

Corpus Christi
Parent's Group Meeting
September 14, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

All members were present except for Kim Walsh.

Guests:

Mary Tarczynski, school board representative
Lucy Eger and Andrea Horvath, Walk-a-Thon chairs

Opening Prayer:

Mary Alice McNeil

Walk-a-Thon Report (Lucy Eger and Andrea Horvath)

- This year's theme is Extreme Sports
- Student's will vote for t-shirt design this week and winner will be announced next Monday (9/21)
- T-shirt sponsorships earned \$2,500
- Need to find a replacement for Mary Pryor to be in charge of lap incentives
- Need to find for Joe Van Remortal who is in charge of Sport-a-Thon
- Bill Powers has previously stored/set-up/broke-down all games. This year we are looking for a family from K-4 grade level to take charge of one game. An email will be sent via room parents to clarify what this entails. They will set them up, take them down and store them through eighth grade.
- Last year's band will return to play
- To date prize donations are down
- Making a strong effort to reduce costs.
- Asked the Women's Group for a donation to cover food costs – answer pending
- New family permission slip led to some confusion. Reminder will be sent via email to list all students' names.
- Athletic treaties: game has to be played during walk-a-thon hours to earn lap credit.

School Board Report (Mary Tarczynski)

- Members of school board attended diocesan workshop
- School board focusing on 5-year capital plan, 5-year budget and 5-year survey
- Hosting thank-you dinner for major donors on September 20th
- Committee chairs have been set
- Distributed roughly \$52,000 for tuition assistance this year (typical year is approx. \$30,000) therefore, additional funds will be taken from reserves
- As we look to those who will need assistance next year, a certain percentage of Walk-a-Thon money will go to tuition assistance for the 10-11 school year.
- Updating flyer to help recruit members to school board and parents board

Secretary's Report (Lisa Van Nyhuis)

- A motion to approve the minutes for 08/024/09 was provided by Amy Crudo and was seconded by Deb Waterhouse

Moderator's Report (Katie Murphy)

- Alexis Maya is the new 5th grade aide
- Still looking to fill tech/science lab position
- Teachers will have an inservice on Friday to work on language arts and math curriculum
- Mary Alice McNeil suggested the basketball poles be padded to avoid injury. This will be added to capital improvements
- Katie thanked everyone for Father Leo's very successful 25th anniversary event

President (Chris Trevino)

- Teachers appreciated back to school gifts
- Last week's lice screening found only one case
- Ministry Fair this weekend
 - A representative will be needed for each mass
 - Chris will send email to fill schedule
- October calendar includes parish picnic, Walk-a-Thon, TIP dinner, Halloween carnival
- The silent auction chairs will join us at next month's meeting

Vice-President's Report (Kim Walsh)

- Kim was out ill- Chris Trevino gave her report
- Kim sent out a flier for parents regarding volunteering
- Parents have already begun to log volunteer hours
- Some board members viewed *Race to Nowhere* trailer
 - All had positive feedback
 - Corpus Christi will explore the possibility of co-hosting with another school, possibly Bishop O'Dowd

Treasure's Report (Sue Scott)

- \$42,000 in checking account
- \$20,000 money market account (\$9,000 holdover from 08-09 Walk-a-Thon)
- All but 17 families have paid mandatory fundraising pledge

Room Parent Coordinator (Meghan O'Leary)

- On schedule to meet with auction room parents
- Room parents are collecting email lists for their classes
- Meghan will send out an email to collect names of class party planners

TIP (Deb Waterhouse)

- Distributed TIP calendar
- Ticket donations are up from last year
- October 26th staff dinner "Octobeerfest"

Fundraising (Mary Alice)

- Thanked Katie for acknowledging solicitors/donors at Back to School Night
- Working with a slightly smaller team.
 - To date have brought in 20% less money value from last year
- Immediate focus is to organize Raffle and Spin-to-Win prizes for Walk-a-Thon
 - Being very cautious about monetary value or prizes
- Mexican food distributor, Mi Pueblo, may donate food for Walk-a-Thon
Response from grocery stores has been lower than previous years
- Still working on finding grand prize for students
- Restaurant donations are of smaller value (\$50 instead of \$100)

Mentor/Communications (Amy Crudo)

- Balloons were distributed to new families
- Mentor families have all been matched
- Still working on calendar for November Parent's Press - Amy will set deadlines
- Discussed possible articles:
 - Walk-a-Thon
 - Ticket donations
 - 7th & 8th grade first aid training
 - Parent education night
 - Book fair
 - Contribution to tuition assistance (Walk-a-Thon)
 - Photo from TIP dinner or of Board

Parliamentarian (Julia Lennon)

- Explained to new members that as parliamentarian she doesn't vote
- Working on CCPG by-laws and election process. Will let Parent's Group know of any changes

Next meeting October 6, 2009

Julia Lennon will provide prayer/snack

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Van Nyhuis