

Minutes St. James PTO Board meeting
October 6, 2009

In Attendance - Doug Behr, Kelly Bruns, Kelli Buttelwerth, Trina Caudill, Debbie Dorr, Kathy Draginoff, Cathy Frey, Lisa Gillman, Laurie Jung, Marla Kiley, Susan Linnemann, Joi Martin, Jenny Mahoney, Marie Ritter, Kim Neyer, Amy Roberts, Autumn Schmidt, Allison York, Jennifer Zimmermann, Donna Beebe, Steffenie Brueneman

Not In Attendance - Lori Gauthier

Opening Prayer - Debbie Dorr

Approval of September Minutes - Laurie Jung, seconded by Autumn Schmidt

Financial Reports - Marie Ritter

Recap of September activities

- Membership Drive - 23 families have not yet joined, will call once more
- Meet the Teacher - different set up, new needs, leftover cookies from the sale not considered, snack & 2-liter requests more specific, turn-out vs. time-frame and volunteer time, new location for snacks may draw more interest (near spirit shop)
- Room Moms - all checks will be in this Wednesday envelopes

Fall Fundraiser: Kelli Buttelwerth

- Pick up October 8th 2:30-6:30 Sign up sheet passed around
- Truck drop-off at 1:00
- E-mail a reminder to everyone about pick-up on Thursday
- Propose all LaRosa's winners get to choose a friend because of the small number of participants. 16 total winners. No objections.

Grandparent Luncheons: Marla Kiley

- Second Grade - performance and a hand out, photograph with special friends
- New sign made 'Welcome Friends & Family'
- Luncheons should have activity, prayer, special event, some enhancement
- Style may change with time. Open to suggestions.

Rummage Sale: Lisa & Jenny Drop off Oct. 28-29, Sale Oct. 30-31

- May need help cleaning up and getting rid of extra stuff

PTO Website update: Kelli Buttelwerth & Marla Kiley

- Will now be housed within the school web site
- Reduce operating expensive & one cohesive look for PTO & school

Market Day pickup: October 7th 4:30-6:30

- Trina Caudill, Lisa Gillman, & Amy Roberts volunteers

Ladies Night Out: Jenny Mahoney & Kathy Draginoff
need more snacks - particularly salty

Art Awareness: Jennifer Zimmermann
Volunteers - about 25 have responded - still need more
Will work with Karen Wiseman and all classes will be in the art room
Art awareness will be posted to Karen Wiseman's Edline after she reviews
Website v. books still T.B.D.

Entertainment Book Sale: Kelli Buttelwerth & Marla Kiley
Spoke with Dawn & decided to send home 2 books per family
Sale starts Oct. 20th with kick-off & assembly and ends November 3rd
Lazer Craze is November 16th in the gym
Books for teachers - promotion is buy one get one free
Sent home with the youngest kids only

Study Skills Seminar -
November 11th and 18th 6 - 7:30; 2 class session
Fourth Grade flyer going home

Good Cheer Committee update -
Written guideline for longevity
High School send info on newborns or parent deaths etc. inclusive somewhere?
Need an e-mail address to send
In some instances financial assistance may be through Parish not PTO

Additional items:

Crystal Clear Science
Sheri Shraivogel chairs & needs to send out info on volunteers
November 5 & 6 - set up on the 4
Grades K-4 (this year)

New Basketball hoops
Playground & recess - Removed because of ongoing vandalism
Dan Wallace - found hoops with limited maintenance & easily removed

Playground - vandalized & graffiti
Request from a parent for a garbage can & remove mulch
Covered slide is an issue
Possible to update the equipment
Originally paid for by children gathering pennies - could repeat
Potential fundraiser (subsidy) available to refurbish?
Check current manufacturer for refurbishing

'Open' meeting needs promotion

Send out in the panther prints, half-sheet in the Wed. envelope

Need agenda posted and accessible

Allow time for open discussion & response to add'l topics?

How would we accommodate 60 parents if they come to a meeting?

Finance Training Session - Marie Ritter

Optional attendance

Next meeting is Tuesday November 3, 2009

It will be held at 7:00 in the Marion Room

Lori Gauthier will lead the prayer

President - Kelli Buttelerwerth

Vice-President - Marla Kiley

Treasurer - Marie Ritter

Secretary - Susan Linnemann