

St. Mary's Home and School Minutes  
2-8-17 (8:15 a.m.) at St. Mary's

President's Report:

- Catholic Schools Week was a success (Teacher Appreciation luncheon and Pastries with Parents). It was agreed that too much food/drink was purchased for Pastries with Parents this year, so we'll purchase less next year.
- Winter Festival recap – last year seemed to have a larger turn-out for the students/families but this year had larger turn-out for church goers. This year made about \$200 less than last year (\$5747.31). Discussed signage to let people know what we're raising money for next time.
  - Food: \$1063 plus \$92 dessert sales. We can purchase less food next year, advertise to-go orders, some people commented that prices were high (will consider family pricing next year), need to have a spot where people can purchase desserts/drinks in the cafeteria (not just at the door), looking into trays.
  - Silent Auction: \$1371. Smaller baskets are recommended. Maybe 1 per class instead of 1 per grade with a \$150 cap. Smoother check-out for next year.
  - Raffles: will sell tickets ahead of time like last year.
  - Online survey will be developed to share with parents on ways to improve the Winter Festival.
  - Suzanne will send thank you notes to food donors.
  - Funds from past Winter Festivals have been earmarked for an outdoor classroom, which has a quoted price of \$30,000. Currently there is about \$11,000 in an account specifically for that.
- iPad cart and iPads
  - Bre will contact Tim Holder to get info on cost and SNC<sup>2</sup> about logistics with the system currently in the school.
  - Once we know cost, we will contact local businesses to offer sponsorships to obtain the additional iPads beyond what we raised.

Vice President's address:

- Tami is going to take some of the shirts and cinch-bags to the next 3<sup>rd</sup> grade game to sell.

Secretary's address:

- Recap on dress down days for this month. Next Tuesday (2/14) is a charity dress down for Ronald McDonald House, and next Thursday (2/16) is a free dress day.
- Together Counts (<http://www.togethercounts.com>) is having a sweepstakes to win a \$30,000 playground makeover. You can enter once per day every day through March 24. Information will be included in the next communicator.

Treasurer's address:

- Income from Winter Festival: \$5953. Expenses for Winter Festival: \$205.69.

- Sally inquired if it would be possible to have a golf tournament fundraiser for a marquee. Ms. Hamlet approved to present the idea to the school board, but advised that the marquee would have to wait until the roads have been widened.

Old Business:

- Teachers' \$300 Scholastic dollars requests have been turned in and the order is being processed. Some items may not be available, and Bre is working with the Scholastic rep to resolve the issue.

New Business:

- \$10,000 Campbell's prize. Ms. Hamlet reported the teachers will be meeting this afternoon to discuss uses (e.g. marketing, school improvements, etc.).
- Upcoming events
  - King's cake: 2/28. Cakes and prizes have been ordered.
  - March charity dress down: 3/3 for Father Rahab charity
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter teacher workday: 3/13

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Next meeting is 3-7-17 at 6:30 p.m. at Roller City