

# **Friends of St. Pius X School**

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## SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 ~ 8AM SCHOOL CAFETERIA MEETING MINUTES

President

**Elizabeth G. Hartsgrove** 

Trisha Leaver Vice President

Karen Matrango Treasurer

> Debby Ward Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 8:02am by Liz Hartsgrove who thanked all for attending. Liz informed everyone that the new Friends website is up and running, the link is posted on the school's website. She asked that everyone to take a moment to look at it and submit suggestions of additions and/or changes.

## **1. DUES AND FINANCE UPDATE**

Karen Matrango gave an update on the current available funds and upcoming expenditures; \$4,000 will be given to the school for fall enrichment and \$1,200 will be given to pay for the expense of the classroom smart boards. 100% of Friends Dues go towards School enrichment programs and field trips. A reminder will be sent out this week in Wednesday's envelope reminding parents of the voluntary dues.

Trisha Leaver reminded everyone that reimbursements for event supplies must be submitted within 30 days of the event. Reimbursement forms are available at the front office with Mrs. Shaw. Any reimbursement in excess of \$200 must be approved by the Friends Board prior to purchase.

## 2. ITEMS FROM PRINCIPAL DAILEY

#### ♦ TEACHER REQUESTS

Mrs. Dailey gave an update on the teacher requests for enrichment programs for this fall and some new ideas/concepts which are being explored. A couple of activities possibly being started is a Middle School Rally with PJPII, and reinstating the Invention Convention.

#### SURVEY DISCUSSION

Mrs. Dailey stated that she passed out a survey at the Parents Night last week and only received a few responses back. The Survey will be placed in Wednesday's envelope. Liz Hartsgrove offered to place an electronic survey form on the Friends' website.

## 3. 2011-2012 GOALS

Liz Hartsgrove reviewed the Goals from Mrs. Dailey's PowerPoint presentation from the parents meeting last week.

- a. Grow
- b. Spread word that SPXS = Excellence

Liz stated that the goal of the Friends this year is to work with the school to accomplish these goals. Having more programs and events allowing participation within the families and Parish community will stimulate and promote Mrs. Dailey's goals. She encouraged the Friends to think creatively in how these goals can be met on a weekly, monthly and annual basis.

## 4. REVIEW OF FALL TRIMESTER EVENTS

#### HALLOWEEN

Date for both the Lower and Middle school parties will be on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Colleen Lotuff is the Chairman for the Lower School party and the Middle School Party will be coordinated by the Room-mothers.

#### • CALENDAR SALES

Calendar sales will be from November 18<sup>th</sup> – December 21<sup>st</sup>. As like years in the past, venues will be arranged for families to sign up to sell their portion. Each family will be given 15 calendars to sell at \$10/calendar. And as like last year, the students will be given prize opportunities each Friday for each calendar they sell. Donations for the student prizes are being sought if anyone is interested in contributing.

#### • FALL FAMILY EVENT

Nicole Wellbeloved updated everyone on a new family event concept. Much discussion took place regarding possible dates and locations. It was decided that a separate Fundraising meeting should be scheduled to discuss the logistics and specifics of a new event.

## 5. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Trisha Leaver reviewed updates on each committee.

- a. The Spring Auction will take place on May 4<sup>th</sup>. A venue is still needs to be secured and ideas are welcome.
- b. Faculty appreciation will take place during Catholic Schools Week in January/February
- c. The Father/Daughter dance will occur around Valentine's Day
- d. The Christmas party dates have not been determined yet. Volunteers are needed.
- e. Mother/Son Event will occur sometime in the Spring. Stephanie Manning suggested possibly having it at the Heritage Museum this year.
- f. Welcoming event is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in October.
- g. The Cafeteria needs more Volunteers.
- h. Athletics Soccer and Golf programs begin this week. Basketball and soccer is planned for the spring.

## 6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The question of being involved with the BoxTops program came up. A notice will be included in this week's Wednesday Envelope informing families of the program.

There was a request to reorganize the table arrangement during the meeting. Suggestion will be implemented at next meeting.

Raffaella Almeida asked to incorporate several notices in Portuguese, within the Wednesday envelope. She offered to translate the car pool directional notice. Viviane Almeida volunteered to translate the Dress Code information. Both women offered translator services for parents needing assistance.

## NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2011 AT 8AM

#### Information Distributed:

- 1. Meeting Agenda
- 2. Updated list of Committee Contacts
- 3. Updated Room-Parent List