

PSA minutes for January 3, 2011

Opening Prayer: Ms. Cowling opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:51 p.m.

Roll Call: Present at the meeting were MaryBeth M., Tracy D., Alexia R., Ms. Cowling, Kelly B., Tina S., Annmarie G., Libby R., Joan C., Jaime S., Courtney G., Father Joe, Noreen C., Cathy S., Ruth P.

Secretary's report: After members reviewed the November minutes, Libby made a motion to accept and Jaime seconded.

Treasurer's report: Noreen reported that the Scrip program made about \$174.00 with selling \$2,900.00 worth of gift cards. Only about 6 people participated. The Fall fundraiser and Bookfair were also down a little from last year. The loan that the PSA gave Middle school for the class trip has been repaid in full. A motion was made by Ruth to accept the report and Tina seconded.

Bingo: Is down a bit from last year. Making about \$300.00-\$320.00 per night.

Committee reports:

Sunshine: Flowers were sent to Mrs. Valley. Flowers were also sent to Mrs. Antalek (**It's a Boy**). Mass cards were sent to the Fleischer and Cooper families.

KART/5K race: Annmarie reported that the money looks like this: afterschool running club - \$825.00, the race- \$1,479.00, Corporate sponsors- \$3,450.00 for a total net-\$4,817.50. The committee thanked Elsworth for creating a wonderful website. Annmarie also thanked Diane for linking the fundraiser/event with the East Greenbush Business Alliance.

Golf Committee: Kelly reported that the committee had their first meeting in December. They are following the same format as last year. Would like to implement a 50th Anniversary banner or something to recognize the school's anniversary. The event is on June 10, 2011. They are having their next meeting on 1/17/11.

Silent Auction: March 5, 2011 at the Albany Country club. Tina reported that the committee is having some difficulty with obtaining donations. Ticket prices are going up from last year, if you purchase 2 weeks prior-\$65.00 , after the deadline-\$75.00 and \$95.00 at the door.

Spring Fundraiser: Cathy reported that they are starting to prepare the Krause's candy fundraiser and raffle sale.

Social Committee: Mother/Son bowling-Friday 1/7. Tickets are \$12.00 per person. A reminder was sent out. The money is due on Thursday 1/6. The Holiday shop made \$570.00, donating \$285.00 to Concerns U, and \$285.00 to Catholic Charities of

Columbia County. Father Daughter dance is scheduled for March 4, 2011. **Ruth is resigning as social committee chair at the end of this school year. The PSA would like to thank her for all of her hard work making special and memorable events for our families.**

Valleycats: Libby reported the game will be on July 16, 2011. There will be 300 seats held for us to try and sell.

School Board: Ms. Cowling reported that Fire inspection went well- we passed.

Old Business:

Scrip program: The PSA sends a HUGE thank you to Mary and Alicia for getting the program off of the ground and running. Reminder will be going home to order gift card and that they don't need to be used as a gift. If you need to make a purchase at Loews~ buy gift cards to benefit the school, it's a win~win!

Book Fair: Noreen reported the sale was a little down from last year. Mrs. Parmenter will be buying some new books with the proceeds.

Faculty and Staff Christmas dinner: There was a dinner supplied by The Honeybaked Ham for the Faculty and Staff the night of the Christmas concert. The dinner's cost was approximately \$600.00, about \$300.00 less than last year. Everyone that attended really enjoyed themselves. Several thank you cards were passed around including one from Father Joe and the parish staff who were thankful to be invited.

EGBA Discount card: Diane launched the first East Greenbush Business Alliance Discount card. All vendors participating are on the back of the card and our website. Cards are available for \$10.00 each. Contact Diane Soule.

Bake Sale: Tracy sent a HUGE thank you to all of the bakers and volunteers. We made approximately \$500.00.

New Business:

We Need the following for the 2011/12 school year:

New Chair for Social committee

PSA Secretary

Basketball Concessions

Principal's Remarks: Ms. Cowling remarked on all of the wonderful events such as the 2nd grade play Jack and the Beanstalk, 3rd & 4th grade production of Scrooge, the Christmas concert, all of which everyone worked so hard on! Thanks to Ms. Colangione and Mrs. Antalek for the spelling bee in which Brevin F. will be representing us at Proctor's on February 9th. All of the children that participated did a great job! The audience was very captive and wonderful! Parent/ Teacher conferences went very well. There was a Thanksgiving Mass held in honor of the parish. Parishioners and staff were invited for a reception following mass to thank them for supporting the school. Middle school trip and dance went well. Ms. Cowling thanked the PSA for the Christmas dinner.

Catholic School's week: 1/30-2/5~ need volunteers.

Basketball tournaments coming up.

The Endowment Committee is working hard on having an annual giving campaign. Ms. Cowling wants to thank the committee and especially **John C.** for a donation to get started. Also, working hard on retainment within. Then the next step is recruitment. Jerry L. is trying to get a few people to start speaking about our school for the Development committee.

Intruder update: The intruder has been back one time and was not allowed on the premises. The faculty and staff are following safety guidelines. Ms. Cowling spoke about safety to grades 4 and higher.

Ms. Cowling apologized for not knowing that in years past the day before Christmas break has been out of uniform. She also stated that she does have some ideas for out of uniform days, she wants them to be meaningful and or charitable events. Pride in our uniform is pride in our school.

50th Anniversary Celebration: No report.

Parish News: Father Joe reported the following events:

LIFT- February 6th, 7th and 9th. Focus is on Eucharist prayer, all families are welcome.

New Mass schedule: Saturday- 4:00, Sunday- 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer: Father Joe closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:09 p.m.

Adjournment: The next meeting is Monday February 7th at 6:45 p.m.