

St. Gregory the Great Home and School Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 4, 2014 6:00-8:00

Held in The Great Room

Attended by: Patricia DeLaTorre, Marisol Krostag, Yolande Lasky, Amanda Lewandowski, Diane Lozano, Rich Medina, Maria Ponce, Kathy Princer, April Printz, Loreve Rucka, Jaimie Sponder, and Maureen Unora

Guest: Sharon Shaeffer

1. Welcome Prayer
2. We did introductions of two new people that would like to join our Board. We welcome Marisol Krostag and Maria Ponce. Thank you very much for joining our group, we look very forward to working with both of you.
3. Updates on Open Chair Positions
 - a. We still have open chair positions for the Chippe Shoppe, Wilderness and the Mother/Son Dance
 - b. Sharon gave us an update on the Mother/Son dance. It is going to be a basketball theme. Laura Bruno's husband is going to be the DJ. They will be ordering pizza. Sharon said that nobody was interested in chairing this event in the future, but everyone from her group was still willing to help. There was discussion as to if Kelly Rohrbaugh and Mary Medina might be interested in co-chairing, so we need to ask them if they are interested.
ACTION ITEM- We need to ask Kelly and Mary if they are interested in co-chairing the Mother/Son, Father/Daughter dance.
 - c. Maureen said she will ask Lisa if she is still interested in communicating different things (ie box tops etc)
ACTION ITEM: Maureen will ask Lisa if she is still interested in the communication.
4. Review of Action Items
 - a. Amanda talked to Katie Orlando about how she gets the cookies for Boo Bash, so that we could use them for the Box Tops Event. Katie's family owns the bakery and can get us the cookies at a very low cost. Also, if we have a letterhead from the school, we can get free frosting from Cook's. Amanda will put an update in The Great News.
ACTION ITEM: Amanda will put an update into The Great News.
 - b. Amanda said that only 10 people came to JumpZone, so we made \$9.22. She is having the check sent to Patti. The problem with JumpZone that we discussed is that they only allow children under 12 on the inflatables. We discussed that our

goal will be to do JumpZone in September for the new, younger families and Roller Skating during Catholic Schools Week.

5. Bylaws Meeting

- a. Mrs. Lasky, Rich, Kathy, April and Loreve are going to work on the Bylaws subcommittee. Their first meeting is Feb 11th. They will keep the Board updated on their progress.

6. Fundraisers

a. Bookfair Update

- i. Unfortunately we lost the Open House sale due to it being cancelled due to inclement weather.
- ii. However, we still did about \$2,800 in sales and half of that will come back to us in "Scholastic dollars". The teachers did a book submission already and will get to do another one from this sale.
- iii. Amanda will take over as Chairperson for the Book Fair for next year. Amanda and April will talk about the process in more detail.
- iv. We only sold 3 cookbooks at the Book Fair, the remaining cookbooks are in the H+S closet.
- v. We talked about where we can sell the cookbooks. We agreed that we can sell them at the Spaghetti Dinner and with the Flower/Candle fundraiser.

ACTION ITEM: Kathy will give Jill and Jess an update on the cookbooks.

b. Restaurant Nights

- i. Cici's will be held tomorrow.
- ii. Culvers was going to be held on Feb 20th, but then we realized that is the same night as the re-scheduled Open House, we Diane will try to change it to Feb 18th. It is for the one on Highway 100. People have to turn in the flyer to Culver's for us to get credit.
- iii. McDonalds on 76th and Oklahoma will be on March 11th from 5-7pm. We get proceeds from everyone that comes in, not just St. Greg's customers.
- iv. We talked about other ideas. El Beso has never done this before, but Diane is going to talk to them more about it. She is going to suggest May for that so that we can use the outdoor patio. BW3 has a family night that she is going to look into. Krispy Kreme also has a fundraiser. Chili's has a coupon offer that you can use at any time. We talked about doing this over the summer, so that people can go whenever they want.

ACTION ITEM: Diane will look into these additional restaurant options.

