

St. Mary's Home and School Minutes
9-28-16 (8:15 a.m.) at St. Mary's

Old Business:

- \$654.26 Expiring Scholastic Dollars have been spent on books requested by teachers, A-frame signage to alert parents at pick-up/drop-off of upcoming events, and items for silent auction for the Winter Carnival (science kits, Bluetooth speaker, Hunger Games set).
- Magazine sales raised \$11,258. JACS receives 40% (\$4503.20). Prizes will be ordered and distributed in a couple weeks. There were 2 top sellers at St. Mary's.
- Joplin Humane Society received \$768.49 from last Charity Dress Down.

President's address:

- Skate night raised \$100.50 (67 kids and > 30 parents). Next meeting is another skate night on 10-25-16 at 6:30. There will be a Halloween costume contest with prizes from Roller City.
- Snacks for ITBS testing cost \$150.90. Had to buy for 5 days, not 3.
- Next charity dress down day (10-5-16) is for St. Jude's Hospital. Abby Zeb will come to school on 10-4-16 at lunch to talk about her upcoming run in Memphis to raise money. Bre will attend.
- Volunteers needed for:
 - 10-4-16 at 2:30 Pet blessing on the terrace
 - 10-17-16 at 9:00-11:00 Teacher workday – volunteers will be assigned to each class and teachers will be asked to suggest some structured activity (craft/game and recess)
 - 11-4-16 (K-2) & 11-11-16 (3-5) a.m. Book Fair/Grandparents Days. Schedule includes mass, pastries, book fair, visiting classrooms, and pictures (thanks to Margie Black). If there are families with kids in multiple grades, then grandparents can pick 1 day and visit both/all.

Vice President's address:

- Room parent still needed for Mrs. Hosp's class. Several parents were mentioned and will be contacted.
- There are 45 t-shirts left. They will be available at Grandparents Days for purchase.
- Sweatshirt options discussed. Zipper sweatshirts don't work with design, so either a new vendor will be used or the design will be changed. Current vendor also doesn't have youth sizes available. Tami will get more information.

Secretary's address:

- Box Tops October incentive (ending 10-28-16) options discussed (popcorn/movie party, extra recess, etc). May let the winning class choose. Will do monthly incentives for classes.
- Pizza Hut fundraiser night discussed (20% of sales for 1 evening with flyer). Suzanne will get more information and discuss at a future meeting.
- Follow-up on school hearing screening program discussion from the end of last school year. No funding options found to purchase hearing testing equipment (audiometer) for the school. Price quote \$1000. The equipment would be kept at the school, would be available for years,

and is user-friendly. Suzanne has volunteered to do the screenings and annual calibration expenses. Bre thought there was something available from the Scholastic catalog, but after the meeting she checked and there isn't. Suzanne will contact Patty Wheeler (Joplin PAT) for info on their program.

Treasurer's address:

- All Home and School dues have been paid.
- Total income: \$2200 (Moe's Monday, party dues)
- Expenses: \$70 for teacher gifts, \$80 planetarium

Principal's address:

- Horizontal file cabinets were donated, but missing necessary parts. Parts were ordered and keys were made for locks. Price was \$10 per key, and purchased 2 keys per lock.
- AEDs that were purchased through grant and money from auction have arrived. They will be put near the office and down the hall for easy access from outdoors and classrooms.
- Trophy case has been built by Louie Ochsenbein. The wood was donated by Lowe's, and the glass was donated by the LaFerla family.
- Both basketball goals are up, and kids are loving them.
- On 10-14-16 the Elks will be coming to give dictionaries to all 3rd graders.
- \$909 was collected for Art Feeds. Final charges/fees for Art Feeds: \$761. Remaining money was used for the Sleeping Beauty presentation last week.
- There was some confusion of where fundraising money goes (many were unaware magazine sales didn't go to the specific schools). JACS' fundraisers include magazine sales, Spring Auction (aka Spring Fling), and annual appeal. The fundraising meeting that is usually held prior to school starting did not occur this year.

New Business:

- Winter festival is scheduled for 1-21-17. Shawna Comer has agreed to lead again, but more support is needed. It was suggested that there be a Chair and Co-chair this year so that next year a new Chairperson can take over. Margie Black has provided the food in the past, and will hopefully continue that tradition.
- Trunk or Treat (5th grade fundraiser) is 10-28-16 at 6:00-8:00 p.m. A flier will be sent home this week. There is estimated to be about 200 kids attending. MSSU sororities will be taking part, Occasional Baker is donating food, and a dunk tank was discussed. Home and School has been asked to purchase small prizes instead of candy.
- A more permanent marquee sign was brought up to advertise upcoming events. It was suggested to see if the Scouts need a project. There was no specific follow-up made at this time.
- Christmas parade is 12-6-16 at 6:00 p.m. Will St. Mary's be participating? Float?
- The JACS website will now have a link for Home and School. Meeting minutes and newsletters will be posted.

Next meeting is 10-25-16 @ 6:30 p.m. at Roller City. Costume contest with prizes.