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St. Gabriel Consolidated School PTO Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2011

The Meeting was called to order by Adelaide L., PTO President at 7:08 p.m.

Opening Prayer - Mrs. S. – Since May is the month to honor Mary, the Memorae was recited.

Principal's Report - Mr. E.

- Enrollment – Next year's enrollment is up over this year: there are 33 more students enrolled. Every class except 4th grade and 8th grade is full, with waiting lists. There are 4 spots open in 4th grade. The makeup of the new students fluctuates. Some that have signed up leave and are filled from the waiting list.
- We received notice that our accreditation was good. The only thing we needed to change was wording in the goal statement and this was just tweaking some of the words.
- Race for education – contributions coming in steadily. We've collected \$20,000 as of yesterday. Last year, the total collection was \$16,000. This money will be used to do things with the playground. Every year we get dinged by health department about the green slide. We'll probably be replacing that.
- Yearbooks will be distributed next Thursday.

President's Report - Adelaide L.

- This school year has been a blue ribbon year. Credit goes to all that made that happen.
- Our budget at the end of this school year is decent. It is solid, but tight.
- The board for the 2011-2012 school year was introduced:
President – Patty H.
Vice-President – Sherie B.
Treasurer – Kerry W.
Secretary – Debbie J.
- Thanks to Ann E. for coordinating the Race for Education.
- Mr. E. was presented with a gift for all his efforts this year.

Treasurer's Report - Martha DaSilva

- Thanks to teachers and Mr. E. for managing the budget in regards to classroom items. This item is at 71% of the budgeted amount.
- Our budget is doing better than expected.

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- Line items were reviewed:
 - SCRIP income: is not doing as well as last year. We anticipate bringing in \$5,000 less than last year.
 - 2010 blue ribbon award expense: the \$2700 was mostly for t-shirts. This money was taken out of the Catholic Schools Week budgeted expense.
 - Room Parent Reimbursement expense – this number is expected to go up at the end of the year. Martha will be taking reimbursement requests until May 27th.
 - Field trip expense – this amount is currently less than budgeted, but we expect this to be up by the end of the year. We expect to be at budget with this amount.
 - Expenses coming up: graduation and funfest. Martha requested that the committee for graduation to stay within the budgeted amount.
- Thad K. asked how much cash was on hand. Martha replied that we have a \$30,000 balance, but there will be money coming out of this by year end.
- Martha requested and received from Joan Verchot a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Debbie Janzen.
- Martha presented Adelaide with a gift on behalf of the PTO.

Secretary's Report – Paula B.

- Paula requested and received from Thad K. a motion to waive the reading of the January meeting's minutes. The motion was seconded by Scott S.

Old Business - Adelaide L.

- Thanks to all the PTO committee chairpersons. Thanks also to the Blue Ribbon Committee, to Stacy F., Rita A. and Carol W. There are thank you presents on the tables to all those who were PTO committee chairpersons.

New Business – Adelaide L.

- There are lots of ways to help with the PTO, including a couple of PTO chair positions that are open. See Patty H. if you want to help out.
- Joan V. and Lynda G. discussed the status of St. Gabe's Gala (formally known as CNO) taking place in the 2011-2012 school year.
 - Our last CNO was last year and was very successful.
 - There have been 2 meetings since the beginning of the year
 - The committees have been streamlined. We've reduced the number of committees from last year's 15. Most of the committee chairs are returning from last year. We need help with the check in/check out.
 - The committee that really needs help is the procurement committee. The need help with auction items and corporate sponsorship. Martha D. and Kim B. will be chairing this committee. They will need at least 10 people on their committee. We will be approaching people to help out in the fall. If you are called by a committee to help out, please consider volunteering.

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- **St. Gabe's Gala** will take place on **March 10, 2012**

Athletic Boosters – Bill M. and Teri D.

- The Boosters had an open forum at their meeting last week. There was discussion about providing information to the SGCS community. The Boosters have presented information at PTO meetings in the past and we will be going back to this. The Boosters will be speaking at the PTO meetings during the 2011-2012 school year.
- The Boosters have a Board for next year, set up similar to the PTO Board. Our vice-president for the 2010-2011 school year will be our president for next year. The 2011-2012 Boosters Board is as follows:

President - Teri D.

