

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

MAY 9, 2013

Before the meeting started Mrs. Jackson showed a short video that the 6th grade made about their interpretation of a Robert Frost poem; three 3rd grade students read one of their favorite fluency stories and then they shared a video made by the 3rd grade about their favorite books. Mrs. Daly shared her 5th grade students bridges that they made from recycled materials. Mrs. Reed showed a short video that the 4th grade made about WV History.

Meeting started at 6:45pm with a welcome by Deanna Palmer, President

Prayer by Marlena Reed

Principal's Report - Mr. Derico advised that the cost of taking school buses is expensive - \$30 per hour plus \$2 per mile. Enrollment is at 155 students and it looks like it is about the same for next year. The replacement of the windows is moving along slowly. The Diocese and Mr. Derico are debating on which brand of window to put in. The cost will be about \$50,000 and will take about 2 weeks to complete once the project is started. He thanked all the staff, students and parents for all their hard work on the Social Studies Fair. Pat Snuffer was the overall winner. Upstairs is going to the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine next Thursday for the field trip and downstairs is going to Idlewild the following Thursday. June 5th will be the end of year awards/prayer service and everyone is invited. June 6th is the end of year picnic at Lewis County Park. He is working on the 2013-2014 school calendar and we might have a different spring break than the public school. Right now it looks like we will have Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Monday; and then the teachers have to go to a conference so the students would also have Tuesday and Wednesday off. He also advised that he just ordered 2 new iPads from Title 1 money.

Father Steve - not available tonight

Mary Hendricks - not available tonight

Treasurer's Report - Regina was not available tonight but Mr. Derico read the treasurer's report: Checking balance is \$16,098.41; Enhancement Committee balance is \$4,926.38; Savings balance is \$3,763.26.

Scrip - the church is the only person that has ordered Scrip since about February.

Fundraising Discussion – Deanna advised that HSA has made \$28,000 this school year and we still have the golf tournament in August. Our goal for next year is \$29 – 30,000. We are losing the Jubilee and Lewis County Fair as fundraisers this year.

Donkey Basketball – Josie Britton advised there are no updates at this time.

5K Run/Walk 2013 – Jonelle Swiger advised she doesn't have final totals yet – there are a few last minute things that have to be paid for (extra shirts and medals)

Vera Bradley Bingo – Chanda Kelley was not available tonight but Deanna advised that it made about \$3,500.

Future/Potential

Candy Bar Sales – we already voted on this back in January 2013. Julia Marsh advised she would not be the chair for this. Laura Anderson volunteered to chair this.

Zul's – Julia Marsh is friends with Rob Zuliani, owner of Zul's, and he said he would love to get involved with St. Pat's. We would make 40% profit. He can either bring his truck or just give us the buckets of frozen lemonade. Discussion about different times/places that we could sell Zul's. Suggestion was made to sell during Labor Day weekend at Jane Lew – see if we can use Pat Boyle's lot again this year. Laura Anderson said she would be the contact for Zul's and that she would contact Pat Boyle about Labor Day weekend.

Ideas to replace LC Fair – Deanna suggested a helicopter golf ball drop. Adaire Snyder suggested selling candles again. She has a business license and can get the candles at wholesale for about \$10.50 each. She said we could even put a label on them with a picture of the school or for the upcoming 100 year anniversary. Mr. Derico advised that the 100 yr anniversary of the school and church will be in the Fall of 2014. He also stated that he would like to have fewer but better fundraisers – he doesn't want to send stuff home all the time for parents to sell. Whatever we do we need to make sure we do it very well and that may mean that people need to call with reminder to parents to sell stuff. Decided to table the candle idea until the fall meeting.

HSA donation for upkeep of school – at the last meeting we discussed if we should give a certain amount or if it should be a percentage of each fundraiser. Deanna asked Advisory Council for their input but they did not want to tell us what to do with our money. Mr. Derico advised that the church no longer pays for our janitorial supplies or anything else like wax for the floors or paint. He would like to paint a few of the classrooms this summer. Jim Sprouse suggested to give a minimum of \$3,000 or 10% whichever is greater.

Motion was made by Jim Sprouse to give minimum of \$3,000 or 10%

2nd motion by Melissa Jordan

MOTION PASSED

Enhancement Committee – Cathy Snuffer was not available tonight but Deanna talked to her before the meeting. This year money was used to pay for the buses for the field trips. Cathy would like some ideas from us for future fundraisers and what to use the funds for. Julia Marsh suggested to have a popcorn sale once a month and that it would be a good way for the kids to get involved in helping their school out.

Parental Mentor Program – New parents would be paired up with a buddy that has been here for a while – that way the new parent would have someone to call and ask questions to. Deanna wants input to see if this is a good or bad idea. Several parents said they thought it was a good idea because they were scared when they first started at school. Mr. Derico said he thinks is a great idea and it should be done now and ready for the next school year.

Adaire Snyder made a motion to start a Parental Mentor Program

Jonelle Swiger made 2nd motion

MOTION PASSED

Event Discussion

End of Year Picnic – Deanna wanted to know if we need to get the bouncy house. Josie is going to check with the park to see if they would let us have it there. Amy Mehr said that we never had one in the past at LC Park because there is the playground, mini golf and basketball hoops. Jonelle Swiger said it would be nice to have one for the kids that don't want to swim. Mr. Derico said we would once again ask parents for monetary donations and the school would purchase all the food for the picnic.

Mrs. Moody asked if HSA would purchase water and snacks for field day that is going to be held May 31st at the old state hospital.

Adaire Snyder made a motion to purchase water and snacks

Krista Paugh made 2nd motion

MOTION PASSED

Mrs. Moody thanked HSA for buying the new math program – the kids LOVE it!!

Short discussion was held about the length of term for HSA Officers.

Jonelle Swiger made a motion to leave the term to 1 year

Connie Sprouse made a 2nd motion

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Derico handed out the ballots for voting for 2013-2014 HSA Officers that had to be turned in tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm by Deanna Palmer

***NOTE - Mrs. Moody and Mr. Derico counted the ballots and the following were elected for the 2013-2014 school year:

President - Connie Sprouse
Vice President - Nicole Aman
Secretary - Melissa Jordan