



## RESURRECTION SCHOOL PTO MINUTES PTO MEETING MAY 4, 2010

**IN ATTENDANCE:** George Pitula, Cathy McCordick, Cynthia Savage, Michelle Traynor, Michelle Korian, Christine Guasco, Irma Rodriguez, Patricia Murphy, Beth Woodtli, Christine Ford, Sue LaFata, Julia Rogers, Tracey Sullivan, Cindy Abate, Rio Tunney, Sarah Davis, Julia Dailey, Kerry Scala, Victoria Dillon, Joanne Daly, Shawn Parker, Ana I. Messerrly, Siobhan Toohey Marangi, Sheila Duggan, Kate Taubner and Lisa Carruthers.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Mr. Pitula opened the meeting with a prayer at about 8:47 a.m.

**PARISH COFFEE HOURS:** Julia Dailey is seeking volunteers to host the coffee hours which follow the Family Liturgy on Sunday mornings. A sign-up sheet for this purpose was passed out.

**PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS:** Mr. Pitula gave the Principal's Address. Our students celebrated First Communion and confirmation this past weekend. In the spirit of the holy chrism, may the Holy Spirit guide us. Please remember to pray for Monsignor Boyle.

Mr. Nielsen and two other teachers are out grading the ELA tests given last week to grades 4, 6 and 8.

Our 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking state tests this week and next. Although we don't "teach for the tests," we must prepare our children for them. This consumes valuable teaching and administrative time. The children have no reason to worry about these tests. They are ready.

This Friday is Grandparents Day for grades 1 to 3. Only children in these grades will go to mass.

May and June are busy months. May 10 at 1 p.m. is the May Crowning. There will be an assembly on May 11 to introduce the children to our solar panels. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders will take a trip to Medieval Times on May 11. May 13 is Ascension Thursday, a school day.

The 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in "field testing" on May 13 in which they take tests to try out questions for future test years. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade dinner is May 14 at 6 p.m. On May 18 the Ursuline Teen Angels will make a presentation to the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders about internet safety. Parents are invited. Julia Dailey will inquire whether 5<sup>th</sup> graders can be included in this assembly.

The 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take science performance tests at the end of May. There is a written science exam in early June. This will be the first time the science exam has

been given to 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This is in keeping with the wishes of the new administration.

We will be in school on Thursday and Friday before Memorial Day. We lost these days off due to snow days. We have Monday off and return to school on Tuesday.

Thank you to all for your help with the Father's Day Carnival. It was great success. Thank you especially to Mr. Meade and Mrs. Romeo for sitting in the dunking chair.

First Communion ran very smoothly. Thank you to those who administered the pew selection process.

Please be reminded that flip flops are not appropriate footwear for dress-down days at school. They are dangerous. Sandals that strap on and stay secure are okay.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** Michelle Korian referred the group to the April 29 Financial Report (a copy of which is attached to the hard copy of these minutes). We still have income and expenses coming in but we can see that this has been a great fundraising year. We are showing a net income of about \$160,000. Next month we will see increased activity in the entries for cultural enrichment. Our budget for next year currently is being prepared. We ask that all committee heads provide us with their income and expense information so that we can produce an accurate budget.

**HOPE FOR HAITI:** On May 8, the Resurrection PREP program will sponsor a carnival to raise money for Global Medical Relief. This group assists children who have lost limbs as a result of the earthquake in Haiti. Some of the children who are being helped will be at the carnival.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION:** Lunch is provided to the teachers today, in school, as part of Teacher Appreciation Week. The teachers received invitations to the lunch with a gift of chocolate. The Hospitality Committee (Regina Lavelle and Kristin Siano) is working along with Maura Semprevivo and Christie Manning on this luncheon. June 16 is the end-of-the-year for the teachers at Manursing. Christie and Maura are planning for student involvement in this event.

**GRANDPARENTS DAY:** The festivities on Friday will start with mass in the church at 9 a.m. Guests of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd graders will proceed to the classrooms in the grammar school building. Third grade guests are invited to the middle school cafeteria. Guests should be out of the schools by 11 a.m. to allow for early dismissal.

A **MIDNIGHT RUN** will be held by the 8<sup>th</sup> graders on May 21. Please donate blankets, backpacks, shoes (sneakers), and sweatshirts.

The parish community will celebrate **Monsignor Boyle's 45th anniversary** as a priest on June 6 at the 12:30 p.m. mass followed by a barbecue reception and party on the parish grounds. Tim McAward is preparing a journal. Please contact him if you want to take

out a journal ad. More information will be forthcoming in the FYI and by e-mail. Contact Julie Cho or Julia Rogers if you would like to help with this event.

**CONCLUSION:** The meeting concluded at about 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Murphy  
Secretary