

**SASEAS PTO**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 9, 2012**

**In attendance:** Tom Devolve, Theresa Bolin, Pam Conner, Lissa Evans, Angela Foulks, Lynn Fritts, Beth Muccillo, Patty Preston, Becky Schulte, and Missy Powell.

**Prayer/Opening**

- Missy

**Principal's Update**

- Iowa testing is becoming more rigorous. 48 out of 50 states have adopted the national common cores which begin in school year 12/13. The test will be given every year in grades 3-7. The CogAT (IQ test) will be given in grade 2 and 5. The tests will be moved to the spring.
- This year St. Andrew's had the highest number of students taking the high school placement test in the last 4 years. The results are not officially known, but preliminary results look like SASEAS had a number of students score 90% or higher and four students placed in the 99%- which is a perfect score.
- Catholic Schools Week Open House will be at St. Andrew from Noon-2 PM and Seton from 1-3 PM on Sunday, January 29, 2012.
- A small group has been meeting to work on PR and Marketing. Many print materials are being redone and were sent to the printer on 1/9.
- The school is working on the 12/13 school calendar. Tom is looking at options to complete the 180 days especially around Christmas, Easter and the end of the school year.
- The PTO funds were used along with some school funds to purchase 4-5 IPADS. The IPADS have apps that can aid students and are being used in the Intervention Rooms. St. Andrew has one to see if it can help students in higher grades. Monies were also used to start replacing computers- 2 per room- in grades K-2. This summer grades 3/4/5 computers will be upgraded.
- The new doors are installed on the Seton Campus which the PTO helped fund.

**November minutes were approved by Angela and Theresa.**

**Feedback from December Activities:**

- Scallywag Tag was a huge success with a high number of attendees(105).
- Christmas parties seemed overall to go well. The pizza was a tremendous suggestion. There was discussion regarding a possible activity fee to cover teacher gifts, appreciation and parties. Missy will review this with Tom to find out if the fee could be combined with school needs as well and be implemented for the upcoming year.
- The possibility of 2 Room Liaisons was also mentioned to be sure that teachers are getting information about parties, etc. throughout the year.
- The students at St. Andrew were very happy with their treat bags. Angela has nearly \$1 per student to do Valentine bags.

### **Upcoming Activities**

- 1/20 Science Fair- PTO provides funds for drinks and snacks
- 1/26 Parent Teacher Conferences- Tracy and Angela will coordinate food
- 1/29-2/3- Catholic Schools Week- Missy is working with Ms. Poux. Last year PTO provided Panera for lunch for the teachers. This year Missy will look into using Big Poppa Slims (Old Milford). PTO provides parents and students volunteers to speak at the masses before the open house, provides volunteers for tours and provides priests and student gifts. Cookies will not be provided during the open house this year because of the peanut allergy and because of overconsumption.
- Becky will contact the priests to have them fill out a “Favorites” Questionnaire to help with the gifts.

### **Fundraising Committee Reports**

- Restaurant Nights: 1/20 ByGolly’s- Beth will promote at the Science Fair as well as bulletins and flyers. Possible Texas Roadhouse on 2/27.
- Coke Rewards- a flat screen TV was purchased for the Grand Event with these funds.
- Boxtops- \$1,900 was raised during the last collection of Boxtops. February is the next collection. Missy will send out an email from Christine to encourage families to register online to get more points for boxtops.
- Market Research- \$500 was earned from the last market research opportunity.
- Labels for Education- Kim Rack reported to Missy that they are going well.

**Treasurer’s Report was distributed by Theresa.**

**Other Business-** The Grand Event is Saturday, March 17 at the Oasis- Mark Your Calendar!

**Next Meeting- Monday, February 6 at 7 PM.**