

Meeting of the Parent Club
February 9, 2010
1:00 pm
Nativity of Our Lady Parish Hall

In attendance: Donna Gibson, April Riforgiate, Adian Lenz, Tina Ballantyne, Lisa Gardner, Joyce Freeman, Karren La Puma, Katie Mott, Connie Church, Jennilee Fisher, Michelle Fricks, Linda Murray, Ann Duggan, Rosa Clary, Leigh Anna Groshart. (These are the only names on the sign-in sheet.)

1. Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm by President Karren La Puma. April Riforgiate offers the opening prayer.

2. OMS Update – Tina Ballantyne

- ACRE testing; religious ed evaluation for 5th grade.
- Working on WASC accreditation .
- Based on feedback from Fall parent survey, will be incorporating more writing and technology in to curriculum.
- RESPECT (character building/anti-bullying) program offered parent meetings for 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Not well attended by parents.
- Catholic Schools Week was exciting, 8th grade did an awesome job.
- Music program going well. A donor bought all the needed ukuleles.

3. Get on the Bus Program – Cece Lane

Cece Lane, Nativity parishioner and GOTB staff member, gave us a video presentation on this valuable program that reunites children for a visit with their parents in prison. OMS kids use their tithe money, and also have the option of helping to collect items for the travel backpacks for the kids in GOTB.

- Get on the Bus presentation in each class on Thursday April 15th.
- Tithing begins on Friday, April 16th through May 14th.
- The special "dress day" for those students who have brought in items for GOTB is Tuesday, May 18th.
- The actual visitation is June 5th.

4. Nativity Update – Linda Murray

- Staci Truelson has been hired to teach extended care, and PE on Tuesday.
- Family-to-Family deliveries at Christmas went very well.
- 400 lbs of food was delivered to the Food Bank.
- Lenten Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services will be going home soon.
- Nativity also in the middle of accreditation. Space, technology and character building were items cited in the last evaluation. Parents are stakeholders in the school and we need their input.

5. Easter Lilies – Karren La Puma

Rosa and Karren are leading this fundraiser. Lilies are coming from the same source as the strawberries. They are \$10 ea, we are taking preorders, due by Feb 26th.

6. Treasurer's Report – Joyce Freeman

- \$1,372 net profit from Christmas Boutique
- \$4,800 net sales for Christmas Tree Lot
- \$645 in boxtop money as of 2/8/10
- **Motion to approve minutes and Treasurer's Report (Karren/Tina) approved unanimously.**

7. Christmas Tree Lot – Karren La Puma

- Tree lot was obviously successful, but was an awful lot of work.
- Weather, poor signage affected sales.
- Many sporting and scouting events scheduled for that weekend made getting volunteers tough.
- Donna suggests that the Christmas Tree Lot chairpersons need to be on board by summer; fundraisers without chairs at the beginning of the year should be reconsidered.
- Tina asks for input on raising the number and type of parent service hours. Consensus of Parent Club is that helping out in your child's classroom should not be considered for service hours. Tina suggests starting to change the policies next year with: 5 hours for classroom service, 5 hours on a fundraising activity, 15 hours Thrift Store.
- Parent Club conveys its heartfelt gratitude to Karren and Michelle Blueher for running the event.

8. OMS Talent Show – Connie Hanretty-Church

- Please e-mail submissions.
- Rehearsals are 3/3, 3/10 and 3/17.
- Talent Show is May 7th, includes BBQ dinner and dessert (but not a fundraiser)
- We still need parents to help with the dinner.

9. Staff Appreciation Day – Karren LaPuma

- Still in need of a chair, but Karren has most of the jobs covered.
- Flowers bouquets for teachers will be collected and arranged by Jennilee Fisher.
- Breakfasts will be handled by Annie McKiernan.
- Jean Alexander is covering Nativity and is good to go.
- Tina feels we need to simplify, and that OMS teachers feel appreciated every day. Linda concurs. Teachers don't have a lot of time to eat breakfast in morning.
- After discussion, Karren suggest: simple breakfast items with coffee and tea, lunch, flowers and a gift card.

10. Drive-thru Dinner Fundraiser – Karren LaPuma

- Rebecca is still on travel, but reports that this event is "in the bag!"
- Dinner is at Nativity, Thursday, March 25th
- Pick up Tri-tip dinner for 4 with fixin's: \$20

11. Book Fair – Karren LaPuma

- Chairperson Kristen Frederick has been called for duty in military, need new chair.
- Book Fair is the week of March 26th all the way to break.

NOTE: Mrs. Ballantyne has changed this date: Book Fair in now week of 5/17. (DFG)

- Vicky Morris and Leigh Anna Groshart willing to help.

12. Other Fundraisers – Tina Ballantyne

- New date and place for 5K Run : Sunday, April 25th at 10 am, at Laguna Park.
- Monarch Dunes Golf Tourney is Friday, May 14th

13. Volunteer of the Year – Karren LaPuma

- Annie McKiernan was honored by the Parent Club and school as Volunteer of the Year. Parent Club Board made the decision based on these qualities: positive presence at the school, role model for both parents and students, represents the values of the school.
- Discussion: Is it necessary to have a Volunteer of the Year when volunteer service is expected of everyone?

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 2:40 pm.

Next meeting March 2 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fioravanti-Gibson