

**St. Dennis Home & School Board
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2010**

Present: Matt Beisser, Lynda Cabrales, Beth Jennissen, Jenny Metcalf, Jenny Turk, Jason Westphal, Colleen Wilson

Absent: Mary Banovetz, Steve Daggett, Stefanie Elder, Jessi Feit, Michelle Grajkowski, Julie Kachel, Kate Larsh, Janet Masters, Nicole Quandt, Julie Rozwadowski, Deanna Smith, Katrina Wessley

Guest Speakers: Tara Darga, Melanie Erce

Principal Update

- Mr. Beisser is making allocations for the funds that were provided by H&S to the NCEA convention (\$2000) and Unity Day (\$1000).
- 4K registration for 2010-11 is currently at 36 students (24 in the morning session and 12 in the afternoon session). All 36 have been provided with a number that represents the order they will be placed into Kindergarten the following year (28 students will be allowed into Kindergarten).
- Reminder to get registration information in soon – many grades are already wait-listed for 2010-11.

February Minutes

No quorum – could not complete vote. Will be tabled until April meeting.

Treasurer Update

None.

Committee Updates

- Variety Show – There will be limited practice times this year (see website for details). The committee also is putting a special emphasis on child supervision. Mr. Beisser has requested that the post-show parent party be moved off-site.
- Trivia Knight – 33 tables were sold. Estimated gross revenue is \$11,000, estimated net revenue is approximately \$9,000, which represents a \$3,000 increase over last year. The 2011 goal is 40 tables.

Market Day

- Melanie Erce and Tara Darga spoke on behalf of Market Day. They proposed some ideas to help increase participation in this fundraiser.

Proposal: Offer school families (not parish members) a 5% “kickback” on their Market Day purchases to be applied as a tuition credit or credit towards other expenses, such as CSW fees or Variety Show tickets. St. Dennis currently receives 10% profit on Market Day, so this incentive would be 50% of our profit from school families. (Less than 20% of monthly MD orders come from school families; the balance is from parish members.)

Discussion: In the past H&S has offered \$250 tuition credits for attending association meetings but this incentive resulted in no measurable increase in meeting attendance. However, the group agreed that this proposal could be tested for MD. This MD incentive would need to be marketed heavily to the school families. In addition, as per the February vote, MD will become H&S’s “third” fundraiser starting in 2010-11 - this may help raise the incentive to purchase MD if the proceeds are allocated for a specific project(s) rather than “dumped” into the general operating fund.

Additional discussion involved bringing on the SCRIP fundraiser. This has been discussed heavily in the past. The agreement was that this would need to be managed entirely on-line if H&S were to adapt it.

Result: Mr. Beisser will speak with Father Schmitt regarding the tuition incentive option. He will also have a separate discussion with Father regarding SCRIP. Results of these discussions will be presented to the H&S board at the April meeting.

Association Meeting

- The tentative date for the final Association Meeting will be May 18 – this is pending room and speaker availability.

2010-2011 H&S Officers

- Recruiting is beginning for 2010-11 board members. The current positions and members are:

President: Jason Westphal
President Elect: Vacant

Secretary: Jessi Feit
Secretary Elect: Vacant

Treasurer: Vacant
Treasurer Elect: Vacant

If you or anyone you know are interested in any of these positions or would like additional information, please contact Jenny Turk or Jason Westphal.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 14, 2010 6:30 p.m. Teacher's Lounge