

Home & School Association  
Meeting Notes  
August 10, 2009

**Attendees:** Carolyn Weber, Mary Stotler, Eva Romaker, Teresa Davidson, Nancy Montgomery, Lori Francescon, Kim Mellilo, Barbie Marchese, Mary DiOrio, Cathy Watson, Chris Emsweiler, Carie Moran

**Opening Prayer:** A Prayer for Visioning (modified)

**Secretary's Report:** None. First meeting of the year.

**President's Report:** Passed out H & SA meeting dates. September may change due to date of Open House. Mary Stotler spoke to Mr. Mosholder and he does not need H&SA to help with cost of Power of Pen or new Power of Pencil. We have 21 new families to St. Timothy School. No number was available as to how many have left.

**Treasurer's Report:** Passed out proposed budget. Still need number of students to finalize as Washington trip, Camp, activity fees, etc. are dependant on this number. Overall budget did not change much. Income is low-balled and expenses high-balled. She will see about making the final budget available online.

Due to state budget cuts we may be asked to help with OCEA conference, Science and History Fairs, or Math Counts in the future.

Ann Tribbie is helping part time in the office. The office staff monetary gift will increase from \$100 to \$125.00.

Dine Out fundraisers from BW3, Donatos, Noodles, Max & Ermas, Texas Roadhouse made approximately \$1000.00

**Volunteer Coordinator's Report:** Parent Pal Social was a success despite low attendance. The families commented on the reason they chose St. Timothy was how welcome they felt when they visited here and the good impression Mr. Mosholder gave. All seemed very excited to join our "family." The late summer date is likely the reason as families are vacationing. Families who did not attend could be polled as to the reason to help in future planning.

Options were discussed on how to better format the Parent Pal program for next year. Suggestions included making sure we get a name, phone number and email address for all families who pick up an admission packet, include a FAQ sheet in the admission packet, email FAQ sheet before school begins, change from social to an open house type event on the playground, change from a weekend to a weekday, include extra handbooks in admission packet, or to make the handbook and FAQ available online, have a Q & A table set up at Used Uniform Sale, collect info above at Kindergarten screening.

**Hospitality Report:** Teacher Luncheon is August 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am. The theme is "Come Grow With Us." First Day of School Luncheon will be at 8:00 am.

Suggestion that classes grow plants in their rooms for end of the year luncheon.

**Old Business:** Mrs. Johnson would like to get more mulch around the Big Toy. Discussion that it has been two years since we have mulched. H& SA has helped in the past. We would like to approach Men's Club about taking on this cost this year and in the future. Cost would be upward of \$2000.00.

**New Business:**

Directory:

Mara has concerns with getting red forms back in a timely manner. Suggestions were to offer a raffle ticket for a SCRIP or other prize if it is turned in on the first day, dress down pass if turned in on second day, have area on form to check for no changes or additions only, email folks to get information in (this is a logistical challenge as it means getting information from two sources email and red form and trying to keep track of who has not yet turned them in).

At this point Colleen Courtney has indicated that she will pay for printing cost but we need an estimate from other sources incase this does not happen. We will do only black and white.

Idea of posting directory on website has been discussed. St. Andrew has password protected website, but not sure directory is on it. Mr. Mosholder has indicated that we are not allowed to have directory on web, but we are not sure if this is because we need a release signed or other reasons.

Jill Skulich is looking into how to set up database that families can update information from a pc.

Is there a way each family can have a St. Timothy email address i.e. [Davidson@sttim.org](mailto:Davidson@sttim.org) for school emails?

*Grant Request:*

Mrs. Gardiner would really like to have a new laser printer, additionally a small color printer, classroom cameras (Campbell's Labels purchased 6 inexpensive ones). A motion to approve this grant was approved. Additional money could go towards photo cards and ink cartridges.

Cathy Watson will request that Box Tops go toward ink cartridges.

Nancy suggested the Best Buy Technology Grant fund would be a good source for \$ for ink cartridges as well. She will contact Mrs. Gardiner regarding this grant.

Cathy Watson reported that the Campbell's Labels were used for the first time in a couple years and the school received 6 digital cameras (battery operated), a wireless P.A system for classroom use, 36 playground balls and mesh bags for storing them, and 3 large balls for indoor gym recess play.

Discussion on encouraging participation by a classroom goal rather than individual rewards as some families may not use products with Campbell's labels.

*Magazine Sale:*

September 10, 2009 is kick-off date. Chris Emsweiler gave some prize descriptions. Joe Moran will check on vendors who may be willing to donate prizes for this year if possible or next year.

*SCRIP:*

Anne & Carolyn would like to set up a table at Open House to encourage participation. They need access to the wireless network. Carolyn will contact the Rectory for the access information.

*Kroger:*

Need to remind folks of Kroger Rewards information

*Open House:*

Would like to change name to discourage children, Open House for Parents was suggested. To encourage attendance Mary Stotler will donate a pair of Crew tickets to be raffled at the end of the meeting portion of the event.

May use a screen for a slide show.

Used Uniform Sale made \$489.00 on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Next meeting tentatively 7:30 pm, September 14, 2009 in the library