

Corpus Christi  
Parent's Group Meeting  
October 6, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

All members were present.

Guests:

Loretta Meyer, school board representative

Meghan Wallingford, Dana Young, Kim Kuesel, Auction chairs

Opening Prayer:

Julia Lennon

Auction (Megan Wallingford, Dana Young, Kim Kuesel)

- Tim Bratton is researching the possibility of an online auction for flat rate (non-incremental bid) items. Items will not be paid for online but at evening checkout
  - On-line bidding still in discussion phase. We will revisit this topic before finalizing by chairs and Parent's Group.
- Looking at shortening preview hours by 30 minutes
- New Raffle: A year's tuition
  - Sponsors will raise the \$6900 and tickets will be sold at a yet to be determined price
  - Auction team will consult with solicitation team to ensure no sponsors are double hit and there is no conflict with the annual drive
  - Auction team will reach out to Corpus Christi alumni from the school's first 5 years.
  - New raffle was approved by the Parent's Group Board

School Board Report (Loretta Meyer)

- September has been very busy
- Oakland Diocesan School Board retreat hosted by Corpus Christi
  - Many schools struggling with enrollment
- Committee chairs picked at School Board retreat
- Hosted thank you dinner for major donors September 20<sup>th</sup>
- First tuition assistance drive held
- Adopted school's annual budget
- Finalized five year plan
- Discussed new raffle
  - Would like it to be fully funded before going in catalog
  - No donors double hit
  - Approval of Parents Group Board
- Voted for unrestricted funds to be put towards endowment fund
  - Hopefully will hit \$2,000,000 goal in two more years

### Secretary's Report (Lisa Van Nyhuis)

- A motion to approve the minutes for 09/14/09 was provided by Mary Alice McNeil and was seconded by Amy Crudo

### Moderator's Report (Katie Murphy)

- Organizing parent's comments from the five-year plan.
  - Will share comments that pertain to the Parent's Group Board at November's meeting.
- Next fall we will have the WCEA/WASC survey
- Open House held today
  - New brochure much brighter
  - 25 new families toured the school
- Shared what teacher's are learning at teacher in-services
  - Three of the minimum days will focus on scripture
  - Diocesan meeting to look at state standards and to establish whether individual standards are deemed worthy, important or essential
  - Discussing what resources are needed to teach standards
  - Met with teachers from St. Raymond's and St. Theresa's to
    - Learned about differentiated instruction
    - Discussed practical teaching methods to meet all students' needs
  - Clara Galan has been hired as the new technology/science lad aide

### President (Chris Trevino)

- Calendar:
  - Walk-a-Thon October 17
  - TIP dinner October 26
  - Halloween School Carnival October 30
  - Book Fair November 13-16
  - Katie's Birthday November 19
- Parent's Press coming out in early November
  - Chris asked for names to be mentioned in Cause for Applause section
- Thanked Amy Crudo and Kim Walsh for representing the board at the ministry fair
- Walid Abdul-Rahim will help with Sport-a-Thon
- Amy Settlemier will help with lap incentives
- Parents are still needed from third and fourth grades to store carnival games
- Raffle ticket prices were raised to \$5.00 and have already generated \$800.00
- Bridget and Jack Brophy will have an e-Funds booth at the Walk-a-Thon. They will also sell gift cards in November at pick-up / drop-off.

### Vice-President's Report (Kim Walsh)

- Kim is looking for parent education events sponsored locally to share with Corpus Christi parents
  - This week a flier will go out in the Wednesday envelope to generate awareness among interested parents

- Bishop O'dowd is having a screening of *Race to Nowhere* on October 22
  - Kim will notify the Board when the screening time is set so members who are interested may attend
- We are tentatively planning on a Corpus Christi viewing of *Race to Nowhere* in March, with all parents invited to watch the movie and hold a discussion afterward

#### Treasure's Report (Sue Scott)

- \$47,321 in checking account
- Approximately \$20,000 money market account (\$9,000 holdover from 08-09 Walk-a-Thon)
- A second letter has been sent to the 15 families who have not paid the mandatory fundraising pledge

#### Room Parent Coordinator (Meghan O'Leary)

- October 22 auction room parent's meeting
- Party planners for each grade have stepped forward
- All but two classes have picked dates for ornament exchange

#### TIP (Deb Waterhouse)

- Octoberfest theme dinner will be October 26, 2009
- Committee is still in need of the following
  - Parents to help decorate from 12-3
  - 30 white soup bowls

#### Fundraising (Mary Alice)

- Solicitations have generated \$11,500 in products, including 31 restaurant certificates
- Received a huge donation of toys and games for prizes at the Walk-a-Thon
- Teachers were able to also go through donation and take items for use in the classroom
- Additionally, solicitations donated \$700 in prizes to Walk-a-Thon and teacher incentives, providing an additional \$400 in donations for food
- A generic letter for donors will be available in the office
  - This will be advertised in the Newsline
- Fundraising night at Pasta Pomodoro will be held October 28 and 29
  - 20% of patron's bills (dine-in or take-out) will be donated to the school
- Montclair Bistro has offered a night with Katie Murphy bartending
  - A portion of the bar tab will be donated to the school
  - More details and date TBD

#### Mentor/Communications (Amy Crudo)

- New Parent's mentor email to be sent this week
  - Will include information about parent teacher conferences
- Parent's Press deadline October 20

- Articles will include first aide training, economic situation, TIP dinner, parents education, ticket drive for teachers

Parliamentarian (Julia Lennon)

- Distributed fact sheet on leadership positions
  - Please provide any feedback on the sheet to Julia
- Parents Group Board and School Board members will wear stickers at the Walk-a-Thon to encourage discussion about positions
  - See Julia for sticker in the kitchen from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. on day of event

**Next meeting November 2, 2009**

Sue Scott will provide prayer/snack

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Van Nyhuis