7. Teacher's Snacks

- a. Chris spent \$32 buying teacher snacks for Conferences. Mrs. Lasky said that the teachers appreciated that.
8. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Maureen said that Patti did not have it ready at this time, but will have it ready the last week of every month.
9. Principals Report
 - a. There is a new date for Open House, Feb 20th.
 - b. Mrs. Lasky said that St. Greg's is going to be participating in an ACE visit. This is a study by Notre Dame on urban schools to see what impact Choice programs have made over the past 20 years. Some of the things they look at are Catholic identity, finances, parent organizations, and technology. The end goal is to look at who we are and what we still need to do to make us more viable in today's world. They also connect us with resources that will help.
 - c. On Feb 13th someone from ACE will be at St. Greg's to talk with parent groups and teachers.
 - d. On March 26th and 27th they will be observing classes, prayer experiences and talking to a lot of people. They want to talk to the fundraising chairs, so Amanda, April, Jaimie and Barb will talk to them.
 - e. They would also like to talk to any of the Home and School Board members. This will be on March 26th from 8:30am-9:30am. Ideally, we would like at least 4-5 Board members present. If you are able to attend, please let Mrs. Lasky know.
ACTION ITEM: Every Board member should let Mrs. Lasky know if they can attend the ACE session on March 26th from 8:30am-9:30am. Please plan to stay a little after if they want to extend the time.
10. Open Forum
 - a. Angie is willing to the uniform sale on Choir weekends after mass. However, as we talked, that may be too many times and only a couple of people show up. We already do it 4 times per year (2 parent meetings, Open House, Back to School Night), so we agreed that should be enough. However it could be that people are not aware that is when we are doing it, so a good suggestion was to add it to the H+S Calendar next year.
ACTION ITEM: Kathy will add the uniform sales to the H+S Calendar next year.
 - b. Mrs. Lasky will see where we can store the uniform racks. Jaimie will ask Angie what she thinks works best for the uniforms, more hanging racks or bins? Once we know what Angie would prefer, we could buy more.
ACTION ITEM: Mrs. Lasky will look for a place we can store the uniform racks.
ACTION ITEM: Jaimie will check with Angie to see what she would prefer, more racks or more bins.

- c. We also talked about adding snowpants and snow gear to the uniform sale.
- d. We talked about getting more volunteers to help with the uniform sale, so we decided to add it to the volunteer form for next year. Rich said that he knew someone that could help with uniforms if we did it on Hospitality Sundays. He will give that person's name to Angie.

ACTION ITEM: Kathy will add the uniform sale to the volunteer form for next year.

- e. For Open House, Amanda will set up the uniform sale and Angie will join after.

11. Parent Meeting

- a. Mrs. Lasky said that Megan Gonzalez approached her about funding that she has for a cultural experience for students. We discussed if we should do this at the Parent Meeting or at a different time. We discussed doing it a different night and calling it a "Culture Night", sponsored by Home and School. Mrs. Lasky will let Megan know.

ACTION ITEM: Mrs. Lasky will talk to Megan about scheduling the "Culture Night"

- b. For the agenda, we will let them vote on if Chippe Shoppe should go out to each student or 1 to the family. We will also vote via ballot how to spend the money that we have.
- c. We will update on the cookbooks and offer more to sell
- d. We will discuss any chair openings
- e. We will discuss the graduation tradition and ask for any volunteers.
- f. Rich will do a powerpoint that goes into more detail about what the events are and what people can do to volunteer.
- g. To entice people to come, we will offer a raffle for a script card based on how many people come (ie 75 people come, raffle for \$75), but we do need to do it in \$25 increments.
- h. We talked about having a written summary of what events are so that new people understand what they are. This would be great to put on the website.
- i. We can talk about the Spring Fundraiser.
- j. We talked about seeing if Student Council can do a presentation about what they do at the Parent Meeting. Mrs. Lasky will ask about that.

ACTION ITEM: Mrs. Lasky will see if Student Council will do a presentation at the Parent Meeting.

12. Additional Items

- a. April gave a "shout out" to the Boy Scouts for helping her with the Book Fair. She didn't even ask, they came right over and helped her. Maureen will pass that along to the Boy Scouts.

- b. We discussed the concert with St. Greg's and Our Lady of Lourdes. It was excellent. April will write a thank you note and get flowers for the lady that does all of this.

The next Home and School Board meeting is March 4th at 6pm.