

St. Mary's TPO Minutes (subject to approval at October meeting)

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 5:30pm

Meeting called to order by President Kami Regenold at 5:33pm. Meeting was opened with the Our Father.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were reviewed from the February 2013 meeting. Carol Faust moved to approve the minutes. Amanda Lauritsen seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Brummel presented current financials, including a breakout by fundraiser. A current year balance sheet was presented.

Father David's Report: None.

Principal's Report: AdvancED (formerly North Central) Accreditation visit is next week, April 17-18. A six-member team will be visiting. On Wednesday, they will be visiting classrooms and interviewing a group of students in 4-8th grades. Parent and teacher interviews will also take place. On Thursday, there will be an exit report by the team that anyone can attend. The team's recommendations will be based on a 5-year plan for our school.

Adam Lawrence will be the new PE teacher and Athletic Director. Interviews will occur soon for Mrs. Hoke's and Mrs. Verdun's vacant positions.

SMART Boards for the classrooms are being pursued. These boards have numerous teaching possibilities, and have internet connectivity, along with speakers. There is currently a company promotion of purchasing one SMART Board and getting one free prior to June 30th. An additional one could be purchased after June 30th with the same buy one, get one deal. Cost is \$5000 for two boards, which includes installation; approximately \$10,000 for two sets of SMART boards.

Commission on Education Report by Kristi Wright: At the recent Commission meeting, Fr. David said that there will likely be more child involvement in the weekend Masses. Our parish might have a fall festival as a way to reduce church building debt. Kristi Wright was elected Chair, Angie Pickett as Vice Chair, and Alison Tarr as Corresponding Secretary.

Old Business/Ongoing Business:

- **Salad Luncheon report** – Carol Faust provided a summary. \$3226.38 net profit. Despite the snow storm the day before, we had a similar profit to previous years. Sign-up Genius seemed to help. We had about 100 deliveries. Thank you to all who contributed!
- **Discussion and Voting on Updated TPO By-Laws** – Sarah Duffy reviewed from a legal standpoint, as well as Commission on Education member. TPO Officers reviewed. After making the change to transition to new officers at the beginning of the new school year, Melanie Hoke motioned to submit by-laws to the Commission on Education. Kristi Wright seconded.
- **Accreditation Visit and Hosting** – Mrs. Voigts and Joni Collins have organized the food. TPO will provide hospitality for the visiting team.
- **Children's Basket Raffle** – Kristi Wright reported that spring time was too busy for the raffle. This fundraiser will be tabled and maybe the fall Open House will be a good time. Planning could occur over the summer.

- **Playground** – Kristi Wright reported that 2 benches and 4 trees will be coming to playground in the spring. Donations continue to come in.

New Business:

- **Draw Down, by Eric & Cory McTaggart and Brendan & Martha Greil (Friday, April 26, 2013)** – 125 tickets sold. Text messages will remind people to turn in tickets. Tickets will be sold Saturday and Sunday at all Masses for next two weekends. Calls will be made Monday night to those families who have not turned in any tickets or replied.
- **4-H Fair Chair** – Mark and Anne Corrigan will be chairing the 4-H Fair this year. We will be serving out of the big white building. Anne reported that pricing is being done and menus are being put together. Mark is also working on signs advertising SMS at the fair. Homemade desserts such as cookies and brownies will be sought from parents/parish and sold individually for 100% profit.
- **Meeting Day and Time Discussion** – We will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 5:30pm next school year.
- **Treasurer Election** – Amy Brummel was re-elected. Amanda Lauritsen motioned to approve Amy's re-election. Carol Faust seconded.
- **Vice President Election** – Eric McTaggart was nominated as VP. Chris Clement motioned to approve Eric's nomination. Kristi Wright seconded.

Open to the Floor

- An informational flyer on SMS has been created with the help of Tammy Johns, Mrs. Gill, and Mr. Morehouse. Flyers were distributed at Noah's Ark Preschool recently. They are a wonderful PR tool for our school. Getting this posted to our school web site and brainstorming ideas of how to share who we are to new families is a good idea.
- Tuition raffle was discussed. Amanda Lauritsen will get tickets prepared. Money raised could go toward the new SMART Boards.
- Open House for 2013 was discussed. How can we make it even more inviting for new families and current families? (Date was September 12 last fall.)
- Getting more people to TPO meetings was discussed. A text message on the day of the meeting could help. Other incentives were discussed.
- Parent involvement (Kristi Wright will chair) and a Welcome Committee (Eric McTaggart and Melanie Hoke will chair) were discussed.

Next meeting will be in October. Date will be announced.

Closing prayer – Hail Mary.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm. 25 TPO members were in attendance.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Alison Tarr.