

PSA meeting highlights for November 3, 2008 meeting

Treasurer's report: It was reported that the Fall Fundraiser has fallen a little short from last year and has made about \$15,000 this year. Bingo is doing very poorly; the number of people in attendance is way down.

Fall Fundraiser: It was reported that 7 families have not yet turned in their fundraising money. Reminder letters have been sent to these families.

School Banking: A discussion was held regarding the need to sign up for a new school banking account if you already have an account with First Niagara. A bank representative informed our chairperson that it is necessary to fill out the paperwork in order for the bank to have an updated signature card.

Social Committee: The holiday shopping event is well underway. We have received handcrafted items from Holy Spirit and St. Henry's parish families. Plans are going well for the father daughter dance; the date and the DJ are secured. A suggestion was made to either have the dance start a half an hour earlier or last a half an hour later. The members that were present were concerned that this might be too long and that the time in the past years they feel was sufficient.

Silent Auction: The committee held a meeting. Reference was made to the fundraising link on the school's website. It was suggested that the site needs more content. As the Silent Auction gets closer the items being auctioned will be listed on the site.

Golf Classic: The classic will take place in late spring. There are many creative things that the committee is working on to help this fundraiser. For example, having a mini golf classic for the whole family and having an art contest again this year for the flags.

K.A.R.T: It was reported that things are going well; they are in their 4th week. So far they have raised enough money to cover the 5k event. The committee hopes to expand this event with Siena next year.

Genevieves: It was reported that this fundraiser made approximately \$3,000.00.

Playground: It was reported that the only day that we are lacking volunteers for playground supervision is Mondays. There was a suggestion that we purchase signs to post in the road to slow cars down. A committee member offered to call the town to inquire about closing that stretch of road between 11:40 –1:00 each afternoon.

Family Directory: This is being developed with a new database, and our volunteer is having some difficulty.

Family Liturgy: There was discussion that new families should have more direction as to how they could help.

First Communion: It was explained that there is a Diocesan recommendation stating that all second grade children attending Holy Spirit school need to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion at their home parish. There was great concern and extensive discussion over this topic. Father will take our concerns into consideration and talk them over with the affected Priests.

Additional Topics discussed:

Members asked where the money from our tuition goes, what does it pay for? As a result, that topic will be on the agenda for the December meeting.

It was explained that the school will be using a broad blast communication system. This will notify families of emergencies such as early dismissals due to weather etc.

The next meeting will be December 1st.