Vice-President - Elizabeth C.

Treasurer - Cindy L.

Secretary - Peggy P.

- Thanks to all who attended the sports recognition night on May 6. Last year's event got a little out of hand, so the Boosters tried to plan something a little more formal for this year. The Banquet had become number of things...a meal, recognition, dance. We surveyed the parents to find out their expectations of the event and went with what most parents wanted the event to be about. The initial feedback about this year's event has been positive. Most people thought it worked well. There were some who were disappointed in some things being left out. The Boosters will be sending out an official survey concerning the Sports Recognition Night to gain more feedback to plan for next year's event.
- The Boosters have done a parent survey after each season. We've tried different methods in the past (paper, link on website) trying to get feedback from parents. Currently, an email is sent with a link to a survey. The Parents of boys volleyball should be receiving a link shortly. The survey is used as a safety net to make sure we are hearing about any issues. The feedback is shared with the coordinator and a summary is shared with the coaches.
- We are currently accepting registration for girl's basketball for fall for girls entering 3rd-8th grade. This is of special note to parents of current 2nd grade girls. It catches some 2nd grade parents by surprise. The Boosters have to tell CYO over the summer the number of teams we will be having in the fall. We can't wait till fall to get things organized. The Boosters will take late registration if we can put them on a team. The late registration will include a late registration fee.
- The Boosters are in the process of obtaining gym time for the 2011-2012 school year. We've struggled with this year. McGee's didn't work out the way we thought it would be. For next year, we are looking at multiple independent places. We've started a relationship with St. Max and are looking to expand that. St. Max is letting us have gym time at a zero cost to us. Most of the boy's volleyball practices are there. We've also initialized a relationship

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with Lakota. Lakota's grades K-6 have never had any organized sports. Their gym time is as low as 10.00 an hour. Bill S. is working hard on getting budgeted hours to book gym time.

- The Fees that SGCS families pay to play sports are influenced by the amount it costs the Boosters to rent gym time. We paid almost \$30,000 in gym time last year. We currently have a balance of \$14,000. We try to keep this balance for things like unfixed fundraisers, uniform replacements, etc. We currently have a limited amount of fundraisers because we don't have the people to organize and carry out more. The Boosters need volunteers to run fundraisers. Right now fees will be held the same.
- Bill opened the floor for questions. Thad K. asked about the Archdiocese wanting to be involved with CYO sports and what that means. Bill answered, in part, by giving background on this topic. Thirty years ago, CYO was part of the Archdiocese, but then there was break. The Archbishop at the time, Archbishop Bernadin, decided to make the break, mostly for financial reasons. Currently, the Archdiocese has no relationship with the mission or principles or direction of CYO. Archbishop Schnurr would like to bring CYO back to be part of the Archdiocese. He's had 9 listening sessions so far in all parts of the Archdiocese, which extends all the way up to Lima. Archbishop Schnurr is going to create a commission to write the bylaws to marry the CYO back to the Archdiocese. Currently, each parish does things independently. For example, some parishes have their teams say a prayer before practices and games and some don't. Some parishes have a paid position to bring spirituality to their CYO sports and some don't. The Archdiocese is expecting to put the bylaws in front of all of us in September 2012.

Joan V. asked if putting CYO under the Archdiocese was more financial or spiritual. Bill answered that Archbishop Schnurr wants to evangelize at the coach level to the kids.

Swearing in of the 2011-2012 PTO Board

- Mr. E. swore in the Board for next year: Patty H. (president), Sherie B.(vice-president), Kerry W.(treasurer), Debbie J.(secretary).
- The new board gave gifts to each of the outgoing board members

Split the pot – The winning ticket was held by Angie W. She will receive \$45.00. The remaining \$45 went to the PTO and the cougar went to Mrs. S.'s class.

Motion to adjourn - Lynda G. made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Joan V.

Respectfully submitted by: Paula B., PTO Secretary