

PSA Minutes for August 9, 2010

Opening Prayer: Ms. Cowling opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:52 p.m.

Roll Call: Present at the meeting were Jenn Y., Libby R., John P., Ms. Cowling, Tracy D., Mary Beth M., Patti P., Alexia R., Crystal M., Colleen Y., Annah G., Connie S., Annemarie G., Jenifer S., Lisa G., Father Joe.

Secretary's report: After members reviewed the minutes from the June meeting, John made a motion to accept the minutes and Patti seconded.

Treasurer's report: Noreen reported that we finished the 09/10 school year fulfilling our \$80,000.00 commitment. Bingo made \$46,700.00 of that money, great year! We loaned Sue V. \$2,985.00 to purchase Radio City tickets for the middle school trip. John made a motion to accept the report and Jenn seconded.

Committee Reports:

Fall Fundraiser: Jenn reported that packets with the raffle tickets are going to be sent home with the school calendar. Tickets will be sent to parish families the end of August. The return date is 9/24. The winning tickets will be drawn at the family liturgy on 10/16.

KART: AnnMarie reported that the committee has not met yet.

Silent Auction: Will be held on March 5 at the Albany Country Club.

Golf Tournament: Crystal reported that the net profit of last year's event was \$6,526.00. There were 100 golfers, more than previous years. This year's event is scheduled for 6/10 at Winding Brook.

Sunshine: Nothing to report.

Social Committee: Tentative dates for this year's events:

12/3/10- holiday shop

1/7/11-mother/son night

3/4/11- father/daughter dance.

School Banking: Mrs. Ritz will be collecting and depositing the money again this year. Collection will be on Thursdays.

School Board: Lisa reported that at the last meeting the board discussed committee reports, enrollment numbers which is currently 194. All are welcome to attend and listen to the meetings.

Principal's Remarks: Ms. Cowling introduced herself and thanked the PSA for their efforts in raising money for the school.

With trying to get to know the school's ins and outs she had lunch with some of the 8th graders for their input and point of view how they see our school. There have been some issues of concern brought to Ms. Cowling's attention that she addressed:

Dismissal- Teacher's are very concerned that dismissal procedures are not safe for the children. Ms. Cowling along with the Teacher's are going to investigate alternative solutions.

Alcohol- It was brought to Ms. Cowling's attention that there is alcohol being consumed at school functions. Ms. Cowling made it clear that this will no longer be allowed when there are children present at the function.

There are leaks that are being fixed. New front doors will be installed through a heating grant. The heating system has been repaired. Ms. Cowling is looking into forming a technology committee to have a tech plan in place.

Next year is Holy Spirit School's 50th year!! Ms. Cowling will be busy trying to plan a kick off this spring. She is in need of finding Alumni to serve on a committee for events celebrating this special year.

Middle School: Nothing reported.

New Business:

Valley Cats game: Libby reported that there were 259 tickets sold for the game. The net that will be used for the staff Christmas party is \$1,768.00. Libby will chair this event again in the spring.

Original Art Program: Tracy and Libby will work with Mrs. Cahill again this year. Packets will be going home the first week of school. The children will do the art project in class, if you prefer something that they have already done it needs to be on an 8x10 piece of white paper.

Playground Volunteers: A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to supervise the children at recess.

Upcoming PSA sponsored events:

Open House-9/16 need volunteers.

Family Liturgy- 10/16

Parish News:

8/15- 7:00-8:30 in the gym our young adults involved in services will be sharing their experiences.

8/15- After the 7:00 mass there will be an ice cream social.

8/23-8/26- St. Mary's and Holy Spirit K-4th grade vacation Bible School.

Closing Prayer: Father Joe closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:35 p.m.

Adjournment: Next meeting, Monday September 13th at 6:45 p.m. in the Library.