

SAINT LINUS SCHOOL



Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Meeting Minutes

6:30PM, School Library

Attendees

Beth Gilmartin, Rose Murtaugh, Sandy Romo, Amy Greene and Veronica Aranda Dueñas

Condolences

FTC was saddened to learn of the passing of founding member, Barb Duffy. A flower arrangement was sent to the family expressing FTC's condolences and gratitude for her contributions.

FTC Happenings

Memberships – A few more families have joined FTC since our last meeting! Thanks and welcome! Teachers are also encouraged to join FTC!

Halloween Parade - The parade took place October 31st for grades Preschool through 3rd. Thanks to Dee Conn who lined classrooms up for the parade.

Cookie Dough Sale The final count was 422 total units sold. FTC gets 40% of the sales which will be used for school assemblies, classroom supplies among other things. November 17th is the pickup date. FTC will be needing volunteers for set up and distribution on 11/17.

Ornament Sale – FTC will have a table in the Church foyer for the December 3rd/4th masses. Volunteers are needed to fill out time slots to sell ornaments to parishioners. Details for the sale will be sent out to school families this week. Personalization will be provided by Tiffany Silva-Sales! Thanks!

Box Tops – Beth Gilmartin reported that the school has reached its first prize level! As of October, our running total was \$693 which included Box Tops and Growing Local! Each student will receive fruit snacks pretty soon for reaching the \$500 goal! These boxes come with more box tops to help in our goal. Suggestions are welcomed for the next goal marks (\$1000 and \$1500). Dr. Stritch has approved an out of uniform day if the \$2000 mark is met this school year.

SchoolKits – Kathy Ward has led this endeavor for the past few years but has expressed that this was her last year in doing so. Beth will follow up with Kathy for information on number of families who order School Kits so that FTC can decide whether to continue offering families this convenient way of getting their school supplies and if so, request volunteers to coordinate this task.

Reading with Santa – Every year FTC provides a "Santa" to read to PreK – 3rd grade students on the day of the classroom Christmas party. FTC will send out a request for a volunteer to play Santa, read to the students and hand out candy canes.

Potential FTC Activities

School Assemblies – The group considered three options presented:

Tim Hanning ProKids – This show blends comedy, music, magic and involvement and provides messages about respect, responsibility and more. ProKids offers three different 45 minute shows geared to Grades K-5th, Grades 6-8th and a Family show in the evening. Fees are a bit costly so the question of whether we can get another group to co-sponsor came up.

Jim Gill – music play for all young children. Jim Gill's shows are geared to the lower grades (PreK-3rd) but he also offers profession development workshops for teachers and librarians.

Pocket Circus – An energetic show with a blend of humor, magic, acrobatics, juggling and musical performances. Most reasonable in price so depending on the amount of space needed for set up, FTC might consider sponsoring two 45 minute assemblies (Grades PreK-4th; Grades 5-8th).

Volleyball Kids' Clinic – The group reflected on this idea that came about in the September meeting. Dr. Stritch will be consulted once more on the feasibility of this event although some concern was expressed that it was geared to a targeted age group and not really all-inclusive.

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Linus Family 5K– It was also suggested that a new activity be sponsored by FTC to be inclusive of all age groups within the school. The group is exploring the possibility of a Linus Family 5K walk/run and the idea will be presented to Dr. Stritch.

Welcome Back Day – Changes are being considered for Welcome Back Day. FTC will propose that families be invited to a Welcome Back School Family Mass to kick off the new school year. After mass, they be invited to the Cardiff Center where a revised Welcome Back Day event will take place. Stay tuned for details.

New Family Buddy System – it has been noted that new families have many questions not only in the beginning of the school year but also throughout especially their first year at Linus. It was suggested that FTC establish a mentoring system for new families where each is paired up with a volunteer “senior” family who will be available throughout the year to answer questions or remind parents of activities throughout the year that they might not be completely familiar with. A few families have already expressed interest in participating and so FTC is considering piloting this starting January 2012.

Financial Update

Amy Greene reported on the current financial status for FTC.

Dates to remember

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| November 17 th – | Cookie Dough Pick up |
| December 3 rd and 4 th – | Christmas Ornament Sale after mass |
| December/January – | No FTC Meetings |
| February – | Please visit the FTC website in February for meeting date. |