

*St. Christopher Catholic School Council*  
*Monday, January 19, 2015 @ 6:00 PM*  
*in the library*

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Roger Demers, Susan Davies, Regan Gaudin, Antoinette Nardelli, Lisa Breen, Syl Roach

**Regrets:** Nicole Tersigni-Lalonde

**Prayer** Roger led the group in a reflection entitled, *After Christmas*.

**Discussion Items**

**Poinsettias sales update** – Roger provided a budget for the sales indicating about \$70 profit. Sue, having spoken to the secretary, was told that it will be closer to \$150 after the HST rebate to the school.

**Family Christmas update** – Sue retained the ballots submitted for every raffle item and indicated about \$500 worth of tickets were sold on the night of the event, but an additional volunteer would have been helpful. Roger itemized the ballot information and summarized the total expenses and income indicating a profit of \$1155. There was discussion about advertising in September, encouraging families to donate prize items and reminding them about how the profits will be used. Pros and cons of the evening were discussed, including table sales in the foyer and the performance. Lisa mentioned some schools have stations in the classrooms for families to visit to do crafts or sing a song

**Fundraisers** – Nicole submitted a fundraiser suggestion via email. Roger put the Little Caesar's website on screen for members to review Pizza Kits sales. Other sales discussed: Macgregor's meats, Elmira poultry, cookie dough, spring flowers, also holding a home business fair, and a St. Christopher Night at Wendy's. Consensus could not be reached on sales. Roger will call greenhouses and Wendy's to inquire. Advertising in the church bulletin will expand potential sales. There was discussion about selling food or drink on the evening of our musical, or doing biweekly popcorn sales.

**Hot Lunches** – Sue and Roger reported that the last Friday in January will be pasta day, and the last day in February will be pita day. Sue will organize volunteers, including Mrs. Wilson and Miss Nardelli, to assist with pasta, hopefully having three carts to move classroom to classroom. Sue will purchase sauce, meatballs, buns and salad after Mrs. Wilson tabulates the orders on Tuesday of that week. Roger reported that we already have sufficient bowls. This year we will try The Pita Pit who have personal order forms that will be sent home with the children.

**Shrove Tuesday** – Sue will organize 4-6 volunteers for Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. She will purchase 2 large bags of pancake mix and 4 bottles of syrup. Roger will check school supplies of forks, napkins and plates.

**Bishop's Gala** – Roger invited members to attend on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. It is \$75 per person with a cash bar.

**NCDSB Distinguished Alumni Award** – Roger shared information for review. Nominations are due February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**SEAC Report** – Roger provided members the recent report provided by the Board for members to review membership.

**Play Day** – Roger reported it is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>. The students will receive 1 hotdog (K-gr. 3) or 2 hotdogs (gr.4-8) plus a freezie and drink. Miss Nardelli will watch for sales of these items. Buns will be ordered from Costco. The Council will decide on whether we will have a bouncer based on fundraising totals later in the year.

**Parent Engagement** – Roger reported that he will be contacting Public Health to arrange a date in early April for the Triple P Parenting information night discussed last year by Council. He has also invited the Niagara Ice Dogs in to present an assembly to students with Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> being St. Christopher Night at the Ice Dogs. Tickets will be sold for \$16, not as a fundraiser, but to encourage as much participation from the community as possible. Roger has arranged for a magician to present to the students then he will teach a group of students to do an evening performance.

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**Adjournment** – 7:40 PM

**Next Meeting** – Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM