

St. Francis Xavier School P.T.O.

Meeting Minutes

Recorded by: Nicole Arruda

Meeting Date: October 05, 2009

The meeting was held at St. Francis School library

Meeting called to order by: President David LaPlante

Start Time: 7:09pm

Prayer: read by JoAnn Richard

Attendees: April Amaral, David LaPlante, Nicole Arruda, JoAnn Richard, Joe Pereira, Mary Cardoza, Krystal Kofton, Lucie Costa, Aurora St.Laurent, Kristine Silva, Rachel Almeida, Marina Araujo, Linda Duffy, Dawn Giampa, Elizabeth Rayner, and AnneMarie St Germaine

Secretary's report given by: David

Last meeting minutes taken by Nicole Arruda and submitted to Marlene to be placed on the web site for all to read. Also a copy was available to anyone that wanted to look the minutes over.

Motion made for approval by: Lucie

Dually seconded by: JoAnn

Ayes: Unanimous

Treasurer's Report given by: Joe Pereira

Joe reported that there was a deposit made of \$1,317.95 profit from Harvest Fest. Money spent for the Harvest Fest was \$178.32 to Voc for food and condiment supplies and \$65.00 for the Cotton Candy machine. Budget balance of \$6,183.71 minus out talent show funds for stage refurbishing of \$4,021.96 with an available balance of \$2,161.75. The full report can be views on line.

Motion made for approval by: Lucy

Dually seconded by JoAnn and voted on

Ayes: Unanimous

New Business Mr. Pelletier – Dave LaPlante

Mr. Pelletier couldn't make the meeting tonight, however he sent Dave an email with the following items that he wanted mentioned:

On Wednesday, September 30th the officers of the PTO and Mr. Pelletier sat down and the PTO asked Mr. Pelletier how we are doing and what he would like to see us do as a group and the officers discussed some items of concern with him. He stated that we are doing a good job. He did ask us about possibly coming together with the other five catholic schools and planning a fundraiser with all. We also discussed some sort of outreach event to bring the staff and PTO members together.

- Light bulbs: The company had called to see if we were interested in doing the light bulb fundraiser again. We stated yes.
- Field Trips: April had stated that a filed trip permission slip came home regarding the parents to pay a certain amount for a field trip. Officers proposed that we would like to see the teachers come to the PTO first in regarding cost so we can see if we can help out with the cost so that parents can pay a lower fee.
- FUN-raising: this is for all families to have fun with other families and to have a nice social event for both the children and parents.
- Also discussed was Mr. Pelletier was asked at a meeting he attended on how our PTO does so well and asked if we would get together with the other PTO leaders of the five other Catholic schools so that they could inquire as to what we do that allows our PTO to be so successful.

Wine Tasting Fundraiser given by: Dave and JoAnn

He also wanted to remind everyone of the Wine Tasting for October 16th, we are in need for some volunteers that can help set-up. Anyone that would like to help please note that you will not be working the whole event everyone will be there also to enjoy it yourselves. Please contact Karen Pimentel if you can help out in anyway.

Candy Bar Bingo – Nicole & April reporting

The event will take place Saturday, October 10th 5:30pm to 8pm. All volunteers to arrive for set at 4:00pm. It will be a \$1.00 for a candy bar then it will be exchanged for a bingo card. Prizes will be given out to each winner and we have one grand prize for the final game.

We are looking for anyone who can donate baked goods, it would be greatly appreciated. You can bring in your goodies either on Friday afternoon or you can drop them off on Saturday someone will be there at 4pm. We will be selling food at this event, please tell your families. Kris Silva gathered all our condiments, hot dogs, french fries, and chips, etc also for the event.

Vendor Fair Nicole and Krystal reporting

Is set for Sunday, November 15th 10 to 2:30. Please contact Nicole at nbwa7@comcast.net for more information. We are still looking for Vendors to participate we have 15 committed vendors for this great event. We are hoping to get more, so if you know someone or if you yourself are vendors don't hesitate to contact Nicole. It's \$25.00 for a table, we ask each exhibitor to donate a raffle item for the raffle table for the day of the event. Also ask the exhibitors to give St Francis Xavier 10% of all Gross sales made

during the day of the event. As a token every child who has a parent or relative attend the fair will receive a “No Uniform Pass” for use on Wednesday, November 25th.

Movie Night: April reporting

This event will be Friday, November 20, 2009. We will need to see if Mrs. Breton could set up the screen and accessories to play the movie in the gym. Movie has not been determined yet if you have any ideas please bring them to the next meeting.

