFD – this past weekend, and OLL February 7&8). The students, staff, and families worked very hard to prepare. A special thanks to Karen Bush and members of the Marketing Committee who donated time and talent and hours of hard work to coordinate these weekends.
- ✓ I wanted to share the following information with you regarding Service Hours and Outreach Projects that our students, staff, and families took part in during the first half of the school year. It is a wonderful summation of our commitment to the ministry of Service and Social Justice which ties into our Catholic Schools Week Celebrations this week.
 - Collection of Board Games for Hope Ministries
 - Canned Food Drive for Holland Rescue Mission
 - Student created Placemats for Zeeland Hospital food services
 - Loose change collection to benefit the Holland Police Department K-9 Unit
 - Collection of baby items for Catholic Schools Week
 - Student created cards of thanks and appreciation for the Holland city employees and city departments/service providers
 - Student created Holiday Cards for US servicemen and women
 - Fall clean up of grounds and facilities at: Our Lady of the Lake and St. Francis de Sales (Grades 6-8)
 - Volunteer hours at GR God's Kitchen (Grade 7)
 - Volunteer hours at DeGage Ministries and Mel Trotter (Grade 7)
 - Corpus Christi Catholic School Big Brothers & Sisters Program – presch-8
 - Food Collection to create Thanksgiving Baskets at OLL
 - "Bouquet of Prayers" for special intentions of the Corpus Christi Catholic School families (165 students each morning all year long – one Our Father = 29,370 prayers)
 - Talent Show proceeds to Stepping Stones Daycare a ministry of the Holland Rescue Mission
- ✓ We are holding a very special Open House on Thursday February 5 from 6-9 PM. Below is some information – we have sent out letters to current families, Religious Ed families, church bulletins, and newspapers – SPREAD THE WORD!
- ✓ Families will have an opportunity to visit classrooms and meet teachers in preschool through eighth grade. There will also be informational sessions held where you can hear about curriculum and specific information including tuition assistance and extracurricular programs offered.
- ✓ Informational sessions that are scheduled to take place include:
 - General Overview: 6:15 p.m. (Chapel)
 - Preschool Program: 6:30 p.m. (Chapel)
 - Kindergarten Program: 6:45 p.m. (Chapel)
 - Middle School: 7:15 p.m. (Chapel)
 - Grades 1-5 classroom presentations: 7:45 p.m. (in classrooms)

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- ✓ The Regional Spelling Bee is coming up – February 24 at Allendale Middle School - 7:00 p.m. This year, Maura Monahan and Samantha Jo Brown will represent the school!
- ✓ The Geography Bee Contest winner was Alec Shrode. He will take the test to qualify for the State Bee in early Spring.
- ✓ Conferences are scheduled for Thursday February 19. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Conferences are Thursday afternoon and evening. There is no school Friday (February 20). Enjoy!
- ✓ Change to the master calendar: Note that Friday February 27 IS a full day of school. Friday April 3 there is NO school – it was originally a half day with dismissal at 11:30 a.m.
- ✓ The Student Council is busy with plans for the second semester. They will act as guides and hosts for the February 5 Open House. They are planning March Madness (March 27), Wacky Tacky Day (TBA), and an outreach project. They are also volunteering to assist the Home and School with Field Day.
- ✓ Songfest is March 3 at the Delta Plex in GR.

Board of Education (BoE) Report:

- ✓ All committees on the board are working hard so that school is being seen in the community.
- ✓ Texas Hold ‘Em comment received from OLL parishioner that event was very well run.

Committee Reports:

- ✓ Room Parents: Room parents need reminder to get information out to families on getting Spring Fling basket items.
- ✓ Special Events (Teachers’ Christmas Luncheon, Admin. Assistant’s Day, First Comm/Reconcl. Gifts, Tulip Time snack): First Communion gifts have been ordered.
- ✓ Volunteers: No report.
- ✓ Fall Fundraising: Shadow for chairs needed for next Walk A Thon. Corporate sponsorship work beginning for next event.
- ✓ Other Fundraisers (Book Fair, Pop Cans): Book Fair scheduled for March 10 – 12, 2009.
- ✓ Spring Fling: Event scheduled for April 18, 2009. Tickets will start to go on sale February 16 at \$25 per person. Rose Bays is working hard and has a lot of great ideas. Advertising is going out to preschool families this week. Table will be set up at school entrance to advertise. Auction items are being obtained, with a goal of 30 items for the night, in addition to classroom baskets and art projects. Suggestions were made to get advertising out to parishes.
- ✓ Field Day: No report.
- ✓ Family Social Events: Donut Day was a nice relaxing event!
- ✓ New Families: No report.

Old Business:

- ✓ None.

New Business:

- ✓ Nominations for Vice President position open until February 27.

Announcements: None.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: March 2, 2009, 6:00 p.m. Prayer: Carol Quinn (January – March meetings at 6:00 pm).

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