

****Unapproved Minutes****
St. Bridget School PTO
Wednesday, October 5, 2011
7:00PM

- I. **Opening Prayer : Began 7:05**
- II. **Pastor's Report: Welcome to all new parents and introductions of all those in attendance. PTO has donated \$15K toward the new Reading/Language Program, the PTO also holds many other events throughout the year. We are in the midst of our 50th Anniversary. We have come a long way over the 50 years and have many events planned over the course of the year to Celebrate. We appreciate the generosity of your spirit with the PTO! We were able to bring on a new 7th grade teacher and Spanish Teacher. We are very lucky to have them. The Welcome Tea, Open House and the Ice Cream Social were all very well attended and are supported by the PTO. This month is Respect Life Month. Grade 4 will be hosting the Mass. Friday is also a ½ Day. The Halloween Parade is always a good time for the kids. Please be aware as new parents that there are many religious and spiritual opportunities for your children to learn. We are hoping that you all will be as active as possible with the PTO.**
- III. **Principal's Report: I am so impressed with all the new faces here at the PTO meeting. The Parent Group is vital to the life and support of the school. We have a tremendous spirit at the school! We had a fantastic opening, we had very little crying with Kindergarten and the kids are actually eating their lunch! They are all happy to be here. Pre-School too has been a great. The Reading program K-5 is a wonderful program, we had a workshop a few weeks ago to discuss the program and work with the teachers. In grade 6-8 Prentice Hall is the program. The Open House was a great success and turnout. The Welcome Tea with Mrs. MacKay and Mrs. Torres was great! The singing at Mass was really great, Mrs. McCarthy is working with the kids an additional day of music to prepare the kids for Mass. The Ice Cream Social was a fabulous kick off to the year. Thank you to Mrs. Curran for running the Summer Reading Party! The Re-Accreditation is a big undertaking, most schools are not accredited, Most Catholic schools are, in 2007 we developed a long term plan, in that plan we have our goals to meet financially, with the physical plan and the Curriculum. The Mission Statement is also examined and read at every meeting. The Co-Chairs are Mr. Collins and Mrs. Douglas. The Accreditation is working to improve the school. Surveys that were completed online in addition to the student surveys will all be compiled and given to the Surveyors. The Respect Life week which is overseen by Mrs. Constantino she does an amazing job explaining things, working with the kids making their Rosarys. You can be proud of your school with the parent support that you have. As parents and Staff we need to chip in and help. The Parent Group works VERY VERY hard which is a tremendous credit to the school and too you all.**
- IV. **President's Report: We are very excited to see all the new faces! Welcome!! The PTO holds a few events over the year to contribute to the well being of the school. Please take the time as we go through the budget to review and look at the things that we as a PTO participate in and the funds that are raised over the year go towards those items. The Breakfast with Santa and Shopping Extravaganza will be chaired by Mrs. Murphy and Mrs.**

Robbins. Santa will stay in the Cafeteria and the Shopping will be in the Church Hall. Also working on an SOP so that whoever takes over will have something to go by.

V. **Treasurer's Report -2011-2012 School Year to Date Budget Recap:** Last year we gave \$15K to the school, we received money from Wendy's and other fundraising that had come in over the summer. Discussion of Lowering the Cost of the Ice Cream Social. Re-Evaluate the cost of the Ice Cream Social at the last PTO meeting in May 2012.

VI. **Secretary's Report-Approval of May 2011 Minutes**

VII. **Upcoming Events:**

- **Movie Night-First week in November: Friday November 4th?** We do have a potential Chair, the kids come in their pajamas, with the expectation that this is not a drop off event. Just need to coordinate with Mr. Brown and reserve the projector.
- **Breakfast with Santa-December 4, 2011:** We are looking for 50-70 volunteers. Virginia Ward handles all the decorated windows and centerpieces and is looking for any spare buttons that you may have. Also looking to see if someone is interested in organizing the Craft table and go through the PTO Closet to pull out the craft items. Mrs. Walsh organizes the Christmas Table Raffles, taking donations for items that are age appropriate to your child. Sometimes we may get a big item, this year the American Girl Doll has been donated. In the Shopping area we will have approx 20 vendors. Lucy is looking forward to a variety of vendors!
- **Jr. High Dances and Ski Trip:** 7&8 grade parent, the kids usually go to Wachusett Mountain. Need to check with Mr. Smith to be sure that he is still going to attend. The first Dance is November 18th working on transitioning the information to a 7th grade parent.
- **Mass Receptions:** Each month a grade hosts a Mass then go the Parish Hall for a Reception. Mrs. Furfari has done this for many, many years. This is her last year. We are looking for someone to assist and work with Lynn to take over for next year.
- **Giving Tree**
- **50th Anniversary Celebration and Festivities: Dinner Dance Friday May 11, 2012 at the Neighborhood Club in Quincy**

VIII. **Past Events:**

- **Welcome Tea:** Purchased mini coloring books and crayons for the kids and it was great! Would like to open it up to both the pre-school and Kindergarten.

IX. **Reminders**

- **A+ Program:** Please fill out your Stop and Shop Card Registration!!
- **School Store:** A % of the money that you spend goes to St. Bridget's School
- **Goodsearch.com:** any search that you do a % will be given to St. B's
- **The Target program,** if you dedicate your card through the target website a % will come back to St. B's
- **Wendys Night:**
- **Artwork for Education**
- **Hotlunch program will be beginning 10/18!!**

X. **Closing Prayer:**

Next Meeting November 30th

Meeting adjourned 8:20