

Resurrection-St. Paul Home & School Association

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday January 3, 2012

Present: Kitty O'Toole, Sue Ellen Grove, Barbara Romiti, Sharon Ghazarian, Laura Williams, Natalie Headley, Karen Murphy, Wendy Cottrell

- I. Call to Order –Kathleen O'Toole
- II. Opening Prayer –Kathleen O'Toole
- III. Committee Member Updates

Principal Update:

- The observance of advent this year included daily morning prayer which had a scriptural reading that coincided with the symbol for our Jesse tree. This is the fourth year that students in each grade create an ornament that they can take home with them. By the time they leave RSPS, they should each have 10 ornaments for their own Jesse tree.
- We concluded the Advent season with a Christmas program which culminated with our 8th graders adding their unique gifts to the annual Christmas pageant.
- Our school collected over 500 toys and gift cards to donate to Villa Maria, Grass Roots shelter, and the Domestic Violence center. Our collection was in conjunction with the Religious Ed program's collection.
- After our Christmas vacation, we will be gearing up for several open houses and Catholic School's Week which takes place the last week of January. While we are anticipating filling our prek class for the fourth year in a row, we are predicating 40-45 Kindergarten students for next year, which will mean once again we will have two Kindergartens.
- It's budget time again. The school board will be working with Sharon Tornatore over the next few weeks in setting tuition for the upcoming school year based upon predicted enrollment and our budget.
- Natalie Headley has RSPS in the Howard County Times throughout the year.

Treasurer Update:

- Money has come in for several of the restaurant fundraisers that have taken place recently.
- The restaurant fundraisers continue to do well.

2nd VP Update – Laura Williams

- A total of \$3,895.00 came in from the holiday collection which resulted in \$70.00 being given to each full-time staff member and \$35.00 for each half time staff member, both in addition to the \$100 that is given from the HSA budget for each staff member.

Gala Update

- The solicitation about auction items goes out to parents this week and the solicitation to merchants goes out next week.
- The committees are moving along nicely.
- Final approval has been received for what the gala money will be used towards this year – a library upgrade for the media center which will include an upgrade to RSPS's technology space.
- A team of parent volunteers have been pursuing necessary actions to create a playing field. Monsignor John walked the area with the parents to discuss what they envisioned. Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Cottrell, Mrs. Headley, and Monsignor John also walked the area. After several conversations, it was determined that the county needed to be contacted for planning and zoning purposes. There is more involved than all parties originally thought, like the removal of trees, leveling the land, and working around sewage lines. It was decided that there was not enough time to accomplish all the necessary work prior to the gala deadline so another beneficiary with an attainable deadline was chosen. The school administration would still like to pursue a playing field for the future.

IV. Adjournment – Kathleen O'Toole