

Home and School

Together We Can Make A Difference

Minutes

Second Meeting of 2007-2008

November 08, 2007

Chair Jessie Stoeckman called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Prayer was led by Jessie Stoeckman.

The Secretary's Report was read by Robb Bessey. Motion to approve the report by Sherry Drinan, seconded by Joan Schnorenberg.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Patrick Drinan. Copies of the report were provided. Many expenses have been incurred but there hasn't been much income yet. As of the meeting date the Fish Dinner still had some expenses. Income was less than expected and did not meet the \$2000 budgeted. A discussion was begun about the price structure. Motion to approve by Nicole Flanagan and seconded by Diana Lepak.

Principals Report:

The results of the parent survey will be compiled to send home. They will be reviewed by the staff and the School Committee at their meeting in November. The School Committee will then put in a list of recommendations. Some of the strengths were: staff, accessibility, academic program and parent involvement; some of the areas of concern were enrollment, tuition, lack of a foreign language and more religious activities.

There has been discussion of a retreat for students in grades 6-8.

There will be no mid-quarter reports because parents can look up progress on web grader. After some discussion, it was decided that reports still will be sent home, but they will be a printout of the Web Grader data.

Old business:

Longer discussion on whether or not to raise the price of the all you can eat Fish Dinner. After discussion it was suggested that a dinner for adults (or those 13 or older) would cost \$8; a dinner for children 6-12 would cost \$5, and those 5 and under would eat free. Carryout would be \$8 for three pieces of fish. New price structure approved by voice vote and will be implemented and advertised as such for the spring Fish Dinner.

Dinner Auction:

Pam Beine reported that it was a huge success. No numbers were available as of the H&S meeting; the Auction Committee was to meet to discuss. Pam suggested anyone interested in chairing this event is welcome to take over. Mary Kay would stay on, so a new chair would have someone experienced to work with on this fundraiser.

Dress Code Update-Father David:

14 people met with Father David to discuss the dress code. He reported no consensus about uniforms. Some were happy with the way things are, some thought there should be no dress code, some thought uniforms would be okay, some wanted uniforms. Fr. David reported that the new dress code and enforcement of it were working well this year, and compliance has been the norm. Father David suggested a "St. Kilian's Cross" to be worn by students at the following: special occasions, field trips, service trips. These Crosses would represent the students' faith and unity as members of this Catholic School. He suggested a special cross for 8th grade students.

Discussion moved on to dress code for the 8th grade graduation; there was concern over some of the fashions displayed in the past. Father David suggested rental of robes for the graduation ceremony. There was also discussion of how strictly the dress code should be enforced regarding athletic wear and gym class. It is hard to find athletic wear that complies with the length of shorts aspect of the dress code. The School Committee was to review this.

Stage curtains:

An additional expenditure of \$400 was approved for purchase of the stage curtains.

Ms. Little requested an extra expenditure on behalf of the Technology Committee to purchase the license for the Internet Filter. The School was able to purchase 4 years for the price of 3 but would have to pay for them all this year. This purchase was approved by voice vote.

Cookie Walk:

Bake night is scheduled for Nov. 16, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

There was discussion about people wanting to be reimbursed for ingredients purchased to make cookies. It was agreed that people would not be reimbursed for cookie ingredients for cookies baked at home, but would be reimbursed for ingredients used on bake night.

Catholic Schools Week:

Same events as last year, without the Family Dance, which was not well attended. There was a suggestion to have a movie night instead. There will also be a career day.

Next Home and School Meeting is February 7. Suggestion to rent a movie for the youngsters to watch, and a request for more babysitters.

Door prizes were awarded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47.

Respectfully submitted,
Robb Bessey