

St. John Lutheran School
2008-2009 PTL Meeting
September 10th, 2008

Members present: Donna Albright, Vanessa Baxley, Linda Bookbinder, Novia Brussett, Peggy Costanzo, Kelly Cutich, Shawn Eberly, Karen Fant, Drea Fischer, Brent Griffin, Allen Hall, Nancy Hall, Melody Humphrey, Melissa Jones, Jennifer Kintzele, Linda Koontz, Marleen Locay, Norma Lopez, Cindy Miller, Daphne Peterson, Tammy Riker, Shaana Slaughter, Kelley Spears, Kris Strouse, Denise Turman, Rebekah Ulsaker, Kelly Wise, Karen Zeedyk

The meeting commenced at 8:46 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Shaana Slaughter briefly summarized a meeting she and Kelley Spears had with Tim Schmidt. Tim has graciously volunteered to post all the PTL minutes and pertinent information on the St. John website and Edline.

Treasurer's Report: Katie Paraiso gave a brief report on the status of the PTL account. The PTL account has \$28,128.32 as of 9/10/08. Katie asked for clarification on status of the Paypal account. Katie, Kelley Spears and Karen Zeedyk will conference on this matter.

Administration Report: Drea Fischer discussed the fact that each teacher has been issued a challenge this year. Some of these challenges include starting an elementary Science Club, a puppet ministry, and building the Christmas Parade float. Mrs. Swan, the High School Biology teacher, has already organized the Elementary Science Club and the first meeting will be on Thursday, September 11th. Pick-up will be at the Science Lab at 4p.m. Some other upcoming events will be the school pictures, Altrusa Reading Event, and Homecoming Week (10/6 – 10/10). Allen Hall requested that the Friday Flyer be available in paper form for the high school students and parents. Drea agreed to make them available at the front office.

“Principal Teas” – The first “Principal Tea” is being planned for parents of children in grades K-2. The idea of “Principal Teas” is to create a forum in which parents and administration can meet to exchange information and ideas. Vanessa Baxley has volunteered to hold the first “tea” at her home. Please look in the Friday Flyer for more information. Space will be limited to the first 20-25 parents who sign up.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report: Rebekah Ulsaker thanked all members present for their willingness to volunteer. Rebekah has received 60 volunteer forms to date. She emphasized the importance of each person's notarized affidavit and social security

numbers for background checks. No parent will be allowed to volunteer or chaperone without giving this information to Rebekah first.

- A. **Box Tops Report** – Rhonda Cummings was not able to attend the meeting so Rebekah gave her report. Last year, Rhonda collected \$1,052 worth of box tops. St. John was eighth in the county in collections. Rhonda will be collecting box tops again this year and everyone was urged to rip the tops of eligible boxes.
- B. **Campbell's Soup Labels Report** – Kelly Cutich is heading up the collection of soup labels this year. After a bit of research, she discovered that St. John has amassed 317,000 points from label collections over past years. Kelly will meet with Kelley Spears to discuss the allocation of the labels. Since there are no records of which classes collected how much, the amount may be split evenly among the grades. The points are used in conjunction with a rewards book for schools. Kelly will ask teachers for wish lists and place baskets in each classroom for collection. At the end of each month, each teacher will be asked to put the labels in the Teacher Workroom for collection. The possibility of a reward for the grade that collects the most labels will also be discussed at subsequent meetings. For more information or clarification of eligible products, please visit www.campbells.com and save the UPC code!
- C. **Saints in Service Volunteer of the Month:** Karen Zeedyk was named PTL Volunteer of the Month for all her hard work and dedication to making the school store a success at Open House.

Old Business:

- A. **Cookbook Update:** Kelly Wise – The cookbooks were delivered on the last day of school to Kelly Wise. There are approximately 300 cookbooks. Kelly is planning to sell the books at Muffins for Mom and will send out a flyer. The books could make great holiday gifts. Anyone with ideas for sales is asked to contact Kelly Wise.
- B. **School Store Update:** The PTL has rented a storage unit for the remaining inventory. Due to some interest from members present, the vote to sell off the remaining inventory in a final sale, as well as discussion regarding the website, was tabled.

