

PTO Meeting

February 5, 2008

PTO Meeting began @ 6:45

Attendance: Lisa Donovan, Susan Thomas, Tim Donovan, Doraine Miller, Andy Hagadorn, Steve Zlotnick, Dave Pickens, Bernadette Hagadorn, Chris Rau, Laura Cote, Jane Obrecht, Allyson Olander, Stacey Constantine, Joanne Van Buskirk, and Bridget Bidonde

Meeting began with opening prayer by Lisa Donovan

Treasures Report:

Doraine Miller presented the budget which outlined the goals of the PTO for the 2007-2008 school year. It showed that the PTO has exceeded or met several goals outlined in fundraisers and events.

Booster Club:

Currently 144 tickets were sold. The drawing will take place each Wednesday for the next 20 weeks. The pay out will be around \$ 75.00 dollars each week.

Old Iron Spring:

Andy Hagadorn discussed the progress of the OIS 2008

- 60 applications were on the Sonic Bids Website
- Slots are being filled for crafters
- Andy will set out a detail form that shows the entire event mapped out and people who are in charge of specific events.
- New for OIS is a classic car show and a horse show that will take place during the weekend of the OIS.
- Andy met with Barnes and Nobles which will sell books during the events. St. Mary's school will get a percentage of the sales made from the book sale. Barnes and Nobles will have characters like "Clifford" and "Curious George" walking around the OIS.

New Business:

- Andy discussed a possibility of a new partnership with Barnes and Nobles in which we have the opportunity to make money.
- Joanne Van Buskirk discussed some ideas to improve the Christmas Parade for next year. Some suggestions would be to improve the conditions of the float, and

the costumes for next year. She also suggested that we snacks to the children, and continue to persuade the parents in kindergarten and first grade to be more involved since those students enjoy riding the float. This event should be a way to market our school to the community.

- Joann also suggested that new comers to the school for 2008 have more opportunities to be informed about the procedures before entering school in September. Some of the suggestions would be running a PTO Open House which would be an ideal time to inform parents about events and committees before Meet the Teacher Night in September. This would give parents an opportunity to find out what the committees are all about before being asked to sign up for them. Another suggestion was to have the **Happy Family Picnic** a bit later so parents can have more time to get to know other parents. This I could happen the same day as the **Harvest Hop** at the Saratoga State Park.
- One last suggestion was to have a PTO representative for each class to remind parents of PTO meetings and take and ideas suggestions back to the PTO meetings. Also concern from the audience was the lack of teacher presence at PTO meetings.
- March will be a Committee Chair meeting.
- April will be an open meeting.
- May's meeting will be a Committee Chairs.
- June will be an open meeting with elections.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45.