

The regular meeting of the John Paul II School PTO was held on Monday March 8, 2010 at 7:00pm.

Treasurer Nicole Fuhrer called the meeting to order, and led with a prayer. Vice President Joane Roenfanz and President Lambert were also both in attendance. There were 7 other people present. The minutes of the January 11, 2010 meeting were read and approved. The treasures report was given.

Discussion was held about the activities that encompassed Catholic Schools Week. The teacher's luncheon was well received. There were many new parents involved. Principal Michelle Ommen reviewed the activities that took place during Catholic Schools Week for the students. BankWest sponsored ½ the expense of the traveling Discovery museum display with a grant. The School Mass went well, with both priests in attendance. It was noted that the Bishop was not able to attend, but hopes to come to the school at a later time this year. The Economics Fair was held during CSW this year, due to Mrs. Hermann's pregnancy due date. The class was very ingenious in their booth ideas and raised a great amount of money! It was discussed that it will be moved back to the later date again after this year. The earnings will be enough to cover the entire bill for the bus-ride for the 6th graders class trip to the Omaha Zoo. Nation day consisted of a gather around the flag with tricia and history of the flag. Community day had Jackie Horton from the American red Cross visiting and the students presented her with an array of items to stock their shelves, for cleaning and care kits. The whole week was a great success!

Michelle also informed us of the success of the Book Fair held during conferences. Due to Mrs. Rezac's hard work \$1900.00 in new library books have been ordered for the library!

An important upcoming event is the preschool and Kindergarten round up to be held on Tuesday march 16th from 6-7:30pm. We should show our support by volunteering to help if possible, and by spreading the word to possible families about our wonderful school.

The JP II Show Choir has been busy practicing many mornings a week, very early in the morning, in preparation for the Show Choir Classic on Saturday March 20th at the Corn Palace. They will perform at 6pm. The Show choir will also attend a music contest in Wessington springs this year, because the date for the Armour contest does not work. The Spring Music Concert will be held on April 20th for grades 3-6. Modern woodman Speeches will be given on April 12th.

The 6th graders will again be having a spiritual retreat at Broomtree on April 23rd. Ken Novak will be the master of ceremonies and both priests will be able to attend. An anonymous donor has come forward to pay for the bussing costs associated with this trip.

President Jodie Lambert announced that because of the success of the Carnival the PTO would be able to fulfill both the goals. PTO will be able to pay for all the travel expenses for the NCEA conference for all the teachers this year! A new lunchroom oven will also be purchased as soon as Michelle hears back about a grant she applied for. We will know by the end of March.

The carnival raised a net profit of over \$12K this year!

Jodie announced that kids Club will be holding services during the week JPll is not in school, at the YWCA.

Sixth Grade graduation was discussed. Jodie discussed the responsibilities of the PTO with Mrs. McMahon. PTO is in charge of the gifts for the students as well as decorations. Nicole stated that a budget needs to be set for decorations. Jodie will check with Mike Honermann at Quality Woods to see if the boxes are do-able again this year. An idea was passed around that the extra money raised from the Economics Fair could go towards purchasing the gift. The MFCE pays for the meal.

Michelle took the scholarship applications to the High School. Nicole put a notice in the Daily Republic. Michelle has put articles in her newsletter and bulletin. The applications are due April 16th. A student council representative will need to attend the high School Awards banquet to present the scholarship. The winner will need to be selected by May 1st.

With the change in the school end date, the 6th grade graduation date may need to be moved. A possible date change would be May 19th.

We need to start the initial planning g process for Autumn Classic. Sonja Vanerdewyk mentioned she need more volunteers to contact businesses. An idea to replace the class baskets was discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2010 at 7pm in the JPll Arts & Science room.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by president Jodie Lambert.

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Vice President, and Treasurer /Secretary Pro-Tem