

PTO Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2008
6:00-7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

President Secret Mbaye opened with a mention of the 8th grade fundraiser at Macy's.

The minutes were approved.

Fundraising – Lora Carapina and Shelley Kelly discussed Fall Fete coming up on November 15 from 11-5 on campus. There will be live music and food from Chateau du Lac and Café Rani as well as others. There will be games for the kids. They asked everyone to participate in working at the event.

Principal's Report – Ms. Janice discussed the School Facilities Master Plan. The School Facilities Master Planning Committee, organized by the La. Dept. of Education, came to New Orleans and looked at all the facilities and using best practices, evaluated existing school buildings, irrespective of programs housed in the facilities. She said we will be able to give input to Darryl Kilbert, Superintendent of the Orleans Parish School Board, when our specific schools are ready for renovations and decisions are being made in terms of our future.

She said the next FAME board meeting is on Oct. 25 and the newest member of the FAME board, Dr. Linda Blakely, will be added at this time. She said FAME is still seeking one more member.

Carrollton Campus – Ms. Dawn said the campus is a hub of activity these days and thanked the parents for all their support of the sports activities. She said she recently met with the 8th grade students who are going to Washington DC in the spring. She mentioned the 5th graders are going to Sunship Earth on Oct. 17th and a second group will go on Oct. 24th. She said the 4th grade will participate in the precursor to Sunship Earth, which is called T.R.E.E. She thanked the PTO for hosting the recent work day and said the volleyball team made the playoffs.

French Director – Madame Loetitia reported on a visit last month from the French Minister of Education. She said he was impressed with what he saw at our school. She said the French 5th and Montessori 8th grades would be trading off on raising funds through pajama days throughout the semester.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Ryan passed out copies of the budget for review. He mentioned \$2500 had been added to the budget for the printing of the Rarebird as previously approved. He also mentioned \$500 had been added to the general art program and \$760 left over from last year's French trip that would be donated to this year's French 5th Grade class. Joe asked for a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded and passed.

Room Parent Report – Undine Jost Zengel said 16 of the room parents recently got together at PJ's Coffee and it went well. Laura Garbers said five room parents are still needed on the Montessori side and thanked PJ's for donating the coffee.

Audubon Gear – Robin Stead said more Saints T's have been ordered. There is a limited edition Fall Fete T shirt in orange on sale also. She said the new tote bags have been ordered and they are very nice. Leila D'Aquin reminded the group that Fridays are school spirit Fridays.

President Secret Mbaye reminded the group that the next workday is Oct. 18 from 9-6. Projects include painting both locker rooms and bathrooms at Carrollton. Richie and Kelly Barnes will be heading up some landscape work. They will be getting the plants for free or at wholesale prices. Someone from the floor asked that the Barnes be given a plug once the workday is over and the name of their company is known.

Leila D'Aquin told the group there will be a new chess team forming for Spring and parents should let Coach Russ know if their child is interested. There will be four divisions, 2nd and under, 4th and under, 6th and under and 8th and under. There were two teams each last year. There must be six players on a team and kids don't have to be in Arts Reach chess to be on the team.

A parent asked a question about Parent Connect and Ms. Janice said it's not working and the IT person is working to resolve the problem.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37.