

Holy Rosary School Parents Club Meeting Minutes October 14, 2004

Jill Price-Crawley welcomed everyone and Jillian Kane led the opening prayer. The minutes of the September 16, 2004 Parents Club meeting were approved as written.

President's Report – Jill Price-Crawley

Thank you to all the 7th graders who are helping with childcare tonight. You are showing great leadership!

Upcoming events:

- Bingo Night – October 29th to support the 6th graders
- Pancake Breakfast – November 7 to support the tree lot and the 6th graders
- Reptile Man – October 28, \$1.00/person at the door that evening

Thank you to everyone who has donated tickets and/or gift certificates to our “Gracias” program. All have been well received.

Vice-President's Report – Becky Calkins

The School Commission met on October 7, 2004. Mary Rose Blatner provided a status report on The Big Show. Tickets will go on sale through Ticketmaster the day after Thanksgiving. The production of the show is going as planned.

Hours spent working on the Bingo Night will not count toward family commitment hours.

At a Friday prayer service, we will be presenting Dinh Nguyen with the funds that have been contributed toward his airfare upon his return to Seattle. Thank you for your generosity.

The boiler in the church needs to be replaced. Cost estimate is approximately \$42,000. The work will happen in late November, early December.

There are a number of other repairs around our facilities that need to be made such as: the church roof needs repairs; potholes need to be repaired; and the playground needs re-paving. All of these are “big ticket” items. Thanks to Chris Clarke, we have new lights in Lanigan. Thank you Chris.

Mark Simmons reported that Sunday collections are down approximately 7% from last year.

At the November meeting, the School Commission will have it's goals presented.

Treasurer's Report – Sally Hasert

More checks have been written for the beginning of school expenses. Reports for August and September were made available. There were no questions as to those reports.

Principal's Report – Kris Brown

Went to Camp Coleman to check on the 8th graders and they were doing great.

Conferences are next week. Thank you for sending in your class notes to the teachers. Ms. Brown has been reading them and they are a help in planning for the conferences.

October 29, most of the teachers will be attending a Catholic Educators conference at St. Martin's in Lacy. There will be no school that day.

November 1 is All Saints Day and mass will be at 8:45. The 4th graders will be “saints.” Perfect uniform please.

November 2 is Election Day and Holy Rosary will be participating by voting in our faith families. The 8th graders will plan and lead the discussions.

On October 15 at 11:30, we will have a conference call with the Weigand Foundation regarding our technology grant. Keep us in your prayers!

Vice Principal's Report – Pam Sturgeon

The grant committee is continuing its efforts this year focusing on capital improvements. We hope to receive grants to help us with our electrical wiring and carpeting.

Ms. Sturgeon has also been researching methods to help our special needs students.

The Alumni Newsletter will go out by the end of November. We would love any pictures or articles that you might want to include. We will be promoting the Al Jarreau concert as well.

Standing Committee Reports

Scrip – Mary Campagnaro reported that she **does** have a co-chair – Sheila Ridgway. Thank you Sheila. 64 families bought \$400 worth of Scrip last month. In November, we will have Costco and other special items. Remember, grocery scrip can be purchased through the FCE, every two weeks. Scrip from the full list of vendors can be purchased daily or on Sunday.

Gift Wrap – Jill Price-Crawley reported for Ginny Moorleghe that there is just one more week for turn in of wrapping paper sales.

Magazine Sales – Thank you to Jody Shields and Mary Ballanger for all their hard work on the magazine drive. Our sales totaled over \$136,000 with 99% participation. 45% of families had the same or fewer orders from last year. Our kindergarten families averaged 20 orders per family. Please complete the survey that went home in the FCE. We are looking for a display person for next year.

Westfest – Thank you to Colleen Gants and Jeanne Marie Butterworth for all their hard work on Westfest. Both have agreed to chair Westfest again next year. The preliminary numbers show that we reached our goal and may have a little more to put toward the playground. We would love to hear your suggestions for next year. Thanks to everyone who helped put on the event.

Christmas Tree Lot – Bob Kane reported that the website is open. Sign-ups will start in early November. The Pancake breakfast is November 7. We begin selling trees the 1st Saturday after Thanksgiving at the Admiral Safeway. Scott and Allison Willhite will be taking over next year.

Poinsettias – Bob Patton reported that wreaths can be pre-ordered this year too. Deliveries to businesses will be available. We do need help with sorting and delivering.

Program Presentation – Mike Prato, Kennedy High School Principal.

Mr. Prato wanted to give us a little of the flavor of Kennedy. They have embarked on a 1 to 5 year plan focusing on Spiritual Identity, Excellence for All, Stewardship and Accountability, and Marketing. If you have any questions about the school and where it is headed, please contact Mr. Prato at Pratom@KennedyHS.org.

Bob Kane also was a presenter this evening. He presented plaques to our three beneficiaries of the tree lot proceeds, the West Seattle Food Bank, The Hickman House and the West Seattle Helpline.

Next Parents Club Meeting: November 18, 2004. Hospitality begins at 6:15; meeting begins at 6:30. Childcare is available in the library for \$1.00/per child.

Gloria M. Teves, Secretary