

PSA minutes for December 1, 2008 meeting

Opening Prayer: Mr. Rooney opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:52pm.

Roll Call: Present at the meeting were: Ruth P., Tracy D., Patti P., Alexia R., Sharon C., Tina S., Tina C., Heidi F., Diane D., Cherie W., Robin M.I, Tanya L., Roger R., Ellie R., Noreen C., Father Joe, Connie S.

Secretary's report: After members reviewed the minutes from the November meeting, Robin M. made a motion to accept the minutes and Heidi F. seconded them.

Treasurer's report: Noreen reported that the fall fundraiser was down from last year approximately \$2,700.00. Bingo is not doing well, approximately \$7,000.00 less than last year at this time. The Bingo committee is looking for a new coordinator. Ruth P. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Robin M. seconded.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Mrs. Stone a middle school teacher is in the hospital.

School Store: Sharon C. reported that there are funds in the bank to bring educational enrichment activities in to the school. The committee is looking for ideas. The Lake George Opera house is scheduled. There were comments that the Earth Dome last year was a great success. A holiday order form will be going home in the December 5th Friday folder.

Fall Fundraiser: Nothing to report.

School Banking: Heidi reported that a representative from First Niagara will be coming in to talk to the children. There was a suggestion made about putting "banking" days on the calendar, to remind families to send their deposits that day.

Social Committee: Ruth reported that the Holiday Store donations are coming in. They are in need of donations for fathers and children. Wish lists will be going home, on this list families will put who the children are buying for and how much money they can spend. Volunteers are needed

to help. The children will be doing their shopping during their recess on December 12th.

Silent Auction: Nothing to report.

Golf Classic: There is a meeting scheduled for December 3rd.

K.A.R.T: Cherie and Robin reported that the race went well. They raised a total of \$4,768.93. They had hoped that there was more participation. There was discussion that this program has the potential to be a major fundraiser. They requested that they would like approximately 10 people for this committee. Roger mentioned having photos and testimonials for Mr. Beste to make a power point to help advertise and get the children excited and want to participate.

Genevieve: The order is coming in on Wednesday December 3rd. The funds raised from this fundraiser pays for the staff Christmas party that is held at Casey's on December 4th.

School Board: Roger reported that the next meeting is scheduled for January 12th at 6:45 in the rectory, all are welcome to attend.

Middle School: Roger reported that the field trip was very nice, they went to see the Lion King in New York City. Report cards went home. The school is looking to see if there is a need for after school care. If there is a need, they would be looking to hire a person from 2:30-5:30. They are also working on having a study hall during lunch.

Old Business:

First Communion: Roger reported that after hearing all of the school communities concern the Parish and school have made a decision. The present Kindergarten, first and second graders will make their First Communion here at Holy Spirit. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be made at the child's home parish. To prepare for First Communion the children will need to go to their home parish for 2 or 3 meetings. For the future new coming kindergarten children the families will be notified that there may be policy changes at the Diocesan level.

New Business:

Parish/School financial report: Father Joe and Mr. Rooney are reviewing the financial report.

Efforts to increase enrollment: Suggestions were made on how to increase enrollment- maybe have volunteers to talk at surrounding parishes during catholic schools week. There was also discussion about having the children from the school being involved in doing things at the parish.

Boxtops for education: Reminder that we do participate in this program.

8th grade fundraising: There was an inquiry made asking if the PSA would mind if the 8th grade class held a fundraiser to help pay for their trip to Niagara Falls, there were no objections noted.

Posting of PSA minutes to the website: There were no objections noted to posting the minutes to the website.

Parish News: Christmas Mass will be taped at Holy Spirit. Bishop Howard Hubbard will be at Holy Spirit on December 12th. The middle school children will be involved, if anyone would like to attend they need to contact the parish.

There was a suggestion made to invite two new people to the PSA meeting on February 2nd.

Closing Prayer: Father Joe closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:10 pm.

Adjournment: The next meeting will be February 2nd.