

St. Peter's Education Commission

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:05 with prayer by Lorri Stewart; thanks also to Lorri for yummy snacks!

Present: Kathy Morris, Rebeca Weilbacker, Lorri Stewart, Jeff Parton, Scott Kleman, Dave Kocevar, Tressa Reith, Fr. Tony Borgia, Jim Smith, Cathy Stout, Kristin Blunk, Michelle Chopko, Laura Brackett

February 09 minutes were approved.

1. Old business—parking lot—nothing new to add.
2. New Business- none
3. Development Committee
 - a. Marilyn Gallaway got \$3000 from baseball cards. Would like to have someone hold items, get appraised, then she would sell on e-bay.
 - b. Suggestion for a high end thrift store—would need location & staffing.
 - c. Suggestion for items in an established shop sold on consignment.
 - d. Question asked how much we make at annual garage sale; @ \$17,000.
 - e. Kroger/Script—register annually* but will use Pluscard instead of gift card, which might get more people using it.

*(I looked this up at home on my form and it states that your designated program will automatically renew unless you change it prior to May 1 each year. LB)

4. Montessori—
 - a. limit of \$500 for financial assistance for tuition per student. Kathy Morris will try to link the PSAS form to our website.
 - b. Spring Clean-up mulch is donated (in response to question about having Montessori acquire from Athletic Booster Fundraiser)
 - c. Some families unhappy with morning school delays due to a.m. cancellations of preschool
5. Marketing—Kathy Morris—
 - a. Discussing retention/gain/loss of enrollment—see Report
 - b. Article from U. Dayton Magazine about SPHS grad Rebecca Marek who attends UD. Was a 1st generation college-goer in her family. Kathy notes that “We (at St. Peter’s) bear the responsibility to give our students the most we can to get a head start for college and to finish college.”
 - c. Kathy has an idea to have alumni return to undergrads to talk about the mechanics of college and possible parent-to-parent night to better enable parents to prepare their child for college.

- d. Kathy would like info from alumni for *Family* magazine.
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- 6. Elementary-Jim smith- See Report
 - 7. High School- Tressa Reith—See Report
- a. Linda Kline still in hospital, in good spirits.
 - b. Caution from Bishop about putting the tuition of jobless on the backs of the parish.
 - c. Suggestion to get letter to families or on website to support our schools through legislation.

The following discussion arose elsewhere in the meeting but is pertinent to High/ Junior High.

- d. Comment about not having Power of the Pen and Math Counts this year. Want to bring them back next year. (This year there was no 2nd prep and it didn't happen for several reasons, including the contract, etc. Next year faculty will do it) a. (Regarding extracurricular activity by elementary teachers Jim Smith reported that activities such as Math Club, Drama Club, Quiz Bowl, etc are divided into Tier 1 and Tier 2 levels; each teacher sponsors or works with one activity from each Tier so that the time commitment/complexity is equally shared)
 - e. Lorri—Discussion of our “edge”. Concern from parents about not having college classes; funds directed to Private Schools for college classes are from a different budget than public. The pool has decreased due to increased participation from private schools. We have a lottery where seniors get priority for 1st draw, then go through other grades; if there is still availability seniors get another draw. It was noted that some schools (eg St. X-Cinci, St. Charles, etc) do not offer post-secondary due to the complexity of getting the funds but use AP instead. If student passes the AP exam, they get credits. It was noted we have more AP classes than space in the Jr/Sr schedule.
 - f. The question arose about students taking proficiency exams to receive credit for some courses. It was noted that there are no proficiencies available at this time.
 - g. It was noted we do not have the budget for new courses at this time; need a minimum of 8 students for a course to run.
 - h. Kathy Morris noted we should check out the Toledo Central Catholic website and look at their course catalog.
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- 8. Fr. Tony
- a. Reported that Fr. Mike Billian, an Episcopal vicar second to their Bishop will come to a JH/HS mass.
 - b. Looking at ways to increase energy savings and decrease costs. One consultant noted that covering the skylights might save as much as \$25,000 annually.
 - c. Reconciliation--3rd grade reconciliation will be April 1; PSR next week

- d. May 3 is the date for First Communion
- e. Clarification about Alerts; power outage is a Yellow alert.

- 9. St. Mary's—no new business
- 10. Motion to adjourn 7:48.

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY APRIL 14 AT 6:00 PM

Dave Kocevar will lead the prayer.