

St. Odilia Parent Action Association (PAA)

Meeting Minutes for January 12th, 2010

1.) Welcome, Prayer, Introductions

- PAA co-chairs, Ann Heller and Jacki Wings welcomed and thanked all attendees.

2.) School Report-provided by Dave Fink

- Current school families will be receiving 2010-2011 school registration packets on January 20th. Please note that if you have a kindergartner to register you will need to fill out an additional registration form.
- Registration packets have been made available to new prospective parents.
- Currently there is not a Kindergarten Option plan available for the 2010-2011 school year. It is still under consideration. It will be addressed once the number of kindergarten students and needs of families are known.
- St. Odilia will be taking over the St. Odilia Preschool from the YMCA for 2010-2011. St. Odilia will also be running the before and after school program. A summer care program is also being considered.
- St. Odilia Preschool registration materials will be available soon. Please note that the pre-school's start time will coincide with the school start time of 9:20am.
- Catholic Schools' Week will be celebrated Sunday, January 24th-Friday, January 29th. During Masses on the 23rd and 24th students will be greeters, gift bearers, and choir singers. Students and parents will also give a short testimonial on their St Odilia School experience. Any St. Odilia student wearing their school uniform to Mass will be eligible for a non-uniform day.
- Two service projects will be incorporated into Catholic Schools' Week. Kids Against Hunger on Wednesday, January 27th and a St. Odilia Book Drive. Gently used books will be collected throughout the week and donated to St. Matthew's School.
- The Kids Against Hunger schedule is: 9:45-10:30: 1st grade and Mrs. Teigen's class, 10:30-11:15: 2nd grade and Mrs. Witham's class, 11:15-12:00: 8th grade and kindergarten, 12:45-1:30: 3rd grade, 1:30-2:15: 7th grade, 2:15-3:00: 6th grade, 3:00-3:45: Mr. Wilhelmy's class, Ms. Kelcher's class, and Mr. Pajak's class.
- Additional Catholic Schools' Week activities include: an essay contest, rollerskating for grades 1st-5th, and an all school Mass on Thursday, January 28th.
- The 2nd quarter ends January 22nd. Report cards will sent home on February 4th. Students in 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 8th grade will receive their standardized test scores with their report cards.
- Friday, January 29th is a teacher workshop day. There will be no school.
- Friday, January 22nd interested 8th grade students and parishioners will take part in a Pro-Life prayer service and march at the State Capitol.
- If you have not received your 2009-2010 Powerschool password please contact the office.

3.) Treasurer's Report-provided by Deb Jezierski

- See attached Cash Summary.

4.) School Council Report-provided by Claudia Munson

- The school council met on December 15, 2009. Meeting minutes can be found on the school website.
- The struggling economy has affected many St. Odilia school families. Tuition payments are behind and more families are applying for tuition assistance.
- There will be an envelope collection asking for financial support for the school from the parish community at the Masses on the weekends of the 23rd/24th and the 29th/30th. Students and parents will give a short testimonial on their St. Odilia experience at these Masses.
- The 2010-2011 tuition and budget was discussed.
- The St. Odilia Endowment Committee is in need of one member. For details please contact Bob Grose.
- Plans for the all school reunion continue to move forward. Please see the website for details.

5.) PAA Co-Chairs Report-provided by Ann Heller and Jacki WInges

- We are in immediate need of parents willing to be a part of the Website Committee that is being formed to look into options for the St. Odilia school website. It has been determined that the website needs to be more user friendly and has the potential to be a valuable resource for parents, staff, students, and prospective parents. The committee will consider the options and costs of the project. Please consider offering your time. For details contact Ann Heller or Jacki WInges
- The annual St. Odilia Men's Club Valentine's Dinner is on February 8th at 5:30-9pm. Tickets are \$110 per couple and include dinner and drinks. Please stop in the office to purchase tickets or contact Ann Heller and Jacki WInges for details. Please support the Men's Club, they offer financial support to our St. Odilia school athletics.
- Planning for the 2010-2011 PAA is underway. If you are currently involved in a committee please inform Ann Heller or Jacki WInges of your plan for involvement next year. For those not currently involved there are many opportunities to share your time and talent with PAA. Please contact Ann Heller or Jacki WInges for opportunities.
- There has been a request for a new reception desk for the main entry. PAA is looking into the options.
- Thank you to Mr. Scroggins for coordinating the school's role of honoring St. Odilia's 50th Anniversary. Stop and see the bulletin board in the main hallway to view photos from St. Odilia's past 50 years.
- PAA is considering a school calendar that families could use to keep track of important St. Odilia dates and schedules. Mrs. Munson is looking into the project.

6.) Committee Reports

Hospitality-provided by Cori Duffy

- The Hospitality Committee is in need of a new chair for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact Cori Duffy, Ann Heller, or Jacki WInges for details.

PR Coordinator-provided by Nicole Blaska

- Staff and parents please remember to contact Nicole Blaska with any news worthy St. Odilia information that you would like to see printed in local publications. It may be information such as a school sports team championship, a significant academic achievement, or a service project. Nicole Blaska can be reached at 651-765-6396.

Staff Appreciation-provided by Ann Heller and Jacki WInges

- During Catholic Schools' Week, school staff are invited to a Staff Appreciation luncheon on Monday, January 25th.

The next PAA meeting will be Tuesday, February 9th, 2010 at 7pm in room 2308. Free childcare is provided in the nursery. All parents are welcome. Please consider attending and getting involved.
Future meetings will take place March 9th, April 13th, and May 11th.

Meeting Attendees: Mr. Fink, Ann Heller, Jacki WInges, Deb Jezierski, Celine Donohue
Claudia Munson, Cori Duffy, Nicole Blaska, Julia Erickson

Submitted by Celine Donohue, PAA Secretary
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