



Student Family Organization (SFO)



Saint Mary Catholic Schools strives for a united community of academic excellence and stewardship by embracing the Gospel and carrying the light of Christ.

Meeting Minutes ~ Wednesday, October 21st, 2009 at 6PM

All regular meetings of the SFO general membership shall be conducted as follows:

1. Opening prayer

2. Members present:

3. Unfinished business

- a. Back to School
 - i. Tool Box
 1. Survey –
 - a. Update from Pennings
 - b. Idea/Possibility to only 're-order' the tangible items, as you would not need some items 'new' each year. Example: compass, calculator.
 - c. Look into seeing if you could have a checklist of items you would need to replace and only order those items.
 2. Staff Thoughts
 - a. Update from Jennifer Reusink (email staff in regards to their thoughts on the Tool Box.)
 3. Other info: get moving on the tool box surveys earlier this school year.
 - b. Fall Teacher Appreciation
 - i. Discuss the possibility of hosting the staff Thanksgiving Breakfast
 1. Update from Jennifer Reusink
 2. We will work with the Social Committee at the school to see how we can assist with this planned event.
 - c. SFO Newsletter
 - i. Check on Family Spotlight status
 1. Please help think of our next FAMILY and LEGACY LEADER to ask for the November time frame edition of the Newsletter. We have electronic versions of the forms and all items can be completed via email.
 - a. November Issue:
 - i. Family Spotlight – Joe & Maria Eining (Jenn Reecy);
 - ii. Legacy Leader – Marie Roeman (Christy Roeman)
 - b. February Issue:
 - i. Family Spotlight – Monte & LeAnn Kerzman (Jenn Reecy);
 - ii. Legacy Leader – Jerry & Judi Klein (_____)
 - c. May Issue:
 - i. Family Spotlight – Keith & Jody Eining (Jenn Reecy)
 - ii. Legacy Leader – Rosalie & Dick Gannon (_____)
 - iii.
 2. Jenn will work up the Issues when all articles have arrived.
 - d. Ways to get others, new parents involved in the SFO.
 - i. Membership Drive

1. Collection of Forms: Penning Family – Any Updates?
 - a. Ice Cream Sundae Celebration (Thanks to all who donated to the success of the celebration!
 - b. 5th grade Class had the most parent members in SFO.
 - c. Bishop's Bulletin article written/submitted by Jenn Reecy.

4. New business

- a. Thoughts on projects and/or events to do next year? (SEE FUTURE NOTES HANDOUT)

i. Playground Status

1. Get from Kelly Neill --*info from Kelly*: The playground...we have been told again that the "rainbow" play systems we have present a liability for us. I would love to have a committee formed to look at options, if the SFO is willing to help with some fundraising. I think a few staff members and parents from the SFO would be helpful. We would have that committee make the decision as far as equipment needed and what we purchase. I will be spearheading that portion of the project...I, of course, would have Father involved as well.
2. Fundraiser Committee Members from the SFO: - Thank You!
 - a. **NEEDED: Fundraiser Chair** from this group? – to work specifically with Mrs. Neill in formulating 'do-able' fundraising ideas. SFO will participate, but we need a 'Chair' to lead the efforts.
 - i. Heinitz Family
 - ii. Winberg Family
 - iii. Danny & Shelly Klein Family
 - iv. Jeff & Amanda Geraets Family
 - v. Jason & Jacque Brown Family
 - vi. Dondi Ahlers & Family

ii. Elementary Christmas Program

1. Cookies & Juice/Coffee
 - a. Co-Chairs: Joann Beck & Jeannine Park
2. Art Display
 - a. Jennifer Reusink visited with the Art Teacher, Mrs. Ahrens. Yes, she will have displays of artwork from the students.

iii. Sock Hop during CSW – DATES? THEME?

1. "dividends for life" is the theme for Catholic Schools Week. –focusing on faith, knowledge, discipline and morals.
2. Can we work this into our decorating and/or activities?
<http://www.ihmimmaculata.org/publications/03-Best%20Practices909.pdf>
3. Visit with Committee formed within the School
4. Committee formed within the School
 - a. Cami Fitzgerald is working with us...yes, SFO will take responsibility for the supervision of the dance, prizes, contests, and a fundraiser of selling Tacos in a Bag, Hot Dogs, & BBQs, etc. as well as concessions.
5. Sock Hop Theme & Decorations Committee: (put up and tear down, clean up)
 - a. Volunteers?
 - b. Theme?
 - c. Decorations?
6. Sock Hop Concession Stand
 - a. Volunteers?
7. Sock Hop Dance Contests, Prizes, etc.
 - a. Volunteers?
 - i. Sock Hop Royalty?
 - b. Games (2-3 to break up the dance a bit)?
 - c. Simple Prizes?
8. Sock Hop Food Fundraiser -
 - a. Volunteers to Chair?

