

SMG Home and School Association

Minutes from October 5, 2011

Members Present

Julie Schmitt, President

Colleen McAllister, Enrichment

Amy Colas, Teacher Rep.

Neelone Cestkowski, Social Committee

Tim Last, Treasurer

Terri Grosse, Social Committee

Norma Meier, Secretary

Monica Silverwood, Development

Liz Young, Principal

Lisa Mohar, Development

Ann Martinelli, Asst. Principal

Beth Wilson, Public Relations

Lisa Wolters, Room Parent Coordinator

Members Absent

Sarah Reid, Vice President

Gretchen Karnosky, Room Parent Coordinator

Meeting was called to order and opening prayer was read.

Welcome Amy Colas, Teacher Representative.

Secretary's Report

- The minutes from the May and August meeting were approved by Lisa Mohar and seconded by Neelone Cestowski.

Principal's Report

- Liz Young reported. She informed us that there are 429 students enrolled this year.
- Conferences are coming up on Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 25th & 27th. Made note that everyone should be aware that there is no school Thursday & Friday.
 - October 24th, the School Superintendent will be visiting.
 - Great news! Permission and approval was given to move forward with the hiring of a P/T IT person.

Treasurer's Report

- Tim Last reported. Tim reviewed the budget and revenues along with carry overs. A few minor changes were recommended, otherwise, overall current and remaining amount was outlined.
 - Ann made note that the sound system is

here. They are working on a few logistics and with the purchase of a few carts, it should be good to go.

The carts will be helpful in transporting and storing equipment. Costs of carts will be taken into consideration in the budget.

Committee Reports

Social Committee

- Neelone and Terri presented. The ice cream social was a hit! Approximately 175 people rsvp'd. Great family turnout, with a majority being younger kids.
 - A big thanks to Culvers for the ice cream and Vintage for the root beer. Thank you notes will be sent.
 - Few suggestions were made. Possible considerations for next year could include time of year and/or time of event. Offering just ice cream, preferably chocolate or two flavors.
 - All in all, the event was well attended, low cost and easy set up/cleanup.
 - Terri presented information regarding this year's sock hop. After discussion of possible dates, it was confirmed that this year it will be held on
Feb. 4th, 2012.

Enrichment Report

- Colleen McAllister and Ann Martinelli presented. Discussed Enrichment report regarding Social

Network presentation. Described how a jeans day reward would work. A follow-up online survey will be available for parents. It is expected that the survey would provide information:

If attended? If so, was it valuable? would you recommend? and comments?

The presentation will be moved to the gym and Queen of Peace parents have been invited. The gym will be easier to set up and expand, in hopes for a full house.

Colleen presented on Performing Arts opportunities and venues she has been researching for the school year 2012-13. She has had contact with artisan resident David Daniels. She has also looked into another Performing Art program in Ill., Honest Abe.

Another contact, Dan Wetzel also does a variety of performances, he presents about character building and positive attitudes targeted at (K-5).

Approx. 45minute presentation @ \$350.00.

Performing arts opportunities in schools targets 4-12th grade students. One particular group, called **Young Americans** is an organization available to do a three day workshop. They help set up, register and enroll students. It was noted that this would entail the use of the gym and perhaps two rooms for a couple of days. It would be a big commitment for the school, but well worth the effort.

Queen of Peace has had some experience with introducing performing arts to their students and appeared to have been a good experience.

- Colleen continues to explore logistics; (time, preparation, financial expenses) and encouraged the Board to view the **website <http://www.youngamericans.org/>** and discuss for next meeting...ideas and networking are welcome.

Development

- Lisa Mohar and Monica Silverwood reported. SCRIP fundraising continues. They will plan to use promotions and contact new families to continue to increase sales.

- They are considering creating a thermometer as a visual to display revenue, goals, family sales, etc. The project is still in the works. They would also like to be able to display this in the Parish after masses.

- The next order of business will be to establish a tangible goal, perhaps continue to discuss school's future needs.

Public Relations

- Beth Wilson reported. SMG was approached to do a kick off to the ringing of bells for the Salvation Army for our school Advent project.

Coverage of the kickoff event will take place at SMG. Sign up is available online. Karrissa Trudgeon has been a liaison in helping make the connection.

Long Range Plan

- There was an open discussion regarding future technology purchases. One item brought up was the purchase of iPads. Further discussion is needed, as we have to take into consideration the pros and cons. Amy Colas brought up that we also have to consider "where the teachers are", and what the school needs are at this time. Also noteworthy, there are beneficial applications, especially for the younger students.
 - As it ties in with SCRIP's goals, school's needs and future purchases were discussed. The replacement and expansion of playground equipment may be considered.
 - Beth Wilson reported on a possible idea and goal for SCRIP, updating our currently antiquated sign. She has researched information regarding outdoor digital signage with our school logo and received a quote, a price range \$6,500-\$9500. One factor to consider; would this potential sign be just for school campus and/or parish?
 - Terri Grosse mentioned there is a need for new basketball hoops.
 - Julie Schmitt, Beth Wilson and Ann

Martinelli will look into a playground proposal.

Athletic Board

- Liz Young reported on behalf of Tessa Sawchuk. Volleyball is under way. Brian Esch is now the concession chair.

Room Parent

- Lisa Wolters reported. Lisa and Gretchen have come up with an idea to acknowledge teacher's/staff's birthdays. They have purchased a helium tank, balloons and small signs (previously signed by the students) to deliver to the teacher celebrating a birthday.
 - They are also planning a week-long celebration of teacher recognition events and special treats, of which, one of the days will specifically be for Specials teacher; something new this year. Lisa presented an overview of ideas and plans.

Open House

- We had an open discussion as to how we all felt Open House went. One feeling is that Open House could have been compared to a Back to School night.
 - It was noted that the Specials teachers didn't feel that they were approached very much at the

table.

- It was mentioned that in the middle school wing, less time for presentations might have been beneficial in order to meet/talk a bit longer with teachers.
- Overall, it appeared favorable that Open House was all held on one evening.
 - Scrip had a table dedicated to sales, they did pretty well.

Grandparents Day

- Julie Schmitt reported. We discussed our opinions about how we felt Grandparent's day went and if we would like to make it an annual occasion.

Amy Colas, speaking from a teacher's perspective, felt that the execution was great. Beth mentioned that she has received phone calls from Grandparents wondering what next year's date will be.

- Overall, it appeared that it was a well attended and special event. Julie, Beth and Lisa will continue to talk about logistics, theme, etc. and decide how to move forward with ideas.

Teacher Enrichment

- Ann Martinelli reported. Ann informed us of a technology conference that is available to technology staff members. This conference will be

held in Wisconsin Dells in December. Ann reported that this conference would be a two day event; and noted that two days, rather than one, would benefit the staff to have time with the team to develop a plan, remain current in technological issues, as well as network during and after the conference.

- The price for five staff (of different grade levels) to attend is priced at \$1,630. It was noted that attending as a unit would be beneficial.

- Liz Young indicated that this would be an appropriate conference to approve.

- Liz Young reported on the K-2 curriculum. At this time, the changes and planning are on hold.

Teacher/staff Christmas gifts

- Julie Schmitt reported that after voting, the Board has agreed to keep teacher/staff Christmas gifts as it currently stands.

- The Room Parent Coordinators are currently working on a day during Teacher Appreciation week to recognize additional staff.

Open Discussion

- Nothing to report at this time.

The meeting was adjourned. Motion was made by Tim Last and seconded by Lisa Mohar.

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday,
November 2 at 2:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Norma G. Meier, Secretary