New Business:

- A. **Sally Foster Fundraiser Update** – Kris Strouse presented her latest Sales Report to the members. The total monies raised so far, including online orders, is \$5,556. The order will be arriving on October 16th, pending no changes from Sally Foster.
- B. **Presentation for proposed fitness program** – Coach Amy Borie asked the PTL to fund a new fitness program for the elementary grades. The program is a “Mileage Club”. Coach Borie will keep track of the children's progress and after certain distance criteria is met, each child will be rewarded with a take home bead. Coach Borie expressed the importance of goal setting and fitness for the children. Coach Borie requested \$138.85 to start the program.

A motion was made to approve the request, seconded and passed without opposition.

- C. **Muffins with Mom Update:** September 17, 2008 at 7:45a.m. - Kelley Spears asked any volunteers who signed up to help at the event to arrive about twenty minutes early to help with set-up. The event should be finished by 8:15a.m. All parents who attend are asked to bring a blanket to sit on and wear comfortable, casual clothes.
- D. **Red Ribbon Week Update:** Marlene Locay has volunteered to head up the PTL's support role in Red Ribbon Week. The week's events are for grades K3-12th grade. The PTL has been asked to provide speakers for the event and Marlene has located two speakers that may be able to present to the children. Anyone with speaker suggestions was asked to contact Marlene. Kelley Spears also mentioned the possibility of the PTL handing out small "takeaways" during the week for the children as reminders of what they learned about drug and alcohol awareness.
- E. **Fall Festival Update:** Kelley Spears announced that the Fall Festival will take place on October 29th from 4-6p.m. The festival will be for grades K3-6th. The 7th – 12th graders will be asked to help with the activities. There will be booths, a cake walk, a hayride and other activities for the kids. The classroom coordinators are responsible for creating the booth or activity with the other parents in the class. The PTL has plenty of ideas if any are needed. Volunteers are needed for the day of the festival in small blocks of time starting at about 8a.m. Vanessa Baxley is organizing "Scarecrows in the Courtyard" which will be a fundraiser for the festival. Each group/class on campus will be asked to build a scarecrow. There will be a \$25 donation as an entry fee. There will be more information on the festival as it approaches.
- F. **Christmas Parade Float:** The Christmas Parade theme this year is "A Magical Christmas". Drea would like to see her vision of a large sno-globe with the Nativity scene inside realized. The building of the float is a great way to meet other families and get involved. Work in the float will start in October. There is a flatbed from Pat McLaughlin reserved for October through December. A volunteer to chair the building of the float, as well as a covered location to store the float while it is being built, is needed. Please contact Kelley Spears if you can help with the float.
- G. **Auction Update:** Karen Fant will be chairing the auction this year. The event will have a Western theme. The goals of the auction are to have more parent involvement, low ticket prices and successful fundraising. Please contact Karen with ideas.
- H. **PTL Grants** – Teachers are requesting money from the PTL for different programs that they would like to start at school. The teachers are mainly requesting "seed money" to begin their projects. The administration is asking for the PTL to set up a formal grant system that would require the teachers to fill out forms explaining their programs. After looking at the forms the PTL can make informed decisions about funding some of these projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45a.m. The next PTL meeting will be held on October 8th at 8:45 a.m. in the C.O.C room. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaana Slaughter
PTL Secretary

Paving Tomorrow's Legacy

Here is some helpful information and friendly reminders from our September 10th meeting...

- ❖ All volunteers must have their volunteer forms and affidavit filled out and notarized before you can volunteer in your child's classroom. Please contact Rebekah Ulsaker at (insert number or email) with any questions.
- ❖ The first "Principal Tea" will be hosted for grades K-2. Please look in upcoming Friday Flyers for the date and sign-up information. Attendance will be limited to the first 25 parents to sign up.
- ❖ Please continue to cut out box tops and soup labels and send them in with your child.
- ❖ Each class will be asked to create a booth or activity for the Fall Festival. Your Classroom Coordinator will be contacting parents with more information.
- ❖ The first PTL bake sale will be on September 24th from 11-1:30p.m. Please make sure your child has money for treats!

Important Dates to Remember:

- ❖ September 24th - See You at the Pole
- ❖ October 6th - 10th - Homecoming Week
- ❖ October 20th - 24th - Red Ribbon Week
 - ❖ October 29th - Fall Festival

The PTL meeting minutes are available to view, in their entirety, on the St. John website as well as on Edline.

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