

MINUTES

St. Gabriel Consolidated School PTO Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Maria L., PTO President at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Welcome – Maria L.

- Child Care available tonight in cafeteria
- PTO Membership table
- Opening Prayer was led by Mrs. Angie Charron

Secretary's Report – Laura H.

- Laura requested and received from Laura E. a motion to waive the reading of the previous meeting's minutes. The motion was seconded by Pat K.
- PTO emails are sent out weekly. If you are not receiving one and you would like to, please contact the PTO Board at PTO@StGabeSchool.org
- Agenda, Announcements and Minutes from tonight's meeting will be available on our website and at the Flag Door.

Principal's Report – Mr. Epplen

- "My Child Attends SGCS" yard signs are available free of charge.
- Some teachers were absent from the meeting because they were attending an 8th grade recognition at MND. This year's 8th grade is very strong academically with 10 out of 22 girls recognized by MND for scoring above 90% on the entrance exam. Three students were in the Top 40 of Roger Bacon's exam. One student has received a \$3000 scholarship to Ursuline Academy.
- Registration Process
 - Currently enrollment is consistent between 400-420 students.
 - Word-of-mouth is best tool for recruitment. Please pass along the good word about our school.
 - Materials will come home in the Thursday Envelope. Please follow the materials with regards to subsidies and contact Cheryl B. with your questions.
 - St. Max – January 20th – Catholic Schools Fair after Sunday Masses. Please come out to help promote the school.
 - St. John – January 26th & 27th after all Masses.
- Welcome to the Thompson family! They are new to our school and have a daughter in Mrs. Hunt's class.
- Please be cognizant of packing healthy lunches for your student(s).

Guest Speaker: Ms. Hollis Bass, Registered Dietitian from Cincinnati Children's Hospital

- Encouraged parents to visit www.mypyramid.org.
- Handouts will be available by the Flag Door.

Active Committee Reports

- **CNO Update**
 - Maria L. spoke for the CNO chairs. CNO was a successful event generating over \$16,000 in profit.
 - Watch the Thursday Envelope for a survey about CNO and about future fundraisers.
 - Thank you to all who attended and helped.
- **Catholic School Week – Aimee D.**
 - The theme of this year's CSW is "Light the Way".
 - CSW is a celebration of Christ-centered education from January 27 – February 2.
 - Planned activities for CSW include
 - ◆ Service project to benefit a Jamaican school damaged by storms. We will be collecting school supplies for them.
 - ◆ Open House on Wednesday, January 30th.
 - ◆ All School Mass at St. Max on Thursday, January 31st at 9:30am.
 - Contact Aimee D. to help and watch the Thursday Envelope for more information.
- **Other activity reports found in PTO Announcements**

Old Business – None

New Business –

- **Budget Update: Coreen B.**
 - Review of budget:
 - ◆ Library income and expense has been removed from the annual budget and is a standalone item so it can be carried over from year-to-year.
 - ◆ A family made a donation of \$400 to our Drama Program.
 - ◆ Bottom line from CNO: \$16,758.53
 - ◆ Interest is up for the year because CNO deposits were made a month earlier than in the past.
 - ◆ A question was raised about bank fees. Coreen explained that it varies because it is based upon account activity.
- **2008 Board Elections Update: Kris K.**
 - Positions available for next year include Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.
 - Kris explained the nomination process and encouraged parents to nominate anyone whom they feel would be an asset to the board.
 - Ballots will be distributed in February with the results announced in March.
 - The Board is being elected earlier this year to allow the new Board to shadow the current Board.

General Announcements

- Maria L. reviewed the available volunteer positions
 - CNO Co-Chair to work with Katrina H.
 - 2-3 M&M Fundraiser Chairs
 - Market Day Co-Chair to work with Cindy L.
- Maria also explained that a survey will be going out to current chairs to document their positions. This will allow for an easier transition between outgoing and incoming chairs.
- Thanks and appreciation to individuals was given by Kris K.. Please check the “Wall of Appreciation” outside the cafeteria and visit the Kudos! page on our website to see all of our volunteers for the Fall/Winter. If your name is missing or misspelled, PLEASE contact Kris K. because everyone deserves to be thanked and recognized.
- **Next Meeting Date: May 14, 2008**

Open Forum

- Question was asked about Terra Nova results. Mr. Epplen replied that the results were mailed out today.

Split the Pot – Winning ticket was held by Aimee D. The cougar was won by Mrs. Hunt’s class.

Closing Prayer/Motion to Adjourn – Mr. Epplen led the closing prayer. Adelaide L.I made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Laura E.

Respectfully submitted by: Laura H., PTO Secretary

Addendum

A review of the Interest Account revealed 2 recording errors. Our actual interest income from 8-1-07 is \$1124.08. Our total income increases by \$726.28.