

Upper Campus PTO Minutes from September 14, 2009

Upper PTO Officers: President Jodi Zine; Vice-President Elvan Merian; Secretary Lisa Mather; and Treasurer Ray Henningson.

Principal: Cynthia Dunn McNally

Principal McNally welcomed the parents and faculty in attendance at the meeting and reviewed the successful opening of another school year. Stonehill College students will be tutoring 4th, 5th & 6th graders on Tuesday afternoons, more information to follow. The whole upper campus will be going to Colonial Williamsburg via smart boards. The PTO approved 7 virtual tours, plus all materials needed to visit Colonial Williamsburg. Marie Masaitis, Trinity Catholic Academy Curriculum Coordinator, submitted a request to the PTO for our help. She requested the weekly Time magazine for Students for grades 4-6 for the classroom. The PTO voted to approve.

The main focus on this PTO meeting was to discuss future fundraisers for the Upper campus. We also discussed how to help the 8th grade raise monies for their graduation needs. The PTO welcomed guest speaker, Janine Higgins, owner Mass Pass of South Shore. Mass Pass is similar to the Entertainment book, except it has all local merchants. Each book will sell for \$20.00 and the school will make \$10.00 for each book sold this is great for Christmas gifts, teacher gifts, hostess gifts, Yankee swaps, ect... The PTO voted to use the Mass Pass books as its first fundraiser for the year. Information will be coming home with your child at a later date.

One of the 8th grade fundraisers will be a wreath and poinsettia sale. All monies made will go towards 8th grade specific trips, class night and graduation. We discussed starting the sale process right after Thanksgiving. We also discussed that the 8th graders themselves will have to be involved. Information will be coming home shortly.

Treasurer Ray Henningson gave a very detailed PTO financial report and handed out copies to all present at the meeting. Each month this report will be on the school website so that all PTO finances are transparent. This is Rays second term as treasurer. Ray's record keeping is superb. Keep up the great work Ray!

The last discussion was TCA spirit wear. We are in the process of looking at different clothing items to help advertise Trinity Catholic Academy. Jodi showed us a sample pajama bottom; TCA school plaid color with writing down the left leg. You can have Trinity, TCA, TCA Basketball, TCA Band or Choir, TCA Tigers, whatever you want. You must purchase them in a set of ten. Meaning one person can't order TCA Tigers,

you need to find 9 more people who would like Tigers down their leg. They also had the matching sweatshirt with the same writing as your pant leg. This is not a fundraiser, simply fun advertisement for our school.

In closing our first Upper Campus PTO meeting was great. Thank you to all of you who took time out of your busy schedules to make this meeting.

Next Upper Campus PTO meeting will be on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 6:30pm in the Mancini Library.