

MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2008

Present: Joan & Bob Vetter, Michelle & Gary Brady, Suzanne Walker, Mary Ann Starkey, Pam & Fred Fielding, Mary & Gerry Philbin, Mary Jo Lahiff, Mary Lou Stahl, Kathy Simoncelli, Lynn Fennel, Don Wach, Carol Haas, Michelle Hietanen, Lori Hull, Laurie Hennessy, and Gail Phillips.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:12 pm.

Opening Prayer: President of Parent Guild, Michelle Brady.

Minutes of June 19, 2008: Michelle Brady motioned to accept the minutes from the June 19th meeting. All in favor. Referring to these minutes, Michelle clarified that some of the \$11,000.00 netted from last year's Lottery was from the previous year.

Treasurer's Report: The General Account has \$7,512.05 as of June, 2008. The Lottery Account has \$4475.56 as of July, 2008. Michelle Brady proposed that the Parent Guild donate \$150.00 for refreshments for the upcoming Meet the Teacher Night. All in favor.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Condolence cards were sent to the Gerwitz and Kruska families, as well as two teachers from Immaculata, for the passing of their family members.

Principal's Report: The Principal's Newsletter was sent out to all, which contained a great deal of information about the upcoming school year.

- Mrs. Lueck resigned this week and a replacement was hired today.
- Next Thursday is the Freshman Parent Orientation.
- Many physical improvements have been made in the cafeteria.
- The school is still waiting for approval of a new Digital Sign in front of the school.
- There are twenty-five families that are not caught up with tuition payments. Five or six are not caught up from the previous school year. Certified letters have been sent out to them today. All families must be paid up by the first day of school.
- The current number of freshmen enrolled is fifty.

President's Report: Thanks went out to Linda Hooper for doing the Directory for the school.

A discussion was had about the Parent Guild's donation to the Mater Christi award Night. Suzanne Walker gave a description of the annual event. Last year it netted the school \$80,000.00, which is primarily used for tuition assistance and scholarships. The Parent Guild purchased a sponsorship for \$750.00 and in turn received six tickets to the event, which were given to people who could not purchase their own tickets. Joan Vetter proposed that this year the Parent Guild donate \$1,000.00, with the Parent Guild receiving six tickets in return, to be donated. Bob Vetter seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Monte Carlo Night, to be held on October 18th this year, is the annual fundraiser for the sports program. Andrea Agnello-Drabik asked if the Parent Guild would consider donating a prize for this event. After a brief discussion of possible options, it was suggested that the Parent Guild think about this and a decision will be made at the September meeting.

Fundraising Review: Representatives from the Magazine, Niagara Candy and Zap-A-Snack fundraising companies reviewed their products and details of their fundraisers.

- *Magazine Sale - Representative Jonell Reitler* - This sale also includes Hamburg Sun subscriptions. It will take place at the beginning of September. Online orders can always be placed.
- *Wreath/Poinsettia Sale* - Will take place in October
- *Niagara Candy Sale* - Representative Lou Ann Karoglan - For Easter candy.
- *Zap-A-Snack Sale (now Best of the Best) - Representative Hank Pylkus* - Will take place March 23rd to April 26th, with delivery on May 7th.
- *Shamrock Sweepstakes* - Will take place on February 28th at Lucarelli's, which has been booked. After a discussion about ticket prices, Don proposed that ticket prices this year should be \$40.00 (from \$35.00 last year), with a goal of selling 900 tickets (up from 800 last year). Lori seconded the motion. All in favor.
There will be a Gift Gathering Party on February 7th to collect gifts/prizes for this fundraiser.
- *Lottery Tickets* - Because of an error in printing, we will get a 50% discount on printing for this school year.

Parent Social: Will take place outside on the school grounds on September 12th at 7:00 pm. There will be an outdoor fire pit, and the Parent Guild will supply the refreshments. Everyone attending can bring lawn chairs and snacks.

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 pm. Next meeting September 11, 2008, 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted by Gail M. Phillips, Recording Secretary.