

Christ the King School
Parent Teacher Group
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2009
7:15 p.m.

Attendees:

Kathy Gannon-Briggs, Julie Sasaki, Kathy Noonan-Stoner, Janine Orr, Barbara Gilbert, Michelle Hannigan, Sam Patti, Rob Curran, Vincent Cirelli, Jeanne Bucci, Juliette Cote, David and Lori Sanderson, Gabrielle Dota, Susan Coloma, Peggy Marani, Marjie Murphy

Meeting called to order by President Julie Sasaki at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes from September meeting approved (change time of meeting to 7:15 P.M.)

New Business

Julie Sasaki:

- Budget: Expenses are greater than income. We have been spending our surplus. There is still money in the account, but we need to be mindful of the money we are spending and try to get the budget under control. We need to decide whether to earmark money (from DVD sales, box tops, etc.) for specific purchases (headphones for media center, additional supplies for the classrooms, etc.) or to include that money in the general PTG budget. For the 2009-10 school year, the PTG plans to prepare a detailed budget showing what income we expect for the year and limiting our spending to match our income.
- Sam, Michelle, Peggy, and Barbara will form a budget sub-committee. The budget discussion was tabled until the next PTG meeting.
- Julie received many responses to the PTG newsletter and the survey about the Welcome Back BBQ.
- Julie asked if any committees need positions to be filled. Auction does have some chair openings.

Kathy Gannon-Briggs:

- The faculty, staff and administration have been working every Wednesday on WASC.
- Mrs. Gannon-Briggs is very impressed with what is going on at CTK, particularly with regard to parent participation. Parents will be invited to participate in a discussion about

the strengths and weaknesses of the school when the WASC visiting team comes March 3 – 5.

Jeanne Bucci:

- Please do the WASC survey online! The room parents should send out e-mail links to each class. Very important that every parent fill it out ASAP so committee can compile the results.
- Calendar item: Special Person's Day will be postponed until next school year. Having the event every other year will keep the event exciting and “new”. Gabrielle Dota-Clemens and Susan Cannon will chair the event in April 2011.
- CHS/DLS students came today to talk with 7th and 8th graders. Nice to see alumni coming back to school. Great things to say about CTK and CHS/DLS.

Chairperson Reports

Education: Kathy Noonan-Stoner

- How can we increase parent participation in parent education nights? Offering volunteer hours was suggested. Another suggestion was offering child care at Club.
- What kinds of events for parent education? Kathy had three ideas:
 - Pressure on children in middle school/high school (Vicki Abeles' film “Race to Nowhere” – being shown at O'Dowd on 10/22.)
 - Another related topic is the Challenge Success program at Stanford -- Denise Pope's “Well-Balanced Student” presentation. O'Dowd is offering a program geared towards high school students, but there are other programs for younger grades. Program costs \$2000 – perhaps we could work with another elementary school.
 - Sexualization of children. Two possibilities, Stephen Hinshaw (author of The Triple Bind: Saving Our Teenage Girls from Today's Pressures) and Jean Kilborn/Diane Levin (authors of So Sexy, So Soon).
- PTG thought all these topics were relevant and important. The Education committee will research options and get back to the PTG.

Fundraising: Michelle Hannigan

- The Walk-Jog-A-Thon was a success today! No money counts yet. 5,292 laps were completed! Average number of laps was 15.8. Sixth grade ran the most – 617. Everyone participated, everyone got yogurt coupons. Will definitely do the event again next year.

Social: Patti Turner (in absentia)

- Looking for PTG people who will be at Ice Cream Social (Friday, October 30th, 6 to 8 p.m.) – the committee needs help decorating in the morning, and assistance during the evening itself (supervising children outside.) Please let Patti know if you can help.

Janine Orr:

- Goal for Father-Daughter dance is to break even financially. Ticket price will rise a bit (\$45 for father/daughter, additional child \$20.) The Father-Daughter Dance is scheduled for November 14, 2009.

Auction: Rob Curran

- The PTG Sponsorship committee solicits advertisements for the school directory. Proceeds from the advertisements are used to fund PTG programs like Art Awareness and the funding of classroom school supplies. Some of the sponsorship money is also paid to the Auction because the school sponsors are entitled to an advertisement in the Auction catalog. It was asked if the PTG could retain 100% of the sponsorship money that was collected for the school directory. The answer was no -- since the Auction/Festival is a parish event, the revenues are shared between other groups besides the school. To ensure that each group receives their fair share of the Auction/Festival proceeds, the PTG will need to pay a portion of each year's sponsorship money to the Auction account.
- Rob and Sam will put out a financial report on the auction and festival with income, where money went, etc. (The 2009 event generated the 2nd-highest gross and net for both festival and auction.)
- October 21st is first committee meeting; everyone invited. 7 p.m. in the 6th grade classroom. There are some open chair positions; Rob will put a notice in newsletter. There had been some suggestions about a new format or different venue, but that probably won't happen due to financial constraints. The ticket prices cover the tent, auctioneer, and food. Auction will start working on event sponsors this month. Mike Mullane is procurement chair and is starting to work on that. The tent and caterer will be determined soon.

Golf Tournament: Steve Murphy (via e-mail)

- Steve Wehrle and Vince Cirelli will take on the golf chair for the next 2 years. I will mentor them and work on the committee. I have 2 final bills to pay and all the Thank you letters went out September 20th.

The following committee reports were postponed until the November meeting:

Garden of Blessings: David and Lori Sanderson

Sponsorship, Directory: Vince Cirelli

Room Parent coordinator: Susan Coloma

Communications: Holly Jansen

Hospitality: Gabrielle Dota

Scrip: Juliette Cote

Festival: Sam Patti

Box Tops: Barbara Gilbert

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 7:15 p.m. in the Media Center.

Submitted by: Marjie Murphy, Secretary

Julie Sasaki, PTG President

Kathy Gannon-Briggs, Principal

Jeanne Bucci, Vice Principal