

**St. Bernadette Home and School Meeting  
Executive Meeting  
October 26, 2006**

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO BE MADE AT THE JANUARY EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**Attendees:**

Mary Benthein, Patty Zubella, Lori Jore, Jackie Behnke, Kim LaCroix, Deb Jamron, Cari Zelinski, Anne Zuleger, Kelly Czaplewski

**Opening Prayer:**

Mary Benthein opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:05 PM.

**Secretary's Report (Minutes from August 15, 2006 Executive Meeting)**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

Patty Zubella presented the current financial status. Gift Wrap sales exceeded budget. Also, Box Tops and Coffee Sales have been going very well. The \$1000 bonus check from Box Tops was received. On the expense side, some of the special expenses have been coming in.

<b>Checking Account</b>	<b>\$ 13,092</b>
<b>Start-up Cash</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>
<b>Technology Savings</b>	<b>\$ 3,083</b>
<b>Total Money Market FCCU</b>	<b>\$ 18,219</b>
<b>Savings FCCU</b>	<b>\$ 26</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 40,420</b>

Patty mentioned that the ACES financial committee wanted an estimate of our 2007/2008 budget. Patty made a few minor adjustments to the 2006/2007 budget and turned that in.

**Committee Reports**

Aces Auction – need a Representative

Athletics – Carolyn Coutu has stepped down and a replacement is needed.

Awesome Actors - Susan Kubiak and Mary Benthein will be starting it after Christmas. It will be open to 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Cookbooks - the newer families are not familiar with these. A booth will be manned at the upcoming Book Fair, and at teacher conferences. It was also decided to make the sales be part of the ACE program.

End of Year – Jean Thiel will reserve the Bay Beach shelter.

Family Photo – Anne Zuleger would like to create a hard copy photo album. She will look into details of cost, and is asking all families to submit a current photo.

Box Tops – doing well. The \$1000 bonus check was received.

Gift Wrap – total sales were \$12,146. It will be delivered the week of Nov 6 and can be picked up during teacher conferences.

Packer Concessions - \$2600 has been distributed back to St. Bernadette families through the ACES program. No issues this year with getting volunteers to work. There may be an opportunity to participate in a couple events after the Packer season is over.

Harvest Fest – forgot to buy soda, and it wasn't an issue so we may continue with just water in future years. Mrs. Behnke thought it was very successful. The pizza dinner also went well. There were only two extra pizzas remaining.

Italian Bistro – the date is Friday March 16. The art fair and the science fair will likely be held at the same time. Need to somehow spread out the art and the science fair exhibits, so that the hallway isn't so congested.

Market Day pickup – pick up this month is Friday Nov 3.

Small playground equipment – Sherri Wolske has purchased several items and is documenting purchases so items can continually be replenished in the future, per a schedule.

Ride the Reading Rainbow - the 1<sup>st</sup> calendar is out and JoAnn Adler will be contacting the volunteers soon.

School Wide Service project – the committee is looking for ideas.

Student Enrichment – Erin Born wants to do etiquette, but is looking for help. Would likely be done by grade level. Mrs. Behnke did this last year in Seymour.

Teacher Appreciation – There will be a luncheon for the teachers Nov 9, during conferences. Sign-up sheets will be in the entry way next week

Winter Carnival – will be Feb 16. Jean Thiel is looking for a volunteer to shadow her.

Yearbook – Pam Saulnier is on schedule with all activities. The price of the book will need to slightly increase this year.

### **By Law/Budget Change**

At the January 11<sup>th</sup> H.S.A. meeting, we will be proposing a bylaw change to Article 4 of our bylaws. You will be given the option of voting either in person or by proxy. Article 4 currently reads as follows:

*There shall be a General meeting of the Association held twice a school year. The first meeting will be held in September to approve the budget. The second meeting will be held in April to vote in the following year's officers.*

The amended law would read as follows:

*There shall be a General meeting of the Association held twice a school year. The first meeting will be held in September to introduce the teachers and review*

*the approved budget. The second meeting will be held in April to vote in the following year's officers and to approve the following year's budget.*

**Enrichment ideas:**

Sheltered Reality – Appleton has a local chapter of this national organization. This is a drum group that raises money for homeless children. We would like to bring them to school for a performance and combine it with a fundraiser to support their work. Cost is roughly \$300. The teachers have submitted an idea to bring in Professor Gizmo, who does a science performance. This idea is being explored further.

**Playground:**

A new slide was ordered this week, to replace the broken one. The cost is roughly \$2,000. Paul Meyer has proposed that we have a “dress down” to raise funds, and then there are a few families that will match these funds. This would ease burden on the budgeted playground fund.

Mary Benthein has discussed the layout of the playground with Sam Ciske, and the church. There are some plans to make some changes, including taking out the timbers. This will be discussed further at the January meeting. There are also funds available for another major piece of playground equipment. A tire swing is a possibility, or some other item. More to come.

**ACE Program**

Lori Jore reported the following statistics:

- 80% of school families have signed up to participate in at least 2 fundraisers
- 70% of families received a tuition credit this past quarter
- 25% received a credit of more than \$75 dollars
- A total of \$8800 dollars has been earned so far

**Update from Mrs. Behnke**

*“First, thanks for all the support that all of you have given. Also, parents are sharing information and it's been great. I feel that we are off to a good start!”*

Drop off and pick up is going well. The kids like playing before school and they are supervised. Also, entering school alone is helping kids be accountable & responsible.

The paper room is just about finished.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday January 11, 2007

**Closing Prayer**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie VanDeHey on 10/30/06.