- b. Publishing & Marketing (signs, announcements, etc. of serving supper meal)
 - c. Serving? Keep it Simple!
 - i. Tacos in a Bag?
 - ii. Hot Dogs?
 - iii. BBQs?
 - iv. Chili Dogs?
 - iv. Carnival
 - 1. Donation Thoughts?
 - 2. Saude family has agreed to 'Chair' this! Thank you!
 - v. Elementary Spring Program
 - 1. Cookies & Juice/Coffee
 - a. Co-Chairs: Joann Beck & Jeannine Park
 - 2. Art Display
 - a. Jennifer Reusink visited with the Art Teacher, Mrs. Ahrens – all set!
 - vi. Upcoming 100 Year Reunion ~ August 14/15, 2010
 - 1. Ideas in participating
 - 2. Fundraiser Ideas
 - a. Dell Rapids Pool Family Fun Night
 - i. Jennifer Reecy checked with the City – not an option.
 - b. 5K Run/Walk
 - i. Jennifer Reusink contacted Ross Flemmer for help in guiding us.
 - ii. Chair for this Event?
 - vii. Ways to gets others, new parents involved in the SFO.
 - 1. Membership Drive
 - a. Continual 'blurbs' in the Tidbits.
 - 2. REDISCUSS - Call the new families within then school to get out awareness.
 - a. Volunteer?
 - b. Contact Rectory Office to get a list of names.
- b. Approve Brochure & Membership Form
 - i. Chairs for Committees
 - ii. Please see attached.
- c. Approve Calendar for SFO
 - i. Note that some meetings may be conducted via email.
 - ii. August 12th via email
 - iii. August 17th – BTS Night Membership Awareness – Table & Speaker to Brief
 - iv. September 16th @ 6 pm – Mr. DeJong's Office – 6 pm
 - v. October 21st @ 6 pm – Mr. DeJong's Office – 6 pm
 - vi. November 18th
 - vii. December 16th
 - viii. January 20th
 - ix. February 17th
 - x. March 17th
 - xi. April 21st
- d. FUNDRAISER IDEAS to discuss/decide on
 - i. The below fundraisers were tabled while checking into the option of hosting a combined event of all interested vendors to come to St. Mary Hall for a pre-Christmas event.
 - 1. The 'event' (needs a fun name) ~ would require the vendors who wish to purchase a 'spot' for \$X.XX could set up a booth in the St. Mary Hall to sell their

product. SFO would only collect for a booth 'spot' ~ not a percentage of the product sold.

2. Jennifer Reusink is checking into details.
 - a. Date: November 7th, 2009 (Saturday)
 - b. Time: 9 am – 2 pm
 - c. Is the hall available?
 - d. SFO could provide a lunch-stand to profit from.
 - e. Marketing ~ Fliers around town; Ad in the Tribune
3. Vendor Ideas to invite: (utilize a mail out)
 - a. Scrapbooking
 - b. Tupperware
 - c. Schwans
 - d. Yankee Candles
 - e. Subway
 - f. Cookie Co
 - g. Yankee Candle
 - h. Discovery Toys
 - i. Tastefully Simple
 - j. USBorne Books
 - k. Mary Kay
 - l. Arbornne
 - m. Pampered Chef
 - n. Online Scrapbooking
 - o. Avon
 - p. Subway
 - q. Any craft, goodies to sell

4.

- ii. **Younkers 'Community Day'** is a fund-raising event for all 501c3 nonprofit and school organizations. The event is designed to provide local nonprofit organizations with a fun and easy way to raise money for your organization. Community Day at Younkers takes place on Saturday, November 14, 2009.

1. Carrie Carder is looking into this.

iii. Yankee Candle

1. Pennings are heading this. It's a 40% Profit for the school. Thinking great Christmas gifts.

iv. The Home Baked Classic Cookie Co.

1. Frozen cookies, braided breads, coffees and cocoas, candles to see if we were interested in doing that as a fundraiser as well. It is also about a 30-40% profit - based on the items.
2. Who, When?

e. Suggest Events

- i. Other Activities throughout the year?
- ii. Other Fundraisers to look into?
 1. Bake Potato Feed
 - a. Prior to a Boys or Girls Basketball Game
 - b. Volunteer?

f. Other?

- i. Homecoming Float
 1. Begin to think about a float for next year 2010-2011 School Year

g. Officer Election

- i. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary
 1. Michael and Jennifer Reecy and Lucas and Rachel Penning will be Co-presidents for the 2009 – 2010 school year.
 2. Treasurer: Christy Roemen
 3. Secretary Office – Amanda Geraets

5. Treasurers Report

- a. September - \$222.99
- b. October -

6. Adjournment

7. Closing prayer