

St. Paul the Apostle
Home and School Association
September 20, 2011

Opening prayer with Erin Dolan (President), Monica Burchett (Vice President), Gwen Maro (Teacher Representative), Julie Delaney (Principal), Kevin Murphy (School Board Representative), Amy Scodeller (Past President), Wendy Munoz, and Jenna Hanley.

President: Erin Dolan

- SPS Night at Monkey Joes was held Thursday, September 15. About 20 families attended and it was a fun night with good fellowship. We will consider scheduling another night like this in late January or February. No word on the money raised for the school.
- Karly Driscoll will take over magazine sale for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Karly Driscoll and Lindsay Schlicksup will chair Breakfast with St. Nick this year.
- Home & School will be hosting coffee and donuts this weekend after the Sunday masses. Have the five volunteers needed to help with this.
- Sara Sieren was unable to attend with a Panther Perks update, but has reported she held a volunteer meeting and has a marketing committee and a good volunteer base in place.
- Halloween Fun Night will be held Friday, October 28, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Mary Chitwood will chair.
- A Winter Social and Auction meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. This meeting is open to all parents and we are hoping many come out to share ideas and get things underway for a great fundraiser and event this year.
- Home & School gave an additional \$7,500 towards the final flooring/abatement bill.
- Discussion was had on the idea of a monthly coffee in Denning with the principal. The Welcome Back coffee we held went ok, but wasn't well attended. Next year we will host it on the first day of school. Julie commented that feedback from the parent survey resulted in comments about communication and additional communication. She commented that we currently don't have a lot of venues to talk about test scores, accommodation plans, staff development, etc. and feels these coffees would be a good time to communicate some of those points. Jenna commented that Home and School meetings could be a way to attract new parents and get the word out about the school. Jenna says we need to educate people that they can come to Home and School meetings, that the meetings are open to all. Julie suggested the months Home and School meets at the school that we have an opening presentation of some sort. Jenna suggested if we do the coffees than maybe have the room moms host and pair up Prayer Buddy grades. Discussed we don't need an agenda for the morning coffees, but rather keep it open and laid back. We decided to start with the first coffee on October 6 and will ask 2nd and 8th grade room moms to host. We will then host these coffees in December, February, April and May. Dates yet to be decided.
- Next Home and School meeting will be held in the media center on October 18, 7 p.m. with a presentation by Peggy Germaine from EduTech. She will demo the materials/technology

that this year's auction money will go towards. Julie stated that every other year we need to put additional money in the technology budget.

- Erin is going to work on the Home and School webpage, getting it updated with volunteer opportunities.

Vice President: Monica Burchett

Magazine Sale

- Monica gave a recap on this year's magazine sale. She had a good volunteer base for all turn in days as well as the extra popcorn party and ice cream party this year. This year's sales totaled over \$25,000 in magazines equaling a profit of \$10,000 back to the school. Magazine sales are still coming in. The gift sale sold \$4400 in goods, \$1760 which will come back to the school. Donations totaled over \$1,200 for the Media Center. These numbers are all very comparable to that of last year and pretty impressive when you think about the fact that we raised over \$12,000 for our school in a matter of two weeks.

Treasurer: Steph Miller (absent)

Secretary: Angie Balk (absent)

Teacher Rep: Gwen Maro

No report

Principal: Julie Delaney

- Julie gave a very detailed report similar to that of what she reported to the school board. The topics she touched on included:
 - Health and Wellness committee
 - Air conditioning
 - Finance and budget
 - Future Club
 - Buildings and Grounds
 - Fall SCRA grant – technology
 - PR/Marketing
 - Olweus Bully Prevention
 - Catholic Identity
 - Enrollment
 - Iowa Core
 - Strategic Plan update
 - Science curriculum
 - Diocesan assessments
 - State reports
 - Staff development
 - Technology and training

School Board: Kevin Murphy

- Kevin reported that the school board has invited Ray Knight, St. Paul Church youth director, to their meetings to provide or show support for what he is doing and he will now be a

permanent part of the agenda. They will be doing Theology of the Body for the youth group and kids down to 8th grade will be invited. Parish Festival was a lot of fun!

- Kevin was asked what the process is for future planning. He commented that they want to open up this planning committee that already exists. If someone wants to serve on the committee they can express an interest. He also commented there's a rotation in terms of school board policies and they will be revising some of those including the school's long range plan. But there hasn't been any discussion to try and find more people. Kevin will help us stay in the loop on when those opportunities arise. School board meetings are open to the public. He also shared that Board members provide some sort of breakfast or treat once a month to the school staff.

Other

- Talked about the Blue Ribbon School award and what we could do for the staff. Home and School will be providing "thank you" treats to the staff on Friday, September 23.
- Bingo Night – Beth Bloodsworth (event chair) has a great idea for registration and is already getting donations. Betsy Sierra will assist Beth the event.
- Hospitality – Hospitality and Ambassadors will work to coordinate so that each group is covering the right things and not stepping on toes. Next thing coming up for Hospitality is conferences in October.