

St. Timothy Home and School Association

Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2008

Members Present: Abby Miller, Mary Stotler, Mary Di’Orio, Barbie Marchese, Melanie Payton, Kim Melillo, Carolyn Weber, Nancy Montgomery, Eva Romaker and Lori Francescon

Opening Prayer: We opened the meeting with a prayer for family while keeping the Hansell family close in our hearts.

Secretary’s Report: June meeting minutes approved.

President’s Report:

School Board Meeting:

- New Middle School Focus—It will be more positive. The focus will be more on a reward system versus the demerit system. They will be doing away with home phone calls regarding demerits. Every two weeks the students will be updated on their progress. They will be given a report which indicates the total # of points earned/total # of points possible. A new software program will be used to notify parents if homework is not turned in on time. There will be a teacher available in the library every day during lunch time for middle school students who would like to use the time to study and/or need assistance with school work.
- Homework Club—From 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. M-F all students in K-8 can utilize the library for homework time. A teacher will be in the library every day. This is an opportunity for students to get their homework done after school.
- Graduation Issue—Due to the dates of graduation for Watterson and St. Charles (Friday after Memorial Day) the 8th graders graduation will be on Wednesday the last week of school.
- Confirmation—will be held on February 8th and First Communion will be held on April 25th.

Parent Pal Social:

- The Parent Pal Social went well; about 8 new families attended.

Volunteer Coordinator Report:

We are receiving and reviewing the SOS forms.

Hospitality Report:

The Teacher luncheon menu is complete. It is a pizza party with an Olympic theme. The first day of school coffee and donut social is a go as well. The preparations for open house are in the works.

Treasurer’s Report:

There are a few differences in the budget. The First Communion Potluck will now be organized by Angie Freeman instead of Mrs. Kistner. \$50.00 has been added to this line item. The line item for hospitality has been increased as well. A line item for Enrichment for \$1,500.00 has been added as well. We need to encourage committees, chairs etc to submit receipts for items contributed to H&S funded activities. While we appreciate one’s kindness to donate their time and money, we need the receipts to create historical value. It is a huge help when reviewing the budget. We also need to begin thinking about the gift to the school. We are going to explore using Presto Pay or Pay Pal as a H&S account for SCRIP,

Spirit Wear, etc. We discussed adding a fundraising link to the website. A \$50.00 gift care was approved for the Hansell Family.

Below is the current balance.

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Balance as of 8/17/08: \$17,186.95		
Income:		
Desk Unfundraiser	\$5,095.00	
Market Day	\$225.36	
Total Income		\$5,320.36
Expenses:		
ANC Printing Specialists - lost check - funds still not cashed	\$618.00	
Concept Wear	\$577.50	
SCRIP - additional start-up funds	\$5,000.00	
Care Program	\$21.35	
Kindergarten Seat Sacks	\$68.68	
Gift card for DeVictor family	\$50.00	
Festival Donation	\$200.00	
Nurses' Office	\$28.72	
Classroom funds - 4th grade	\$50.00	
Graduation & Candle Passing	\$306.04	
Music	\$172.87	
Startup Funds	\$1,800.00	
Maintenance Worker gifts	\$150.00	
Nurses' Office/Art Room gift cards	\$659.98	
Desks and Chairs	\$9,664.99	
Total Expenses		\$19,368.13

Old Business:

- Desks—The desks are in and they look great!
- SCRIP—The program is up and running. The 6th grade class was used as a pilot group over the summer. The full program will be introduced at Open House. We will be using Presto Pay.
- Lowes Grant application—We need to look at this grant to update the playground equipment. The deadline is 10-17-08. They only accept 1500 applications. Do we know of any grant writers in the St. Tim's community???

New Business:

- Technology—This issues continues to be a priority. It is felt that our students are behind in this area. The computers in the classrooms are no longer supported by Microsoft; they are incredibly outdated. Kim is going to formally address our concerns at the school board meeting on 9-11-08.
- Open House—We would like to title this evening Parents' Night. Often times it is not always clear that this evening is for parents only. We will have a suggestion box to accept suggestions, questions etc. to improve our school. We will also highlight the contributions made by H&S i.e. Heating/airconditioning, Desks/Chairs, playground enhancements, enrichment (COSI—Shakespeare in a box) etc.

Next meeting will be held Monday September 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Francescon