

PSA minutes for November 1, 2010

Opening Prayer: Ms. Cowling opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:49 p.m.

Roll Call: Present at the meeting were Ruth P., Tracy D., Mary Beth M., Tanya L., Kelly B., Dawn K., Diane W., Patti P., Jaime S., Kelly L., Anne C., Amy U., Diane D., Joan C., Cathy S., Tina S., Noreen C.

Secretary's report: After members reviewed the minutes, Ruth made a motion to accept September's minutes and Patti seconded. Jaime made a motion to accept the October minutes and Patti seconded.

Treasurer's report: Noreen reported that Bingo has slowed down a bit compared to last year. Last year our bingo was advertised, this year we have not advertised. Patti made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Jaime seconded.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Flowers were sent to Mrs. Bourdeau, Mrs. Parmenter. A mass card was sent to the Mann family.

Fall Fundraiser: There are 8 families that need to fulfill their commitment. The committee is sending letters as reminders.

KART/5K Race: There wasn't a committee member present at the meeting for all of the details of the fun run being called "the Zach Duncan run".

Golf Committee: Kelly reported that the first meeting is scheduled and will take place in the next couple of weeks.

Silent Auction: Tina reported that plan are underway for this years event. One of the items that they received to be auctioned is a gift certificate for a local farm.

School Board: Ms. Cowling reported that Tish LaTorre the Director of Institution Development will be doing a presentation in the school gym on 11/2 at 6:45 p.m. The Board feels that we need to get a marketing group up and running.

Old Business:

Original Art: Tracy reported that there have been a few "snags" this year. The entire 2nd grade's art was rejected due to the material that was used. Tracy requested that if we decide to continue the program that she would need help.

Family Liturgy: Tracy thanked everyone that helped with the event. There were many concerns expressed about the event. We had a lengthy discussion on ways to improve the

event for next year. Cathy passed on a message that Deacon Bill Dringus was very appreciative that he was included in the mass this year.

Raffle winners were: 1st-Howard Family, 2nd- Mann Family, 3rd- Rohl Family and 4th- Palladino Family.

New Business:

Faculty/Staff Christmas party: Will be held after school and before the Christmas concert on December 17th 3:30-5:30 p.m. We are going to have the Honey Baked Ham company cater the dinner, and will be held in the Library.

Scripts program: Cathy passed around a prototype of what the families will receive in their Friday folder within the next couple of weeks. The program will be titled "**Holy Spirit School Gift Card Express**". Cathy made a motion for the PSA to purchase gift cards in the amount of up to \$500.00, Ruth seconded. No objections were noted. These gift cards will be kept in the office for people to buy last minute gifts.

EGBA discount card: Diane proposed an idea of having discount cards made in alliance with the East Greenbush Businesses. Patti made a motion for Diane to spend up to \$150.00 on plastic cards. No objections were noted. These cards have local businesses listed on the card and a discount that they give. We are hoping that this will help build our relationship with our community.

Playground equipment: Thanks to Paul and Dave for taping off the unsafe section of the playground and Cathy Scott and her family for the donation of gravel, the children have been able to play. Unfortunately, the play equipment for the nursery, PreK and Teddy Bear Daycare has been inspected. The inspector advised Ms. Cowling that it is not safe and should be taken down. Further discussion will take place between Ms. Cowling, Diane and Dawn about what needs to be done, and a new play area for the "little kids".

50th Anniversary Celebration: Father Joe and Ms. Cowling asked the Girvin and Caramore families to co-chair the celebration.

Parish news:

Virtus training-November 10th in the gym 6:00-8:30p.m. Register at the door.

Can of green beans drive- our combined goal for the parish and school is 600 cans of green beans. Donations due by 11/16.

Mass of Thanksgiving- Wednesday 11/24 at 6:30p.m. Bring an item from your table to be blessed; bring an item for the food bank.

Closing Prayer: Ms. Cowling closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:20 p.m.

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