

St. Mary on the Hill School

PTO Minutes-November 17, 2009

Opening Prayer– Pat Fair

Motion to accept the minutes – Dan McCabe

Welcome – Pat Fair

Pat thanked all those who contributed their time in any way for the school carnival. With attention to: Gayle Thompson, Felicia Schneider(chairpersons), Melissa Johnson, Peggy Jeschke (Baskets), Chris Sweeney (Raffle), Julie Surlles (Country Store), as well as all the parent volunteers and teachers who provided every need as always. The 8th grade provided help with setup and cleanup as well. Kim Welsh did a super keeping up with the money.

Principal's Report- Mr. Darr announced that Father Jerry's surgery went well. Father is planning to rest and recuperate over the next several weeks and return to his pastoral work on Dec. 14th.

The student body gave a send off to Brennan Simkins and his family as they left town for St. Jude's Hospital for further treatment for Brennan. The students gathered in the front of the school to wave to the family as they drove by and offer up prayer as well. Mr. Darr asked to please pray for them as well as Mrs. Allison Godden who is battling serious illness as all of these are special people in our school community.

Reminders- Tuesday, November 24th is Grandparents Day at our school, if you have not sent in an RSVP to attend please do so as soon as possible. All grandparents are welcome. Also the annual Turkey Bowl is later that day as well, please plan to attend. St. Nicholas Day will be celebrated at school on Monday morning, Dec. 7th with a visit from St. Nick. The Drama Dept.'s Christmas musical will be presented at 1 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 8th in the gym for the students (and parents who like to video) and again that evening at 7:30 pm in the gym.

Treasurer's Report – Kim Welsh - Kim provided copies of the financial statements for PTO and carnival which she reviewed.

Earning for Learning update – Yolanda Abernathy – Usage for this program has increased this year. Kroger is not doing the program we participated with last year and we aren't using their current program. Box Tops – send in 10 labels per bag already cut with your child's name and homeroom and a drawing will be held on November 24th. Please remember to use the link on the school website for Yellow Brick Mall to access your shopping websites for Christmas! All of these are “free money” for our school.

Sports Report – Joe McBride – Thanks to Craig Cooper for coaching Cross Country. The team placed 2nd for the year. The boys soccer team and girls volleyball teams both made the playoffs this year. Thank you Keith Craw and Terry McInerney! Winter sports are underway. Thanks to our volunteer coaches: Darren Woo/Terry Brogan boys basketball (A); Mike McCormack boys basketball (B); Gayle Thompson/Terry McInerney girls (A); Cary Kata/ Felicia Schneider girls (B); cheerleaders – Therese Rhodes/Paige Parel. Please come out and support these teams. Mrs. Shine wanted to thank the efforts of the newly formed Booster Club.

Booster Club – Charles Whatley – The Booster Club is forming now. They are looking for volunteers for crowd control, concessions, gate, clock and to raise awareness. More information will be coming home soon to sign up. This year there are no dues, they hope to have dues next year to offset the costs of the sports program.

SAC – Charles Whatley – Notes will be on the website soon, please look for them. Please remember to send in items for the agenda prior to meeting.

Christmas Bazaar – Barb Cardaro – December 2nd – 4th. Wednesday and Thursday are for students only, Friday is open to all until the end of the school day. They are still in need of volunteers for: setup (Tues.), and helping the younger students shop. Contact Barb if you are able to help. Please look for more information very soon in bookbag mail.

Christian Service Awards – Mr. Darr – Recipients this quarter:

Melinda Bell 3A – nominated by Mrs. Katharine Doss: “I have never seen such a kind, good hearted child. She sweetly helps someone find the page in class, or ties their shoe, and always starts the day with a smile”

Jill Amurao, Colleen Bedenbaugh, Rebecca Cawthorne, Mary Dierkes, Caroline Gantz, and Victoria Salmons – nominated by Mrs. Marge Meneghello: “This group of girls are known as the 5th grade clean up crew. They regularly clean up trash on the playground without being asked.

Mason Dodd (nominated by Bonnie Becnel-parent) – “Mason has been so nice on safety patrol. His kindness and smile have helped Andy adjust to leaving mom each morning and made the transition so much better”.

Congratulations to all of these students!

Attendance Banners – 1A – Swenson, 3B – Barrett, 5B – Meneghello, 7B – Watwood

Alicia Ramage asked about the agenda for the SAC meeting. Charles Whatley reviewed the items discussed at the SAC meeting in further detail. Please refer to the website for the SAC minutes.

Closing Prayer – Pat Fair

Respectfully Submitted

Catherine Bedenbaugh