

## **HOME, SCHOOL & CHURCH ASSOCIATION**

### **Committee Report Meeting Minutes**

**October 28, 2010**

**St. Mary's School Multi-Purpose Room - 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mari Zarccone-Patterson, Sherry Wolf-Halonen, Kristin Krueger, Christine Charbonneau, Stephanie Schleicher, Bettina Schutte, Elizabeth Wicklem, Carolyn Anderson, James & Christine Lilla, Steve Graham, Debbie Lyons, Maureen Kilian, Rita Riley, Jody Lenz, Tim Scanlan, Kate Harrold, Chad and Kris Denucci, Chris and Nicole Henning, Monika Fuchs, Mary Medini, Ed Paulsen, Krissy Dalton (22 Families represented)

**CALL TO ORDER/PRAYER:** Christine Lilla called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

**ROLL CALL/SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.

### **FUNDRAISING UPDATES: (report from the Fundraising Committee)**

The Gross amounts raised to date are:

Fun Fest Food Booth \$2697.00

Cookbooks \$20.00

Recycling \$790.00

Target \$672.00

Kemps \$232.00

Marathon It \$10,000.00 (not on report, but a committee member who was present verified the amount)

Congrats to all. Fundraising is off to a great start!

Christmas Fest. Christine Charbonneau, a Co-Chair gave an update. The event will be held the weekend of December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. This event is more about fellowship than fundraising. The format has been changed a little bit and the Work Campers will be doing the dinner again this year. Please contact Christine if you would like to volunteer to help out with preparation or various other activities associated with this event.

Marketing Committee Update. Nicole Henning gave a re-cap of the committee's mission.

One of the main objectives is to bring awareness about our school to our community. Here is a breakdown of some of the new things they have come up with.

PARADES - they have spearheaded several parades this summer with a float that the St. Mary's students and parents built and decorated. A special thanks to Jason and Bettina for the use of their home to get this awesome float ready. There has been great feedback from the surrounding communities.

SPIRIT SHIRTS - The kids can wear these shirts with St. Mary's name on them

on early out days and special days like field trips.

**BANNER** - The "Now enrolling banner" was placed on the porch wall on the front of the school. It has been taken down and will be replaced soon. More details to follow.

**NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION** - Current families mentor new families enrolled in the school. This includes addressing any questions they might have since they are new to our school.

**COOKIE DELIVERIES** - Best Maid Cookies were delivered to any business that has supported St. Mary's in any way, with any of our fundraisers. The students helped deliver these cookies and thanked the community businesses and some outside our local community. The kids did an awesome job of representing our school as they were polite, articulate, and mannerly. They delivered to 140 businesses.

**ON-LINE STORE** - Nicole Henning said they are working on an on-line store where you can buy St. Mary's items with a logo on them. The website will be modeled from the NR High School Store that is currently running to buy TIGER apparel and other such items as water bottles and key rings.

**BUDGET RE-CAP** - Chad Denucci gave an informal recap of the 2009/2010 school year. Enrollment exceeded expectations and donations came in that weren't expected. This positive outcome lends itself to our school spirit.

**SCRIP UPDATE** - Stephanie Schleicher and Christine Charbonneau gave a presentation on the Promethean Board reviewing the present goals and some proposed goals for the future of the program. One of the proposed goals is to encourage 100% participation of all school families. In order for this to happen, some scenarios are being looked at. One scenario is for families to purchase a certain amount of SCRIP per month. Another scenario is to consider changing the SCRIP coordinator position from a voluntary one to a paid part time position. They have done some research on how other Catholic schools operate their Scrip Programs. For instance, St. Anne in Somerset has the choice of fund raising for Scrip or paying a buy out fee for fund raising in general. St. Anne School is in its second year of using this model and has 100% participation and is forecasting a \$ 40,000 profit for this school year. This profit is after freight and wages are deducted. Another scenario could be the way Scrip is purchased. It may be possible to transition to an on-line ordering system accessed right from home. There is still another option to purchase using your checking account and email. You email an order and the amount is withdrawn from your checking account. Right now this is possible using such vendors such as AMAZON.com. The goals will be reviewed in the following weeks through the Budget Committee and Ministry of Ed. Recommendations will be given to the Pastor and Principal for their discernment.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Nominations were given for the available positions of Secretary and

Vice President. Carolyn Anderson was nominated and accepted the position of Secretary.

Thank you and welcome to Carolyn Anderson. Mary Medini and Elizabeth Wicklem were nominated for Vice President. A vote was taken and Mary Medini will serve as our new Vice President. Thank you and welcome to Mary Medini. Some questions were raised about the new meeting night and time and only having four meetings per school year vs. a monthly meeting. It was proposed that it may serve everyone better by keeping it to four per school year.

**BAKING BREAD.** A new fundraiser has started thanks to Jody Lenz, Monika Fuchs and their new committee. They will be baking bread on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help bake the bread or would like to place an order, please contact Jody Lenz. They will be making four different kinds of bread. Order forms will be sent out in the family folder. They are looking for donations of ice cream buckets.

**E-MAIL ISSUES.** Thank you to Ed Paulsen for his time in trying to help with the emailing issues of the last three weeks. It is improving but there are still some inconsistencies in receiving and sending email. Hopefully the issues will be resolved soon.

Sherry Wolf-Halonen made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:45 PM. Rita Riley seconded the motion.

**Our next meeting will take place Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room and childcare will be provided.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Krissy Dalton, Secretary