

Saint Mary PTU Executive Board Meeting  
December 1, 2005

Attendance: Haydiee Perkins-Burkes, Dan Humphrey, Rick Knowlton, Annie Cunningham, Ray Riedel, Colleen Elbert, Cindy Finnegan, Donte Walker

Meeting began at 6:40 p.m. at Luchita's restaurant

Dan showed the commercial for SMS that will begin airing December 5, 2005. It will appear on TNT, Cartoon Network, Weather Channel, History Channel, ABC Family. It is great!

Haydiee said Happy Holidays to everyone. The thank you notes that we received this month were from Sharon Brunkow for naming one of the scholarships after her and for the \$75.00 she received from PTU for supplies. She included pictures of the recipients of the scholarships and Ray Riedel is going to put them in the newsletter. Also, Darlene Zidek thanked us for the teachers' luncheon, Maureen Kuebler thanked us for the teachers' checks, Barb Diedrick thanked us for the teachers' checks, Karen Harper for the luncheon, Dan Humphrey for his birthday celebration, Meg Milchen for the teachers' checks and Nancy Knuff for the kindergarten supplies and her course work. I have these cards in my possession if anyone would like to see them.

Meg Milchen received a grant for an in-class demonstration from the Cleveland History Museum about animals. The amount was \$130.00, \$5.00 per student, 26 students.

Annie Heidersbach is keeping attendance from general PTU meetings. The box will be kept in Dan's office. We will be sure to make a big "to do" about drawing the winner for the \$500.00.

January 12, 2006 will be the next meeting, a general meeting, in the Weigand Room at 6:30p.m. Ray will put a reminder in the newsletter. February will be the finance meeting.

PTU received positive feedback regarding contributing to the green space around the Parish Center. We raised \$190.00.

The Altar and Rosary Society gave Dan an ipod to use as a gift or reward for the students.

Volunteers are going well from the sign up sheet at the beginning of the year.

Annie and Rick (vice presidents) stated that the Harry London candy didn't go so well last year, so we will do the fund raiser with Joe Schneeburger this time. We made about \$6-8000 from the magazine sale. The Christmas kits brought in about \$8000. Dan will receive about \$4000. Dan thought about possibly doing something with the Pig Race (the kids love this) and a pig roast. Each family has to purchase a ticket - \$40.00 for all you can eat. The school would receive \$8000 from this. Food, entertainment and prizes

would run about \$1000 and Dan would receive the rest. This would replace the Christmas sale next year.

As there is no school on St. Patrick's Day this year, Dan would like to have a St. Patrick's Day party for families in the gym. He would bring in the big screen and televise the March Madness games. Donte would gather donations and play games with everyone, there would be side boards, 50/50 drawing. This will be called "Pot of Gold". Tickets for a family will be \$40.00. We will ask Lisa Love to do the food. There will be Irish Dancers, a band. The money for the billboards was put towards the commercial this year. John Lescher was looking into getting us a license to sell tips. Ray Riedel asked how it helps us with fund raising to keep costs down if it's always the parents who are asked to contribute. There would be a chance to win \$1000. Dan will ask the Hall Committee their opinion. There would be a three way cut on the profit. Estimated \$8000 – 10,000 profit. Dan will email us as to what the Hall Committee says. We will put the candy sale on hold until we hear back. This will be open to the whole parish.

We moved Market Day pickup to the Pius X building as Hall Committee wanted us to pay \$100 a month to use the Commons or purchase them a new table (about \$100) every other month.

Donte and Dan showed us a plan for the playground. Green space is not possible. Dan will ask about purchasing the strip of land beyond our fence. We can paint a small football area, basketball area, four-square area and put up a small building for storage. The paint, fencing and storage unit will be the most expensive. We need drainage, railroad ties, recycled rubber mulch, possibly a table and chairs or benches, playground equipment. We need to remove blacktop in some areas. This is estimated to be \$20,000. It will cost \$6000 to have the old equipment put back up. It was asked if we dug a big enough hole and used concrete if we couldn't put it back up ourselves. Dan will ask Sports Committee for a \$1000 contribution for the playground.

The lunch ladies are selling ice cream and junk food everyday except Friday when PTU sells ice cream. The funds go to replace old equipment as needed.

PTU purchased a \$30.00 ticket for the 200 Club.

Dan purchased nine basketballs for the Elyria Catholic home varsity basketball games. They will announce SMS at each game. The balls were purchased from Kohlmeyers.

The money raised from Family Fun Night donated baskets was given to PTU.

Dan will ask Mrs. Brunkow about the 8<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirts.

Catholic Schools Week is January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 5<sup>th</sup>. On Friday Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, EC will kick off Catholic Schools Week with a Mass for grades 5-8 from the local Catholic grade schools. During the Masses on the 28 and 29, Dan will have students, dressed in

their uniforms, pass out the agenda for Catholic Schools Week. The 30<sup>th</sup> will have a prayer service and a special honor mention for Joe Ferret, George Ross and Dale Forthover for their help with the Parish Center and school. This ties in with our theme, "If you build it, He will come." The 31<sup>st</sup> of January, the students will dress as their favorite Bible person and explain it during their religion class. Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, the students will wear a fun, crazy hat with their uniform and it will be teacher appreciation day. Thursday will be parent appreciation day and there will be a special report on internet safety. There is a PTU meeting for the finances for next year. Hospitality will provide refreshments for this meeting. Friday will be student appreciation day with a SMS dress down day and a pep rally for winter sports at 1:00.

Fr. Don submitted a name to the Bishop for Pastor at St. Mary.

Ray asked that the newsletter articles be submitted early this month, by the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Elbert on December 4, 2005.