

The meeting started at 6:35 pm with a welcome by Connie Sprouse, President.

Prayer by Mrs. Kraus.

Mary Hendricks – Thanked us for choosing a catholic education for our children. She stressed the importance of helping out with fundraising activities for our school. Tuition does not cover the operating costs of the school. The school is funded from four sources: tuition, fundraising, subsidies from parishioners, and church. The actual cost of tuition is \$3,607 per student. It is important to make up the deficit by helping with fundraisers. Helping with fundraisers also allows us to network with folks we have a lot in common with. SCRIP is an easy fundraiser, it just takes planning. Use SCRIP for your day to day purchases such as gas and groceries. Order your SCRIP on Friday and your cards will come home the next Thursday. Mary also encouraged anyone wishing to become part of the Catholic Church or to learn more about Catholicism to attend RCIA.

Principal's Report – Smooth start of the school year. Mr. Derico noted the new windows which had been installed in the school. The project took approximately two weeks to complete. The total cost of the project was \$50,450 for 77 windows. The project was funded from a most generous donation from Bishop Michael Bransfield of \$15,000 and several \$5,000 donations.

Mr. Derico introduced Ms. Tami Wilt as the new fifth grade teacher. A new physical education teacher has been hired, Mrs. Dye. She is currently on leave, two substitute teachers are currently covering the role, and those are Mrs. Debbie Meyers and Ms. Brooke Foster.

St. Patrick School is one of three schools eligible to receive funds from the the George and Mary Kremer Foundation. The school received \$10,000 to be used for tuition assistance. Monies raised from the sale of school pictures were used to purchase 100 chairs for the school cafeteria. Mr. Derico stressed that Catholic Schools are looking at a lot of extra costs with technology, just trying to keep up.

Father Steve was unavailable for the Pastoral Report.

Treasurer's Report – Regina reported a balance of \$3,055.22 for the Enhancement Committee, a balance of \$10,868.57 in the General operations Fund, and a balance in savings of \$3,764.50.

Fundraising –

Labor Day Weekend Parking/Zul's Sale- Josie Britton reported profits of \$5,422.00 from parking at the Jane Lew Fireman's Festival over Labor Day Weekend and from the sale of Zul's at the festival. Expenses for fundraiser were \$36.00, with \$4,611.00 of the profits coming from parking and \$811.00 coming from the sale of Zul's.

Elimination Dinner – October 26th is the desired date for the dinner. The gymnasium is already scheduled for another event that evening. Other ideas were offered for alternate venues including the Senior Center, Fishing Club, Hickory House and Stonewall Resort. Mandy Empoules and Amy Taylor both volunteered to talk to Stonewall Resort Staff about reducing the quoted price of \$18-\$20 per person. The Elimination Dinner cannot be held on November 2nd; Bishop Michael Bransfield will be coming to bless the new altar in the church.

Catering options for the Elimination Dinner were discussed. Cindy Weaver is unable to cater the food this year. Teri Cole was contacted about catering and she is willing to do it. We could cook the food ourselves if we are able to get enough help. Jacksons Mill was also mentioned as another possible venue for the Elimination Dinner. Erin Hawkins suggested that pictures could be taken of couples at the Dinner. Pictures could be printed then sold; she suggested that Jonelle Swiger should be contacted as a possible photographer. It was discussed if the Dinner should be held at the beginning of 2014 possibly around Valentine's Day since it is difficult to find a Saturday when the gym is available and there is an away WVU game.

Donkey Basketball - Josie Britton provided a report for the upcoming Donkey Basketball event. She is meeting with Marty Garton on Sept 12th at the Armory. A special thank you to Delegate Peggy Donaldson Smith for getting the fee waived for the use of the Armory. She would like to have a kitchen set up for snacks and sell T-Shirts at the door. Josie has set up four teams for the games including the returning champs The Assassins, Pony Baseball Coaches, School Bus Garage, and possibly the Weatherman from WBOY. The game will be held on October 6, 2013 at 2:00pm. She plans to sell Zul's, depending on whether we are able to use the kitchen at the Armory.

Future Fundraising –

Cookbook Fundraiser - A cookbook fundraiser was presented to the group by Connie Sprouse and Nicole Aman. The cookbook will be themed around the 100th Anniversary of the school. The cookbook will include a kids section. Recipes are needed from Alumni, ladies from the parish, and family members of the children. Hope to get it printed in the spring. Connie talked to Lewis County Printing; they could print them for \$6.00 per book for 80-100 recipes. Melissa Jordan checked the prices of Cookbook publishers from the internet, the prices varied on the number of cookbooks ordered. As more books were ordered the price decreased, we would have to make a big commitment to get a better price. The price will also vary if we have pictures and the amount of recipes we get. The selling price will need to be set after we see how many recipes we receive. Mrs. Jackson made a motion that we have a Cookbook Fundraiser. Mrs. Reed made 2nd motion. MOTION PASSED.

T-Shirt Fundraiser – A T-Shirt Fundraiser was presented by Nicole Aman. The T-Shirts will be sold to Students and Parents. Students will be able to wear them for T-Shirt Tuesday which will be every other Tuesday – alternate weeks from dress down day.

Sample designs were passed out to the group. Mr. Derico suggested that we allow the students to choose the design. Nicole spoke to Casey Enterprises about printing costs, with a minimum of 125 T-Shirts ordered; they will charge \$6.75 a shirt. They are able to offer different styles of T-Shirts; prices vary among the different styles. The shirts will be sold for approximately \$12.00 - \$15.00 for a short sleeve T-shirt. It was suggested by Mrs. Kraus that we re-advertise the T-Shirt Sale closer to Christmas - the shirts would make great gifts for Alumni. Mrs. Reed made a motion to sell T-Shirts for T-Shirt Tuesdays. Mrs. Kraus made a 2nd motion. MOTION PASSED.

Thirty One Fundraiser – Amy Simmons presented an idea of a Thirty-One Fundraiser for the school. It was discussed that the fundraiser be held prior to Mother’s Day. Erin Hawkins made a motion that we hold a Thirty-One Fundraiser. Josie Britton made a 2nd motion. MOTION PASSED.

Discussions were held regarding the sale of Sarris Candy and a Purse Auction. Both discussions were tabled.

Read Aloud Program – Allison Clem currently takes care of the program, she asked Connie to find someone to assist with the program or if someone wanted to take over the program. There were no volunteers at the meeting.

Discussion was returned to the date of the Elimination Dinner. Mr. Derico thought that the Elimination Dinner should be held in the fall because enthusiasm is better. He then suggested that we have the dinner on Friday, October 18th as the gym is available and there is away game for the High School. Mrs. Jackson made a motion to hold the Elimination Dinner on October 18th in the Gymnasium. Mrs. Clevenger made a second motion. MOTION PASSED.

Mrs. Reed asked about the Scholastic News Renewal for all grades. Regina Frazier stated that the teaching staff will order and then send the bill to the school for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.