

**Trinity Catholic Academy
Upper Campus PTO
Minutes September 9, 2010**

Meeting was held in the upper campus library, to all parents & started at 6:35pm.

Board members present: Jodi Zine-President, Elvan Merian-Vice President, Deb Osofsky-Secretary & Ray Henningson-Treasurer.

Faculty present: Cynthia McNally-Principal & Kelli McKinnon-Development.

Mrs.McNally opened the meeting with an opening prayer.

Principal Report: There's a new morning program from 6:30am-7:30am run by Miss Villani. Cost \$6 per day or \$25 per week. 81 new students have joined our campus at TCA this year, requiring an additional 4th grade classroom. There are 7 buses & 1 mini bus transporting the students this year. We have a Physician Assistant this year that is here 2 days a week & 2 days at the lower campus. Choir & band are being offered free of charge during school hours. Mr. Montgomery has also started a concert choir & chamber choir. Miss Villani will be offering an arts & craft program after school on Fridays for a fee. Drama club will be starting in October and the upper classes will be starting the newspaper. We now have four lunches: 7&8th, 6th, 5th & 4th grades, volunteers are needed during the 4th, 5th & 6th grade lunches. All volunteers must be Virtus trained & be CORI'd. Please contact Mrs. McNally or Mrs. Fahey for more info.

Treasurer Report: We currently have \$5531.73 in the account with an outstanding bill to be sent out for \$378.64 to Catholic Charities.

Development: Two major events will take place this year, the Legacy Gala, being planned for November at the Shaws Center & the 3rd Annual Golf Tournament in June. We like to have Parent Ambassadors this year to help answer questions from visiting families. If you are interested please contact Mrs. McKinnon. We are also working on an alumni database. We are partnered with Stonehill College & Good Samaritan Medical Center. This year we'd like to do a tuition raffle, instead of a calendar drive. The tickets cost \$100 (payable in full, \$10/month for 10 months, 2 payments of \$50 etc) with only 500 tickets sold. The prizes are 1 full tuition & 2 half tuitions, if you do not have a student here, you'd get the cash. We have no mandatory fundraisers!

Fundraising: Both campuses will be having the same fundraisers simultaneously. First fundraiser will be the Mass Pass Entertainment book in October-books sells for \$20, school gets \$10. We give the students big incentives when we do fundraisers, we've given away iPod Touches & gift cards (all donated). The 8th graders will be having their own fundraiser to help with graduation costs, the wreath & poinsettia sale. On Friday, December 3rd will be the pick up date along with pizza with Santa. We also are continuing the Script gift card program, order your gift cards through the school & we get a percentage. It takes only 2-3 days for the gift cards to come in. Go to www.glscrip.com to view available gift cards then place your order through the school (online ordering is unavailable). Another fundraiser to run simultaneously, will take place around January, and will be a catalog fundraiser which has various breads, cookie dough, gifts. The third and final fundraiser will take place in the Spring, selling the variety pack of candy that the lower campus did last year.

New Business: The school has purchased 2 Smart Boards that were match by the Catholic School Foundation for \$1400.each (we'll be getting 4 boards). We voted to buy another Smart Board & get another free. The 8th grade parents meeting will take place in October, to discuss starting dues. Open House is September 30th at 6:30 in the gym.

Meeting ended at 7:22 pm.

PTO meetings will be held the 2nd Thursday of the month. Next PTO meeting is Thursday, October 14th at 6:30pm in the library, everyone is invited.

