

PTO General Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2008

Call to order by President Jerry Kuntz.

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Carl Lewis

OCS Director's address: Ken Rasp thanked all the families and staff for all they do.

- Enrollment is at 1312 students (overall it has been increasing for most grades) The Middle school has grown by 5% and added one teacher.
- 85 new families to the system this year/ last year 81 families
- Ken asks for us to speak to people who are interested in OCS and encourage them to come to our school system.
- ACT/other test scores are higher than national average
- Annunciation Center has been a tremendous asset for the school system and is being used by all campuses and various activities. Building is not yet completely paid for; the annual appeal will help with this expense. Please encourage others to give to the annual appeal.
- During the past summer many improvements were made to 4-6 campus; painting, replacing ceiling tiles, light repairs and paint to gym, middle school repairs
- There are 3 areas of the campus that need a new roof. This is an unexpected expense, though there is money in the general fund.
- Thank you for the money that was used to replace computers at the K-3 and 4-6 campuses for each classroom. Computers were also updated at the middle and high schools (the high school was faculty and student computers).
- OCS has had an opportunity to get used Dell computers with one-year service agreement and 17 inch monitors from Henderson Community College. This would be a good deal, but we need the money to pay for it. Any ideas contact Ken Rasp at Central Office at any time.
- Ken Rasp opened questions to the floor. A parent asked about utilization of the Annunciation center gym. Sport teams at the middle school level are looking for gym time. Gym time is given on a first-come, first-serve basis; even varsity must sign up for gym time in this way. See school administrators about requesting gym time.

Treasurer Report from Lizann Thompson

Starting balance PTO account: \$36,884.34

Deposits: Box tops 4 education \$1,637.22

Used uniform sale \$1,549.00

Auction ticket pre-sale \$1,540.00

Recycled ink cartridges \$72.75

Withdrawals: Teachers Supplies \$7,800.00

Soft drink sale profit (2008) \$9,147.00

(Given to Central Office for computer purchases)

Grandparents day (2008) \$189.79

Ice cream social (2008) \$37.95

Field Day (K-3 & 4-6 2008) \$1,278.96

Open Houses \$80.04

Appreciation gifts \$44.28

Current balance: \$23,105.00

Technology demonstration of "Smart board" and "Elmo" by several teachers.

The smart board is an interactive learning tool, with a computerized projection screen onto a touch board/white board. Kids can interact with the board. This can do anything you can do with a computer, including display internet web pages. Frog guts demonstration was completed. A frog was interactively

dissected. One teacher has shown the NASA astronauts in space, one used the board to show detailed shots of the moon, and a kindergarten class played webkinz memory game.

Elmo is the new “overhead projector”. It uses a digital camera to project anything onto the whiteboard including microscopic images. These remove the need for transparencies and overhead projectors. The possibilities are endless with this technology. These items are also available in the public schools in every classroom. We need to offer everything those schools can offer, with the addition of faith enrichment. We currently have one system for each grade in the elementary school (except 3rd grade).

Tailgating Party:

Jerry Kuntz reminded parents and teachers about the tailgate party. Debra James is organizing this activity. The tailgate party will be behind Catholic High on the soccer field from 5-6pm. There will be free pizza and fun activities for the kids- Do not miss out!!

Auction Update:

Encourage people to involve at least 4 couples they know to the auction. Remember there will be priceless classroom projects to bid on. It is important we all give this 100% of our effort, to be able to fund the new smart board technology. We want this auction to be as successful as possible! Please get involved in the auction. Anyone wanting to donate auction items needs to contact a member of the executive board.

Lunchroom help:

There have been no lunchroom volunteers at the 4-6 campus and limited volunteers at K-3. This is very important job. There is a significant need for Wednesdays at K-3. There are openings on many other days. Contact a school secretary or Cathy Mitchell to get on the volunteer list. Carl Lewis encouraged men to volunteer in the cafeteria because the little boys love seeing a man in the cafeteria and need a positive male role model. Also grandparents are invited to volunteer as long as Safe Environment is up to date. Please contact us if interested!

Incentives for parents:

An idea was brought up about an incentive for parents to volunteer in the cafeteria, for example a jean day for their child. There were many who disagreed with this suggestion because parents should volunteer at the school for the joy of being involved in their child’s life. Also it is unfair for the children who parents have to work everyday and would not have an opportunity to volunteer. At this point we are not offering incentives for parent volunteers. Parent incentives for attendance at PTO meetings was not explored further.

Requests for donations:

Faculty and staff gave Jerry their “pie in the sky” smart board budget request.

Susie Alvey, the librarian from 4-6 Campus requests \$2,000 for new books on the AR list.

The library also needs volunteers.

Bishop McGraith has started an Enrollment Task Force for OCS. He would like a donation to help with recruiting families to the school system. Possibilities would include social functions, personal invitations to join the school system, or more informal parties. Money donated by the PTO would be allocated to the Enrollment Task Force.

Initial motion was made to commit a percentage of profits to technology to make a commitment to the teachers. After further discussion and clarification...

Final motion: was made by Vickie Cash

The PTO will commit to giving 70% of proceeds (after the PTO operating budget is fulfilled for 2009-2010 school year, approx \$21,000 – \$25,000) to fund technology smart boards and Elmo projectors, based on the percentage of students at each school, at the discretion of each principal. The remaining 30% may be donated to library, the A/R Program and the Enrollment Task Force.

Leslie Ebelhar seconded motion.

The motion was approved by acclamation.

Closing prayer: Carl Lewis

Meeting adjourned by Jerry Kuntz