

Home and School Association
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2009

Present: Jill Miskelley, Pam O'Brien, Theresa Asselin, Judi Koepnick, Holly Bouwens, Carmelita LaPorte, Kassie Rodino, Amy Supple, Carol Quinn

Call to Order: Jill Miskelley called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm at the Corpus Christi Center, and Pam O'Brien led all present in an opening prayer.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the December 1, 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 thank you notes from teachers for their Christmas luncheon and gifts.

Treasurer's Report:

- ✓ The Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual Report for July 1, 2008 through January 5, 2009 and the Balance Sheet as of January 5, 2009 were distributed to all members present. Various teachers' wish list items have been ordered (document projector, cymbals, picnic tables/bench). Options are being reviewed for cabinets for music room. There was a motion to approve the financial reports as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

Principal's Report:

- ✓ Mrs. Amy Supple did a special presentation on the IOWA tests and some general information related to understanding these tests. She mentioned the focus on writing skills in 4th and 5th grade; however, this is not addressed by the IOWA test. She stated that parents are welcome to contact her or their child's teacher to discuss the results of these tests.
- ✓ I hope everyone had a blessed and restful break! Thank you again for the wonderful and thoughtful gifts from the Home and School Association and also the entire school community!
- ✓ The Diocesan Seminarians will visit our classrooms and eat lunch with the students sometime at the end of January. These are the same young men who have visited the past few years. Some of our classrooms have maintained communications with them.
- ✓ Catholic Schools Week is approaching. The activities are being planned at the school. Our school will send the Student Council has our representatives to the Cathedral on January 27 @ 11am for a special CSW Liturgy with the Bishop. The Talent Show will be during that week (January 29). Weekend liturgies and displays are January 31/Feb 1 at SFD and February 7/8 at OLL.
- ✓ A full schedule of Catholic Schools Week activities will be sent home in a few weeks.
- ✓ The Middle School Geography Bee will take place January 9.
- ✓ The School Spelling Bee is scheduled for January 16 at 1:30 p.m.
- ✓ We will welcome two student teachers to our building second semester: Mr. Amante and Mrs. Ashley will mentor these students from Hope College.
- ✓ The Kindergarten and Preschool Open House will be scheduled this week. Program information will be compiled.
- ✓ I am beginning to receive information regarding ninth grade at the various schools and I am compiling a list that Mr. O will send out to parents of 8th graders.
- ✓ Iowa Test scores will go home to parents in a few weeks.
- ✓ Marcia McEvoy and Patrick are scheduled for Friday January 23. They will meet with the girls and boys separately in two sessions (3-5, and 6-8)
- ✓ The semester ends on January 16. Please note: Monday January 19 is a professional development day for the Staff – there is NO school.
- ✓ A huge thank you to all moms and dads who made the holiday festivities such a wonderful success for our students. The parties, the treats, and the gifts were deeply appreciated! You are such a giving and generous community! God Bless You now and always.

Board of Education (BoE) Report:

- ✓ The Board is in the process of drafting the budget for the 2009/2010 school year.
- ✓ The Board is planning on publishing a marketing piece for the school to include updated standardized test scores.

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Committee Reports:

- ✓ Room Parents: Rebekah Brown will be contacting room parents with basket assignments for the Spring Fling.
- ✓ Special Events (Teachers' Christmas Luncheon, Admin. Assistant's Day, First Comm/Reconcl. Gifts, Tulip Time snack): Teachers' Christmas luncheon on December 16 was a success. Mrs. Supple commented on how much the teachers enjoyed going off-site for this event. Thank you to Holly Bouwens for arranging this!
- ✓ Volunteers: No report.
- ✓ Fall Fundraising: No report.
- ✓ Other Fundraisers (Book Fair, Pop Cans): No report.
- ✓ Spring Fling: Event scheduled for April 18, 2009. Theresa Asselin has met with Rose Bays, who has many great ideas – it promises to be a fun night! Ticket price set at \$25 per person. Event will include an auction (need for an auction license to be reviewed).
- ✓ Field Day: Holly Bouwens to coordinate date of event with Judi Koepnick.
- ✓ Family Social Events: No report.
- ✓ New Families: No report.

Old Business:

- ✓ None.

New Business:

- ✓ Need for additional participants and workers for Texas Hold 'Em events (parents, teachers, etc.) was discussed.
- ✓ Purchase of additional letters for outside sign board was discussed.

Announcements: None.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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

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