

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Home & School Association General Meeting
February 8, 2010

Board members present:

Beth Marr, Michele Duffy, Gina Guerin, Karen McGettigan, Colleen Valenzuela, Alysia Duffy, Cheri Curry, Mary Grace DeSantis, Filippa Karcewski

7pm-The meeting began with a prayer and a blessing from Father Bill.

Beth Marr spoke according to the Meeting Agenda about the following:

Events

- Winter Social-huge success
- Catholic Schools week
 - review of activities that occurred, i.e.-bus driver appreciation, can of soup donation, teacher luncheon and gift, ice cream social. A great week.
- 5th grade social-upcoming
- Grandparents day-will run with health fair again this year
- Bingo nights in March-need volunteers
- Adult Social-B Street Band, tickets on sale.
- Blood Drive-February 19th, in need of people to donate blood

Box Tops

-Please send in box tops. We are able to turn them in twice a year and we will be turning them in soon.

Beth Marr then introduced Filippa Karcewski, Elections Chair

- We are accepting nominations for the 2010-2011 school year, please nominate a friend or yourself
- Positions available for 2010-2011 are Vice President, Treasurer, Social Events co-chair, Communications and Elections Chair
- All positions are 2 year terms. Vice President is for one year, followed by President for the second year

Mrs. Judge spoke of the following:

- 7th & 8th grade students had a great time playing volleyball against the faculty during Catholic Schools week
- Manna on Main Street was overwhelmed by the soup can donations collected during Catholic Schools week.
- Monsignor Ricci was honored as the Distinguished Pastor for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. During the mass to present this award, the Kindergarten honored him with a song and he was secretly surprised by his family and friends to celebrate this prestigious honor.
- Due to weather, the Open House needed to be cancelled. It is rescheduled for next Thursday. If, due to weather, it is unable to occur, it will probably be cancelled.
- MMR received a grant to purchase 64 Net book computers for the 7th & 8th grade.

-Testing of students will soon slowly change; assessments will be incorporated into the curriculum in addition to tests.

Beth Marr then introduced the speaker of the night: David Gavigan of Cradles to Crayons. David spoke about how Cradles to Crayons is a nonprofit organization that, thanks to donations and help, is able to assist homeless shelter and house fire victims, etc. Brigid Leary, an MMR parishioner also spoke about her new organization called the Giving Tree. She runs a walkathon to help raise money for Cradles to Crayons. They both spoke of different ways to help raise money to help those in need.

Beth Marr also spoke of the following;

-A proposal to have three general meetings per year rather than four. The December meeting would be deleted.

-The Father Daughter Dance was rescheduled due to weather.

Homeroom with the most parent attendance was Mrs. Hildebrandt's room. This class wins a personal dress down day; date to be determined by Mrs. Judge and Mrs. Hildebrandt.

Finally the 50/50 and door prize winners were announced. Next General Meeting is scheduled for April 19th.