

**Parents Association**  
Open Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2010  
7:00 PM, Worner Center

**In Attendance:**

Linda Tribuzi: Chairperson  
Elisa McCoy: Treasurer  
Stacey Sierra: Secretary

**Committee Members:**

Kelly Proctor	Jennifer Ryan	Mari Scheel
Andrea Broderick	Renee Hanke	
Heather Bernat	Suzanne LaMar	

**Welcome:** Linda Tribuzi thanked everyone for coming.

**Opening Prayer:** Mrs. Paul began with an opening prayer reminding us at this time of Thanksgiving to give special thought to those in need.

**Principal's Report:**

- Kindergarten Registration has begun for siblings of St. Gregory students. Be sure to do step 1 on line ASAP so the office will know the number of spots needed for siblings.
- New Report Cards
  - Pilot program
  - School will go through 2 reporting cycles, then take input from parents/teachers
  - K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade saw the biggest changes
  - 3-5 (little change)
  - 6-8: biggest change is the ability to give more specific comments
  - Archdiocese wants to give P/F for technology. St. Greg's admin is trying to change to a grade
  - Teachers are working on a supplement to the report card to enhance the reporting of student progress
- Mrs. Paul explained the fundraising requirements
  - Our school is not able to fund raise through a private for-profit organization
- Music Update
  - To save the \$16,500 annual cost for the music program, Mrs. Harrington developed a program for the classrooms to be taught by each teacher.
  - Very positive feedback, especially in grades 6-8
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade is writing and performing jingles
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade is studying music business
  - Early grades: studying music/singing patterns
  - Incorporating thematic units (ie 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Native American music)
  - Dec 3, Patriotic songs will be sung at flag pole (songs learned as part of the music program and are part of learning standards)

**Parent Association Update:** Linda Tribuzi

- Head Room Moms are now included as Parent Association members.
- Back to School BBQ will be run by Parent Association with the help of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade families: Change to an Ice Cream Social funded by the PA
- Website: On the Parent Association link, you can find key activities and the person in charge of each activity, and a list of ways you can complete your volunteer hours
- There is now a PA suggestion box in the office on the counter. Please submit and ideas, suggestions, or comments in the box. Suggestions can be anonymous

**Auction Update/:** Michelle Ostrowski

- Photos are loaded onto the St. Gregory website under the "City by the Bay" link
- Approximate profit: \$40,000!!!
- Great team work, smooth layout!
- VERY SUCCESSFUL AND FUN!!!

**Technology Update:** Mrs. Paul

- The tech team will be meeting next month to finalize the tech plan. Possibly 3-4 more SMARTboards will be purchased for individual classrooms.
- Mrs. Garibaldi will return Dec. 1: She is the tech mentor to the faculty.
- Classes needing SMARTboards: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>

**Book Fair:** Molly Underwood

- Mon 11/29-Sun. 12/5  
Hours: Mon 8-2, Tues-Fri: 8-4, Sun after 9 Alive Mass and after 10:30 mass
- To sign up for hours, check Wednesday Envelope, contact Christie Ricci or Molly Underwood
- Primary Goal: To encourage/promote the love of reading: FUN!
- Secondary Goal: To raise money for the school library and technology
- Profit from Scholastic comes in 3 ways:
  - Cash
  - Books for updating library
  - Scholastic "bucks": we can purchase different items with points earned (last year a SMARTboard was purchased with Scholastic Bucks!
- Raffle tickets will be given for each book purchased
- Wish lists for students and teachers will be kept in the bookfair for parents.
- Contest: "guess the amount of candy" in the jar to win books

**Mother-Son Activity:** Renee Hanke

- San Jose Giants
- Sat. May 14
- Price: to be determined

**Movie Night:** Jen Ryan

- An outdoor movie night to be scheduled possibly in the spring (on the pavement: bring chairs, blankets, etc)
- We must buy a license to show a movie
- Jen is looking into the cost of renting the screen, sound and projection system.

**Future Speakers:** Linda Tribuzi

- Linda opened up the floor for ideas for future speakers

Some ideas:

1. More conflict resolution to enhance previous seminars
2. No-Bullying Part 2 (possibly a question/answer session)
3. Safety Fair which could include parents and children
4. Social Networking for grades 5-8

Free Dress Passes were given to all parents in attendance of the meeting for their children for Monday, November 22

**Closing Prayer:** Mrs. Paul

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:50 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, January 20, 2011