

## **PTSO Board Meeting Minutes**

February 11, 2010

Attendees: Pam Huelsman, Kathy Stivers, Susan Adams, Lisa Lauder, Nicole Shufflebarger, Kelly Shaper, Sandy Bradley

Opening prayer

### **Taste of St. Gabriel Updates (2/27/10)**

Restaurants - 15 confirmed

Auction items Suggestion made to have teachers (if present) hold up the art projects made by their class during the auction. Will ask Cathy Balbach to participate as well.

Cathy Balbach will try to have pictures of the art projects posted to the website for parents to “preview” before the event.

Principal for the Day – Parents can bid for their children to win, will include Making Announcements, Visiting @ classroom, Observing teachers, Eating lunch with Pam, Making an Executive decision (J).

Lunch with the Principal – One student and 2 guests will be taken to lunch by Pam, restaurant TBD.

Flyers – Decision was made to try and go “paperless” on future Taste updates, utilize the website, school announcements, Mass announcements, possibly utilize the Sports email distribution list.

Ad in Parish Bulletin will run for next two weekends, Feb 13-14 & Feb 20-21.

Event and Raffle ticket sales are gaining momentum. We have sold approx. 150 event tickets and 50 raffle tickets to date.

### **Walk-a-Thon**

Scheduled for April 29th

We will discuss in more detail at March PTSO meeting.

Special Recognition of Joe Gandia & Fred Fox

Kelly Shaper to recognize Joe & Fred during Full PTSO Meeting for their dedication and participation in the Chili Supper. They continue to make the best Chili each year and significantly contribute to the success of this event, even though their children are no longer at St. Gabriel. Will be presented with cans of chili, chili seasoning J and gift certificates to Chili’s Restaurant.

### **Event Budgets**

Starting next year, all PTSO events will have a set budget.

PTSO and Administration will work together to determine appropriate budgets based on each events prior years revenues and expenses.

Expenses need to be approved prior to making purchases and signed off on by a PTSO Co-President.

Closing Prayer

### **PTSO Parent Meeting Summary**

February 11, 2010 We highlighted where we are with the Taste to date, things are shaping up nicely. Hopefully you aware of the new things being offered this year, with that, I think that is why we have some buzz going and the interest in table reservations are going so well. We also recognized Cathy Balbach for all of her hard work and commitment to the event.

We had a nice little presentation and show of appreciation for “2” of the guys (Joe Gandia and Fred Fox) that have so generously gave of their own personal time to help prepare chili for the Chili Suppers that the PTSO sponsors each year. These guys have been helping for 10+ years, and to top that, the last two without even having a child in school at St. Gabriel. Now that is stewardship at its best. They were appropriately presented a packet of chili-o mix and can of chili as a joke, and of course a certificate of appreciation signed by Pam. They were appreciative of the recognition, and then thinking that was all, we then told them they had been punked, Pam then presented them with a Gift Card, to yes, none other than Chili’s.

Pam and Dennis Comella both spoke about the upcoming Parent, Teacher, Student conferences. The approach was on the perspective from each in attendance (Parent, Student & Teacher), with all coming in with thoughts in mind on what is going well, what can be done to address areas to work on. The point is that all should be aware coming in about the actual grades of the child, as it is so easily and readily available through Powerschool, and to focus on things that are going well, and looking and talking about things that may be affecting a child’s grade, such as behavior changes. Prayer was included in how important it is daily, including having the child write a prayer about the conference, and having them read it the day of. They both also focused on the conference being positive, that it was a teachable moment, not meant to be negative to put the child or parent on the defensive. Then they closed that it should end with goals being set. It was a very nice talk by both Pam & Dennis.