

## PTO MEETING MINUTES MARCH 10, 2010

OPENING PRAYER- Father Alex

TREASURER'S REPORT- handed out, approved, it was suggested that each report include a comparison to the previous year's report for that month

SECRETARY'S REPORT- available online, approved

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT- Dora would be arriving later but her husband Niles stated there wasn't much to report.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT- (4 PTO officers in attendance also to discuss Bingo issue) Bethaney reported that the first item discussed was the Bingo issue. She said 7 parents have come forward to offer their help but still no one has volunteered to be the "fearless leader" of the Bingo crew and this person would still need to get approval from Father Alex. Plans were made to acknowledge the enormous contribution that Cathy Boucher and her family have made to Mater Dolorosa while running the Bingo program for the past 12 years. Jackie Glasheen has contacted Jeanette DeForge who is a columnist at The Republican regarding running an article on the viability of Mater Dolorosa as an option for area elementary and middle school children for enrollment. Several recent improvements to the school were listed by Sister Corinne: new insulated ceiling tiles to replace damaged ones, a broken window was repaired, the urinals and toilets have all been scoured clean so they absolutely sparkle, new brighter light bulbs were installed in the entryways of the school and discussion is ongoing about changing the carpet in the hallway of the Social Center. The Road Race parking for donations will take place just like last year.

OLD BUSINESS-

WINTER BAZAAR- The PTO Bake Sale Booth made \$800.00 for the Parish. Kara thanked all those who helped by baking, setting up the booth, manning the booth during the event, and also cleaning up afterwards.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND ROAD RACE- A contingent of teachers, students, staff, and parents from Mater Dolorosa will again be marching in the parade on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The Road Race parking for donations will take place on 3/20/10 from early in the morning to mid afternoon. Father Alex stated that 90% of the proceeds will be going to the Mater Dolorosa Annual Fund, which this year has received over \$10,000.00, and the other 10 % will go into the Endowment Fund.

BOOK FAIR-This should be delivered on March 19<sup>th</sup> and run during the school day the following week by time slots assigned for each grade. A notice should be going home soon including a brochure with some of the scholastic books that will be available at the Book Fair. During the Science Fair on the 24<sup>th</sup> of that week in the evening, the Book Fair will be open to all those attending and the teachers will be submitting Wish Lists in case anyone wishes to purchase books for a class or make a donation so the teacher can choose a book for her class. A sign-up sheet was passed around looking for volunteers to help out on any of the days the fair will be running.

OTIS SPUNKMEYER COOKIE DOUGH- Kara expects the information on this fundraiser within the week which will then be sent home. When the dough arrives at the end of April or the beginning of May, volunteers will be needed to put orders together so they can be sent home with the children that day.

#### NEW BUSINESS-

EGG HUNT ON APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>- A sign-up sheet went around looking for volunteers to come to the school that day to help hide the eggs for the younger grades. This event will be held outdoors if the weather cooperates.

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON- A catered lunch will be provided for the teachers and staff in a nice quiet, relaxing environment. Parent volunteers are needed to supervise the children in the cafeteria and while they play outside from about 11a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to help at this event, please call Kara Mercier at #532-2455.

#### TEACHER/SCHOOL REQUESTS FOR FUNDS-

Grades 5/6 requesting \$650.00 for their bus trip to Sturbridge Village, first and second for approval.

PTO officers met prior to this meeting to discuss using some of the money in the PTO account for improvements to the school. The following ideas were proposed:

- 1) new automatic Purell dispensers for the bathrooms with a few cases of refills for back stock supply
- 2) new lightweight road barriers to replace old, heavy ones used currently
- 3) new storage container on wheels for recess equipment and possibly some new play equipment
- 4) new math textbooks for the middle school grades or possibly an online math program

Those present at the meeting agreed that these items are needed and agreed to use some PTO money for making these purchases. The exact dollar amounts to be used and the exact items to be purchased still needs to be finalized and voted on. It was also suggested and the motion carried that some of the money should be put into the Endowment Fund, possibly \$500 to \$1,000.

END OF YEAR BBQ- Already budgeted for \$1,300, Kara will look into whether the Personal Touch Caterers would be able to help out in any way at this event.

PTO OFFICER NOMINATIONS- Forms will be sent home shortly asking for nominations for the four officer positions. Kara stated that she plans NOT to accept the presidency for next year if nominated. She also alluded to the fact that other PTO officers plan not to accept nominations if asked so there needs to be some new names on the nomination forms this year and it would be nice if more than four names were on the ballot unlike the past few years..

#### FLOOR ITEMS-

It was suggested that a tentative calendar of Parish and school events be made available to new families to the school in print or online so that they would have some idea of the events that they could volunteer for in the future. It was suggested that a separate list be made for PTO needs in the volunteerism department.

WALK-A-THON FUNDRAISER- This is a school event, not a PTO event, which is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> and Sister Corinne will be needing volunteers to help set up, pass out water, and stamp lap cards for the children on that day. You may contact the school officer if you would like to help out on that day.

Sister Corinne mentioned that for checks written out for hot lunches at school you now need to make them out to Mater Dolorosa School and NOT Personal Touch Caters as previously stated. Sorry for any inconvenience or confusion.

time for the Parish children to attend. Father Alex just wanted to thank all those who came to support the Winter Bazaar in any way and he was impressed by the school student who ran her own lollipop booth to help out. He also expressed his thanks to all the parents and relatives of students who help out the school in any way and make the continued success of our Parish possible.

CLOSING PRAYER- Father Alex

ATTENDANCE- Father Alex, Sister Corinne, four PTO officers, 1 other teacher, and 15 parents

NEXT PTO MEETING April 14, 2010

Respectfully submitted by Liz Miele, PTO Secretary



**MATER DOLOROSA PTO TREASURER'S REPORT – MARCH 10, 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TRANSACTION</b>	<b>PAYMENT</b>	<b>DEPOSIT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
1/13/2010				8,416.82
1/12	Returned Check		( 58.00)	8,358.82
1/12	Returned Check Fee		( 5.00)	8,353.82
1/24	Scholastic Weekly Reader	109.78		8,244.04
1/27	Mrs. Forest – DVD Player	74.37		8,169.67
1/29	Sister Corinne – School supplies	295.70		7,873.97
1/29	Mrs. Deren – DVD Player	97.48		7,776.49
1/29	Deposit – Gingerbread Shop		408.00	8,184.49
1/29	Cash- Open House Catering Supplies	145.00		8,039.49
2/13	Ed Pysidarczyk – Magician/Bazaar	350.00		7,689.49
2/13	K. Mercier – Reimbursement/receipts	542.90		7,146.59
2/13	B. Healey – Reimburse/dinner w Santa	32.00		7,114.59
3/2	Mrs. Finn – Kazoos Variety Show	48.00		7,066.59
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