

**St. Paul the Apostle
Home and School Association
October 18th, 2011**

Opening prayer with Erin Dolan (President), Monica Burchett (Vice President), Steph Miller (Treasurer), Angie Balk (Secretary), Julie Delaney (Principal), Kevin Murphy (School Board Representative), Liz Frandsen, Karly Driscoll, Wendy Munoz, Marty Munoz, and Joe Miller present.

President: Erin Dolan

- Coffee with the Principal had eleven parents in attendance. There will be more of these hosted in December, February, April and May. It is a great opportunity to learn about what is happening in the school and ask Julie Delaney questions.
- Auction update
A committee has been formed to plan this year's auction. Gina Loken will be in charge of the live auction. Amy Scodeller will plan the silent auction. Erin Dolan, Monica Burchett, and Wendy Munoz have volunteered to oversee the other planning. The committee still needs volunteers to carry out specific tasks (i.e. writing thank you's, helping at check out, preparing a slide show, etc.) The event will now be called the Blue and Gold Bash. Other new ideas being discussed is adding an online auction to happen before the event, and asking alumni and parishioners for donations. The next auction committee meeting will be November 10th.
- Another Monkey Joe's night will be February 23rd. The Monkey Joe's night in September had approximately 20 families attend, with a profit of \$67 going to the school.
- GCH Video Company will do the videotaping of the K-4 Christmas program and Nativity again this year. Copies of the performances will be available to order at the same price as last year. After covering the cost of making the DVDs, GCH donates the remaining money back to the school.

Vice President: Monica Burchett

- No report

Treasurer: Steph Miller

- Income received: Magazine sale donations to Media Center \$1253, Target \$1021, Ann Blough Bridge Club \$250, and \$200 from the used uniform sale.
- The H & S budget will be added to the school website.

Secretary: Angie Balk

- No report.

Teacher Representative: Gwen Maro (not present due to conferences)

Principal: Julie Delaney

- Bruce Braley presented the school with an American flag in recognition of being named a Blue Ribbon School.
- A presentation and reception has been planned in honor of being named a Blue Ribbon school on November 18th at 1:30 PM. Those in attendance will include Governor Branstad, Mayor Gluba and the superintendent.
- The October teacher in-service day will be spent at the Bennett House in Rock Island where teachers will have half the day as a religious retreat and spend half the day continuing work on the school vision plan.
- The School Board has approved 8th graders being taught the Theology of the Body curriculum.
- With 4 year old preschool being partially funded by the state, a committee is looking into providing the teachers with a bonus this year. The teachers' salaries were frozen last year when funding for preschool was uncertain.
- Future Club already has 31 tables sponsored for this year's Future Club dinner.
- The playground had 190 tiles replace by a few parent volunteers last month.
- Money raised during 2011-2012 school year will support purchasing several types of new technology, which were demonstrated before the meeting. Between the money raised at the auction (\$25,000) and money from the school budget (\$10,000) each classroom would be supplied with a Mobi (younger grades) or a Mimeo (older grades) and six sets of clickers would be purchased for classes to share. A grant for \$50,000

has been written to the SCRA to purchase Hovercams for each classroom, 22 iPads, and 26 laptops.

- **School Board Representative: Kevin Murphy**

- The school board would like parent volunteers to help in reviewing and revising the handbook.
- There is a concern with too many responsibilities being asked of "room moms". Erin clarified that some of the duties asked of room moms were listed on the sign-up at registration and the purpose of the letter sent in September was a further explanation of what might be asked of room moms. Discussion had about H & S finding it difficult, as many organizations are, in having parents attend meetings and volunteer to help with planning events. It is not intended for a room mom do everything by themselves, but to contact the list of parents who also signed up and divide up the tasks.