

Home and School Association
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2009

Present: Jill Miskelley, Pam O'Brien, Theresa Asselin, Judi Koepnick, Karyn Rice, Jessica Cook, Anne Gardner, Holly Bouwens, Rose Bays, Carmelita LaPorte, Michelle Jensen, Carol Quinn

Call to Order: Jill Miskelley called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm at the Corpus Christi Center, and Carol Quinn led all present in an opening prayer.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the February 2, 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 March 2, 2009 and the Balance Sheet as of March 2, 2009 were distributed to all members present. Invoice was paid for picnic tables and bench from playground improvement fund. There was a motion to approve the financial reports as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

Principal's Report:

- ✓ PSAS Tuition Assistance Applications went home last week and are due by March 20.
- ✓ Registration packets will go home March 11! Please fill out all of them forms and return them as soon as possible. Please notice that the registration fee is \$100 until April 3 and after that date the registration will go up to \$150.
- ✓ Our students are in the news! Maura Monahan and Samantha Jo Brown did a great job representing our school at the Regional Spelling Bee! Samantha Jo came in fourth and Maura took first place and will advance to the State Level - March 24 at the Gerald R Ford Museum @ 7PM!
- ✓ The Fourth Grade Songfest is Tuesday March 3 at the Delta Plex. The Science Olympiad is right around the corner - it is a very small group this year but they have been working hard to prepare.
- ✓ Lent is here and the students are concentrating on prayer, fasting, and actions of kindness and service in the community. Silent lunches (twice a week) and many classroom activities are being highlighted weekly in the school newsletters. Individual Reconciliation will take place on March 13 and 27 for grades 2-8. We will be reciting the Stations of the Cross as a school family and individual classrooms, and encouraging all to visit the Chapel for Silent Meditation.
- ✓ Student Council activities:
 - Wacky Tacky Day was celebrated on Friday February 27
 - St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated on Monday March 17
 - March Madness is Friday March 27
- ✓ March is READING MONTH - our committee of teachers has been busy preparing a calendar including special events, speakers, and readers! The calendar went home last week - check it out!
- ✓ The Calendar for the 2009-2010 school year should be ready in early May. I will have the Diocesan Calendar soon - I hope to get some insights into WOPS and Zeeland's calendars so that I can compare! I anticipate that the school year will begin before Labor Day - which is September 7.
- ✓ Next month, a Parent Survey will be going home to Pre-8 specifically soliciting feedback on classroom and academic matters. The feedback/comments we received last year were very helpful as we improved and planned programs and as teachers set individual professional goals. Our goal is to make our school the best it can be.

Board of Education (BoE) Report:

- ✓ Parent meetings will be coming up in the month of March.
- ✓ Possibility of participating in Dutch food court fundraising opportunity during Tulip Time was discussed. Approximately 75 to 100 volunteers would be needed daily from May 5 to 9. Potential exists to raise \$4,000 to \$5,000. The possibility of asking parishioners to help was discussed.
- ✓ CCCS float has been accepted into all three Tulip Time parades this year.

Committee Reports:

- ✓ Room Parents: No report.

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- ✓ Special Events (Teachers' Christmas Luncheon, Admin. Assistant's Day, First Comm/Reconcl. Gifts, Tulip Time snack): Second grade room parents will coordinate May crowning reception on May 13.
- ✓ Volunteers: Anne Gardner will ask committee chairs if they will continue in their role next year, or need a replacement.
- ✓ Fall Fundraising: Corporate sponsorship letters planned for mailing in April.
- ✓ Other Fundraisers (Book Fair, Pop Cans): Book Fair scheduled for March 10 – 12, 2009.
- ✓ Spring Fling: Event scheduled for April 18, 2009. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets at parishes two (2) weekends in March. Menu to be sent out to parents, lots of great options. Entertainment to include DJ, pitching machine, Crash from the WhiteCaps. Auction items are being obtained, with a goal of 30 items for the night, in addition to classroom baskets and art projects. Possibility of advertising in the newspaper was suggested.
- ✓ Field Day: Scheduled for June 2, 2009 (all day, at school). Rain date will be June 3.
- ✓ Family Social Events: No report.
- ✓ New Families: No report.

Old Business:

- ✓ None.

New Business:

- ✓ Nominations for Vice President position – none were received. Officers will discuss.
- ✓ Teacher's Appreciation Week – last week of April possible date.

Announcements: None.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: March 30, 2009, 6:00 p.m. Prayer: Jill Miskelley (January – March meetings at 6:00 pm).

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