

BKPA

Bishop Kearney Parents' Association
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BKPA Meeting Notes: Monday, January 09, 2012

Committee Reports:

A. Sports Boosters: Norm Smith (Absent – submitted report via e-mail.)

- a. We are still in need for volunteers to help run our concession stand for basketball home games for girls and boys. I have been running it primarily with our own Sports Booster committee personnel. Please inform everyone that we could use the help. I don't want to burn out the committee members by using them all of the time. (Action: Mrs. Locey to make note of this need in this week's Infinite Campus Weekly Update.)
- b. Our calendar campaign is going very well we have made about 4K. This is after paying all of the bills associated with the campaign. The total of both our calendar and operating account is roughly 6K. We don't have figures on our bingo account because we have been paying bills to run it and rental fees. I will try to provide better information next month.

B. Spritual and Social: Rene Onorato (Absent – submitted report via e-mail.)

- a. Family mass / breakfast went well. Many thanks to Guida's Pizza for their generous support of these events. Food was great.
- b. Going forward, Rene to call Gail Andrews to get tally of hardcopy RSVP that are sent into office. Diane receives the BKPA e-mail RSVP's and will forward tally to Rene. Grand total needs to be sent to Pippa Bianco for mass planning.
- c. It was suggested that peer ministers be required or strongly encouraged to attend the family mass.
- d. It was suggested that photos of the next family mass be taken by reps of yearbook and Coronet newspaper. (Mrs. Slifer / Mrs. Shipp)

C. Special Projects: Rick Gause (absent – no report this month)

- a. Spring Clean Up Day May 12

D. Fund Raising: Bill Pine

- a. Poinsettia/wreath sale final tally is \$404 profit. 25% increase in sales over last year. Feedback positive as to quality of plants.
- b. Barnes and Noble fundraiser will be March 24, 2012. Mrs. Locey to notify staff so that book order lists can be prepared.
- c. General group discussion for possible future fundraisers might be an "American Idol" type talent show, similar to one Sue Accorso attended this weekend at a local church. Sue to discuss ideas with Bill.

E. Communications: Pam Sikora

- a. Newsletter will hopefully be mailed in late January. Topics will include projects BKPA helped fund, Bingo nights, Tips on using Infinite Campus, Barnes and Noble book fair, PACE party.

- b. It was suggested to include business card ads in upcoming newsletters from BK owned businesses. Pam / Bill to discuss details.

F. Administration Report: Mrs. Locey

- a. Mid-Term schedule / details have been sent home.
- b. This Wednesday is BK Spirit / Dress Down day.
- c. Registration night date not yet determined. There will be a financial incentive to register before a specific date. Details to come.
- d. Looking to plan a parent / son brunch and parent / daughter dinner dance in the spring. Details / dated TBD
- e. The upcoming Winter Formal (Feb 17) will likely be held at BK this year, to keep costs manageable for students.
- f. Final details being worked out for spring calendar. Hard copy to be sent home with report cards, and website to be updated.
- g. Special guest speaker, Jason Everett, will return to BK in April to give his presentation on making wise teen choices regarding sexuality. He will give a presentation at 7:00 p.m. on April 17 for parents / community, and will give a second presentation on April 18 at 8:15 to the students.

G. Financial Report: Carol Wynne (absent)

H. New Business: Roundtable

- a. The BKPA Steering committee will have two or three vacancies next academic year and those with an interest in helping out with this team are asked to contact Katie Carroll. Additionally, all current sub-committee chairs are asked to confirm with Katie as to whether they plan to return to their role next year.
- b. Jim Gilmore reported the first PACE party meeting will be this Thursday, Jan 12. Mailing went home to senior parents regarding this informational meeting. Eastside YMCA has been booked for the event, with tentative plans to have the party continue at BK, as was done last year.
- c. Concern brought forth about student safety in back parking lot near the Charter School, for parents picking up BK students from the after school room around 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Locey suggested to pick up students at the front loop during time when Charter school is dismissing.
- d. Suggested that freshman guidance counselor meet with Jr. High students to stress the value of organizational skills, using a planner etc. to help prepare the students for high school. Mrs. Locey to speak with Ms. Brunetto about this idea.
- e. Question raised as to costs associated with improving stage for drama presentations. These costs were scoped a few years ago. Mrs. Locey requested that Bill Pine / Sue Accorso e-mail her with request and she will put them in contact with the right people to get the cost figures.
- f. Jill Myers inquired as to the status of an e-mail she sent to Mr. Tillinghast regarding a list of suggestions for marketing the school, after the November parent meeting. No one present knew and it was requested that Jill send a copy of the e-mail to Mrs. Locey and to Katie Carroll. Mrs. Locey went on to say that a person will be appointed in the very near future to be specifically dedicated to marketing the school.

- g. There was extended conversation on communicating school events / news more effectively among the students and the parents. It appeared that a monthly newsletter (electronic) may be the best alternative, but details as to execution were not discussed. Action Item Owner??
- h. Parent concern was raised about lack of communication about the need to identify individual class reps and follow through that the slots were not actively filled for the various classes.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 2012 – 6:00 P.M. (ROOM B-212)