



Friends of St. Pius X School

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OCTOBER 18, 2011 ~ 8AM SCHOOL CAFETERIA MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:03am by Liz Hartsgrove who thanked all for attending.

1. DUES AND FINANCE UPDATE

Dues/Finances were not discussed at today's meeting.

2. ITEMS FROM PRINCIPAL DAILEY

Mrs. Dailey gave an update indicating that the donation given by the Friends of St. Pius X School had been allocated mostly for field trips. Specifically, Mrs. Dailey stated that the 5th and 6th grades were going to Camp Burgess. The 7th and 8th grades would be going to a rally at Pope John Paul. In addition, there is a trip planned for the 5th- 8th grades to go to Boston to watch Peter Pan. Mrs. Dailey also said that some of the funding would also be used for the bullying program which will be presented by M.A.R.C. (Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center) to grades 2-8 in December. Mrs. Dailey ended by stating that buses were costly and the funding paid for the buses, which were required to go to and from the events. She is a firm believer in learning outside the classroom and is extremely pleased with teacher response/and fresh ideas they are bringing to the enrichment program.

3. COMMITTEE UPDATES

◆ LOWER/MIDDLE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Colleen Lotuff is the Chairman for the Lower School party and she has indicated that 8-10 volunteer forms have already been returned. The Halloween party for the Lower School is very intense as it encompasses two rooms (the gym and the café). Liz encouraged people to volunteer and stated that people who volunteer can bring siblings of St. Pius students if need be. Reminder that to volunteer at Halloween party must have an updated CORI. There is a class October 26th at 9:00 a.m. in the café. The committee for the Lower School Halloween party is meeting this Friday at 8 am in the café to make 150 goodie bags. All volunteers are welcome.

Middle School Halloween party is the same day as the Lower School party, Friday, October 28th. However, their party will take place from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The 5th grade is invited to the Halloween dance. It is a costume dance. Costumes need to be appropriate for St. Pius. This is a student only dance and a DJ has been retained for entertainment. Admission for the dance is \$5.00 and either a new pair of underwear, socks, or gently used pjs for Katelynn's Closet. They will be serving pizza at the dance.

◆ VENDOR/SHOPPING FAIR

At the last meeting, we discussed having a vendor/shopping fair and the possibility of having it in 2012. Liz asked that people think about possible dates for the vendor/shopping fair and also requested that Nicole Wellbeloved explain what the vendor/shopping fair is like. Nicole explained that different vendors will be invited to

participate such as designers and artists i.e. Seaside Towels. These vendors will set up stations and sell their products. The fair would take place at St. Pius, which would allow people to visit the school. It would also give those people who own businesses and whose children attend St. Pius the opportunity to advertise their business. Vendors would be required to pay a table fee and donate a gift item for the raffle, but they would keep their profits. One date that was mentioned was possibly holding the vendor/shopping fair sometime near Mother's Day and Graduation.

◆ **EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT**

Wendy O'Keefe and Liz have been working diligently with AmeriCorps to build a garden that the teachers/students can maintain as part of their curriculum. AmeriCorps also put on a show for the Pre-K class.

◆ **FALL CALENDAR SALES**

Kick off for calendar sales will begin on November 16th and will run for approximately 4 weeks. Each family will be given 15 calendars at \$10.00 a piece. The committee is in the process of setting up venues for those families who want to sell at venues. For every calendar sold the student receives a raffle ticket. On Friday afternoon, one name is drawn from each class. Age appropriate gifts will be given. Calendar sales usually raise approximately \$15,000-\$17,000.00; it is our 2nd largest fundraiser.

◆ **FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE**

The dance has been scheduled for February 11th. Theme for this year is the sock hop. Ideas for attire are poodle skirts and leather jackets/Chuck Taylors. The dance will be held on Saturday night and is strictly for fathers and daughters from the school. Open to all ages...more information to come.

◆ **MOTHER/SON ACTIVITY**

Stephanie Manning has been looking into the Heritage Museum. Possible date is June 2nd. Open to all ages. There is a budget for the Mother/Son event approximately \$200.00. Stephanie mentioned charging \$7.00 per child and \$10.00 for an adult. Some people may have memberships to Heritage Museum, which could cut down the cost.

◆ **FAMILY NIGHT EVENTS**

Liz and Christine Fawkes have been working together to plan an event at Ryan Family Amusements in Yarmouth, MA on November 18th. It is a Friday and Ryan Family Amusements has agreed to hold a Family Bowling Night from 5:30-7:00 p.m. for St. Pius families. \$5.00 per person, which includes bowling and shoe rental. Liz and Christine are also still looking into a movie night in January. Middle School would have their own event...maybe a football night. Looking to possibly hold an event at the Irish Village on December 11th for the 1:00 p.m. Patriots game. There would be activities such as kids football BINGO and Football squares.

◆ **SPRING AUCTION**

Scheduled for May 4th in the Emerald Room at the Cape Codder Resort in Hyannis. There will be a buffet and a swing band. Budget for the auction is \$3,000.00. Catania has donated the room and all arrangements. There will also be two professional swing dancers at the event. The committee needs to send out donation forms, however, they are waiting a few weeks because Pope John Paul and St. Francis just sent out requests for donations.

◆ **CAFETERIA & SCHOOL STORE**

School store is open every Friday in the café. Most things cost .10 - .50. Idea to advertise school store once a month in the school flyer.

◆ **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Catholic Schools Week takes place Monday, January 30th through Friday, February 3rd. There is a committee that plans the events and usually kicks off with the 8th grade spaghetti dinner. The spaghetti dinner benefits the 8th grade and their trip to NY. In addition to the spaghetti dinner, there is usually a mass at St. Francis that everyone attends except for the pre-k. Middle school activities are currently being set up. There is a teacher appreciation lunch that week also that is catered and a breakfast.

◆ **CLOTHESLINE**

Committee needs to advertise the clothesline in the weekly flyer. Also, if the clothesline could come out of the back closet i.e. on family nights, basketball games, family/teacher conference, book fair, there would be more sales. Problem is that the wheels on the clothing rack are broken. Theresa Johnson recently went through the rack and pulled out anything that wasn't school clothes and donated it all to Katelynn's Closet.

◆ **LOWER/MIDDLE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Usually scheduled around the 2nd Friday of every month, and this year it will be held on Friday, the 16th. Same exact time for both the lower and middle school. Lower party takes place in the café and the middle school takes place in the gym. St. Nick will visit the lower school. Middle school plans haven't been finalized as of yet. Middle school thoroughly enjoyed themselves last year and prizes were given away such as iPods.

◆ **OUTREACH**

There will be a coat drive for both the lower school and middle school possibly a food drive/Cape Cares, however, it depends on the needs of the organizations. Committee is trying to get help of the art teacher to write letters to troops with the lower class. Middle school could write their letters to the troops in Religion class. This could be a combined effort Outreach/Community Service with Mrs. Goulet. Nicole Wellbeloved suggested wearing Pink on Friday for \$5.00 for Breast Cancer awareness month. Committee is still looking for a sign to place in the bus window to say St. Pius X School.

◆ **ATHLETICS**

◆ **WELCOMING**

Parents Social scheduled for Thursday, October 20th at Chapin's Restaurant in Dennis from 7-9 p.m. Brunch December 4th at St. Pius; breakfast with Santa has been suggested to attract people.

4. ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

5. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2011 AT 8AM

Information Distributed:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Updated Friends of SPXS Committee Volunteers List