

Opening Prayer led by Heather Schrimpf

**Minutes** from the November 29, 2011 Home and School meeting were approved as is. Motion to approve by Donna Bruemmer. Motion seconded by Dan Vanderfeltz.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed and approved. Motion to approve by Lisa Macy. Motion seconded by Ronda Wohlt. Noted the current report shows carnival income, and that only includes the raffle donations that have been received so far.

Amy Wolters spoke about a need for all IC school parents to be involved in our fundraising activities to have successful events. Many event chairs struggle to find volunteers and in an effort to avoid that, it was suggested that all parents be assigned responsibilities at these events. Hopefully this will make our events successful and memorable for our children.

**Principal's Report:** Exciting news – new first-time grandma. Second quarter parent-teacher conferences went well. Third quarter progress reports will go home on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. The self-study reports are being reviewed and combined into one report.

In the early budget planning stages for the next school year. The technology committee is planning upcoming technology improvements for the school. Would like to focus on a new school management system (online grade system, attendance, etc), replacing operating system, CPUs, content filters and smart board professional development. Would also like to get a six year replacement rotation developed. Thanks to the Wegman family for their smart boards donation in Linda Wegman's memory.

Catholic Schools Week is coming up and ties in well with this month's character traits of hardworking and motivation. The Catholic Schools Week theme is Faith. Academics. Service. A kick-off mass will be held January 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. All school mass will be held Monday, January 30 and Thursday, February 2 at 8:00 a.m. Service focus will be collecting boxes of valentines for the Samaritan Center and having the students help clean school grounds and classrooms. Academics focus will see teachers playing "Are you smarter than a # grader?" Student day will include a parent-student lunch and a teacher-student volleyball game.

**Fundraising Events:** Alyssa Bruemmer spoke about the upcoming school carnival. It will be held Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-8:30. She thanked the Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade parents for all their hard work on the planning committees. They have great donations on the raffle, and plan to do a Chinese raffle the night of the carnival. The Ruby Tuesday fundraiser night earned \$750. Angie Toebben spoke about the games at this year's carnival. A survey was sent to the Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders' parents & teachers about what games they wanted and the results were used to determine what games would be played this year. New to the carnival will be a money booth where money flies around in a glass enclosure, a giant inflated slide, pictures taken with Clifford or in a Mardi Gras costume and a basketball layup competition. There will be wristbands available for purchase at \$15 each, for unlimited carnival game access. There are a limited number of these available so it will be a first come, first serve basis. A copy of the work list is available on the school website. If you can't work your assigned shift you need to let your room parents know asap. Also need junior high or high school students to volunteer to work the face painting booth. The carnival layout (what games are where) will be posted on the website and sent to room parents ahead of time.

The IC Chili Supper is scheduled for March 17. Dan Vanderfeltz is the chair. Theresa Heckman and Nicole Hood are co-chairs. Each family will need to sell 5 tickets. Those will be sent home through backpacks the week after the carnival. Turn in your money as soon as possible so they can get an accurate food count. Kindergarten families will need to send in 12 cupcakes, grades 1-8 will need to bring a pie. Pies need to be dropped off by noon that day at Kertz Hall. Work sign-up sheets are available tonight if you know which shift you'd be able to work.

**Self Study:** Debbie Kolb thanked everyone that volunteered for the self study project. Over 100 people were involved on 11 different committees. The committee chairs will meet on Feb. 8 to review the final report. On Mar. 25-27, the team will be at the school observing, interviewing and writing their recommendations. On Mar. 27 (the next Home & School meeting), the visiting team will present their final report and we will host a dinner. We will ask for RSVPs to that meeting so we know how much food to prepare. We hope everyone can attend.

**Scrip:** The scrip program has made about \$33, 600 so far this year. Still have a few cards for Quizno's and Ryan's available but will stop carrying those two businesses once those cards are sold. Continue to use the scrip program!

**Athletic Committee:** IC is hosting the basketball Catholic Bowl this year. If you have a child that plays basketball, you will be assigned a time to work during that week of Catholic Bowl(Feb 18-26). Janie Wyrick request that the Home & School assist in the purchase of a popcorn popper to use at the concession stand for the Catholic Bowl games. Also suggested Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts may contribute since they sell concessions during the regular season games. Sam's had one for \$400. Kevin Kolb is going to try to repair the popper we have now. If it isn't repairable, other options will be considered at that time.

**Budget process:** If anyone has budget items they'd like to submit for the upcoming budget year they should send those to Jill Struempf or Jennifer Gerling by *February 10<sup>th</sup>* to make sure they are considered.

The next Home and School meeting will be held March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Pickering's class with 36% (from K-2), Mrs. Keilholz class with 29% (from 3-5) and Mrs. Burbank's class with 44% (from 6-8) won the attendance prizes for most parents in attendance at this meeting. Each of these 3 classes will get dress down passes to use on Monday, February 6.

Closing prayer was led by Jennifer Gerling. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.