Providence Bruins - April reporting

Looking to do this PTO outing again, last year was such a great hit. We are booked for January 10, 2010 4:05pm game Hartford v Providence; cost will include your ticket and the bus. Each child will receive a free Providence baseball cap. Further information will follow when the event gets closer.

Skate Night: April reporting

This event will take place Sunday, January 17, 2010 at Carousal Skating Rink 5pm to 7pm \$3.00 for admission and \$3.00 for rentals if needed. In return the Carousal gives St Francis Xavier \$200.00.

Spelling Bee –Krystal reporting

Proposed a free educational event for the children. It would be separated by classes and discussed with the teachers to help out with their vocabulary words, etc. There would be trophies, judges. She is proposing to do this in the Spring. Further information to follow.

Motion was made by Mary to pay \$500.00 for more tables.

Dually second by Nicole, there was no further discussion and the vote followed

Ayes: UNANIMOUS

Santa’s Breakfast: Mary Cardoza reporting

This event will be taking place Sunday, December 13, 2009 9am to 12:30pm. The following list is what is needed if you can get any of the stuff or know someone that might be able to donate please contact Mary at corcor@comcast.net

THINGS NEEDED:

- 10 Gallons of Milk
- 16 Dozen Eggs
- 8 Boxes of pancake from BJ’s
- 20 Loaves of bread
- 6 Boxes of sausages from Luzo
- 8 Gallons of Orange Juice
- 3 Cases of Butter for pancakes
- Coffee and Decaf
- 10 Bottles of Syrup or 2 cases
- Creamers and Sugars
- Plates, Forks, Napkins, Knives, Tablecloths, and Cups
- 2 Gallons of Apple Juice

Prizes for Auction
1 Case of Cocoa
Candy Canes

Usbourne Books: Michelle Wood

We had a special guest that wanted to share a fundraiser to help our children read and get free books for themselves and for the school. She had a lot of education books for all ages and had some great ideas for our school. She will be at the Vendor Fair, stop by and see her inventory she has quite a bit of all different books.

New Business

1. **Consignment Shop:** LivyBuggs is a new consignment store in Acushnet that will work with us to raise money for the school. It works as a standard consignment shop, but instead of the % going back to the parent, they agree to give it to the school. I believe it is 30% of what is sold but I will confirm. We have the option of parents dropping off at the store or doing a designated day(s) at the school and they will provide us with a box truck. Details are pending but Marlene has agreed to do the work on paperwork, details, etc.

2. **Fundraiser:** Applebee's Fundraiser to be held Sunday, April 11, 2010 Aurora St. Laurent will be chairing this event. Further information to follow as the event gets closer.

3. **Internet Safety:** As a recipient of our *Family Internet* magazine this past Spring, we know your parent group wants to spread the word to your school's families about Internet safety. In honor of National Cyber Security Awareness Month this October, our friends at Norton are challenging schools across the country to help as many parents as possible protect their kids online by providing complimentary subscriptions to OnlineFamily.Norton, a new service that helps parents monitor their kids' online activity.

The school with the largest number of parents to register, install and use OnlineFamily.Norton during the month of October will win \$20,000!

How does the Norton Cyber Safe Challenge work?

- Register your school as soon as possible. – **Marlene has done**
- Ask parents to sign up for and download their **FREE subscription to OnlineFamily.Norton** between 10/1/09 and 10/31/09. Norton even has a ready-made, customized flyer available for your PTO to share with parents to get them excited about the contest!
- The school with the largest number of parents to register, install and use OnlineFamily.Norton during the month of October will win a **grand prize of \$20,000.**
- **2nd and 3rd place prizes of \$10,000 and \$5,000** will be awarded to the schools that have the highest percentage of registered parents - so smaller schools can compete and win, too!

Parents must sign up for their complimentary subscription to OnlineFamily.Norton between 10/1/09 and 10/31/09 (their registration will be automatically credited toward your school's final tally.) You'll be able to check on your school's status throughout the month to see how many parents have signed up, so you'll know if you need to encourage additional parents to register. Winners will be announced on November 18, 2009

Tabled for next meeting

Vendor Fair, Applebee Fundraiser, Santa's Breakfast, and Proposed By-Law Amendment. If there is anything you would like on the agenda for the next meeting please email Dave LaPlante.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:20PM

Next Scheduled meeting: -

- Date: November 2, 2009
- Time: 7:00PM
- Location: SFX school library