

# ST. PATRICK SCHOOL HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

Meeting started at 6:30pm with a welcome by Deanna Palmer, President

Prayer by Mrs. Kraus

Treasurer's Report -Checking balance is \$10,941.06; Enhancement Committee balance is \$5,459.23; Savings balance is \$3,760.55 and we have approximately \$1500 of Scrip on hand. We did receive \$4000 from the Lewis County Fair for working the gate this summer. We don't have final totals from the Jubilee yet.

Principal's Report - Mr. Derico thanked all parents for coming to the meeting. We should have 18 iPads by the end of the month. Mr. Derico encouraged all parents to volunteer to help any way they could. We made \$4,780 from parking cars at Pat Boyle's Funeral Home last weekend during the Jane Lew Festival. All parents are encouraged to thank Pat Boyle for letting us use his parking lot for this fundraiser. New staff member, Jennifer Ammons, was introduced - she is the new half time aide in First Grade; Ms. Cayton was also welcomed back for her first full year as the Fifth Grade teacher. Any parents that want to go on field trips or help out in school and have not had VIRTUS need to attend the training on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> in the school cafeteria. Our easiest fundraiser is Scrip - you purchase gift cards for anywhere you shop and a percentage benefits the school and you can also designate a portion of the profits to go toward your tuition. Mr. Derico thanked Kathy Boyle for all of her hard work heading up the Jubilee/Jane Lew over Labor Day weekend. This year there are 156 "angels" in school - we have 29 new students, including the new PS class. Also was noted what a wonderful staff we have too.

Scrip - last school year we made about \$3800. Suggestion was made to put a copy of the form on the website, so people can print one out when they need it or give them out to friends/family.

Previous Business

PK requested \$100 for replacement toys in her class. Mrs. Riley explained that some of the toys need replaced. She said that Mrs. Franklin donated a beautiful wooden doll house. Jonelle Swiger suggested that each student could donate one good/clean used toy of their own for the PS/PK class. She said the older kids might like the idea of helping out the younger kids. It was suggested it might be a good BLoC idea.

Motion made by Allison Clem for \$100 replacement toys

2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Kim Derico

Motion passed

JJ Jordan said he would donate \$100 for new toys.

## Fundraisers

Donkey Basketball – this is a brand new fundraiser for us. Josie Britton is the chair and explained a little about it. It will be held October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the school gymnasium. Four teams of rider will ride donkey's and play basketball. There will be 4 teams with games 3 played. There will be two 6 minutes quarter. If you are not familiar with Donkey Basketball go to Youtube and watch a couple of videos. There is no dribbling the ball, you ride a donkey and try to make a basket. We are going to have concessions and raffles also. The emcee is Jimmy Fealy. Advance tickets go on sale 30 days prior and will only be sold at Southern States – only 550 tickets will be sold. From early response, Josie thinks we will sell out.

Elimination Dinner – scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the school gymnasium. Barbara and Eric Paugh are the Chair. Each family is given 2 tickets to sell, they will go home in October sometime. Volunteers will help with prep and serving food.

5K Run/Walk 2013 – the one we did in the Spring was a huge success, so Jonelle Swiger is planning one for Spring 2013. Every child won a medal in the Kids Run last year. This year the new trend is pottery medals – she is checking into finding these local. People come back to races because they like the trophies and the new thing is a Bobble Head trophy. She has found a company to get them through that won't cost much more than regular ones. The only change for next year is that she might hire a timing company – for about \$300 they will take care of all the race end times. She will need less volunteers this year. Jonelle would like to try and keep it the weekend after the Irish Spring Festival – something that people will look forward to.

## Other Discussions

Julia Marsh explained that we are going to have baskets at Donkey Basketball to raffle/auction off. She has gotten a donation of 2 tickets to the Mountaineer game on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The plan is to sell raffles tickets before the event for this basket. Somebody has donated 4 tickets and a parking pass to the Notre Dame-Pitt game on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in South Bend, IN. We need to decide if we are having a separate raffle for this. Suggestion was made to sell them on Ebay or Stubhub instead. Discussion was held on the pros and cons of each. Vote was held.

Choice #1 – Raffle both the WVU basket and ND-Pitt basket

Choice #2 – Raffle the WVU basket and Ebay the ND-Pitt basket

Results: Choice #1 – had 20 votes; Choice #2 – had 0 votes.

Choice #1 – Raffle both baskets won.

Agnes Queen asked if the school could change snack time to the afternoon because her child is starving by the time he gets home and said there are other parents that have the same problem. Regina advised that this is something she needs to talk to the teacher and/or Mr. Derico about. Julia Marsh suggested that maybe the teachers could talk about it in their next collaboration

meeting. Mrs. Reed said she tells her 4<sup>th</sup> graders that they can bring an extra snack if they want. The problem is that the lunches are smaller but there is nothing we can do about that.

Elimination Dinner tickets sold do count toward the activity fee at \$25 for each ticket sold. Jubilee counts toward half of the fee and then other fundraisers are \$15 per hour.

Suggestion was made to sell boxes of candy bars. We will keep this in mind.

Mrs. Kraus said if there are any parents that would like to organize a Read Aloud program for the school to contact her and she would help get it set up. We used to have one and the kids loved it. Donna Akers volunteered for this.

Mrs. Reed asked if HSA would again purchase the Scholastic News for the upstairs students and the Weekly Reader for the downstairs kids. They cost about \$4 per student for the entire year. They are a great resource and the kids love them.

Motion made by Allison Clem to purchase Scholastic News/Weekly Readers

2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Mandy Empoules

Motion passed

The Choir sang 3 songs under the direction of Mrs. Kraus and Ms. Cayton, who was filling in for Mrs. Jackson

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.