

ILS Parent Teacher League Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2009

The minutes of a regular meeting held at Immanuel Lutheran School on September 16, 2009. The President called the meeting to order. A quorum being present, Sandy declared the meeting ready to proceed. There were 11 people in attendance at the meeting.

Opening prayer given by Sandy.

Treasurer's Report: Give by Bonnie Dice: We have \$1,768.39 in the checking account and \$6,097.70 in the savings account. The breakdown of funds is as follows:

Playground Fund	\$5,585.98
Technology Fund	\$346.20
Total PTL Funds left for the year	\$1,933.91

At the time when the Treasurer's Report was made we had a total of 17 Family Activity Donations.

Secretary's Report: No previous meeting minutes were available.

Church and School Picnic:

Church and School Picnic was a success. The PTL had sponsored face painting and an inflatable playground this year. The inflatable and face painting were enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the people who helped out with this event. Whether you had donated your time to setup/clean up or brought in a dessert or side dish.

Family Life Center: Given by Sandy Peterson for Joel Warndenburg.

It's Still Happening: The FLC (Family Life Center) is still very much on the go. We continue to meet with the construction specialist to draft plans for bids. A sign has been placed at the FLC to update progress and illustrate the building. Recent site changes mean a playground replacement can happen now with the PTL support.

Board of Christian Day School: Given by Sandy Peterson for Joel Wardenburg. BCDS would like to thank the PTL for its continued sponsorship of several events listed in this year's calendar. The bounce house was a real treat at Celebrate Immanuel - THANKS

Assemblies: Loretta Bowen is in charge of the assemblies for the 2009/2010 school year. She is planning to have our first assembly in November, with other assemblies in February, April and May. Mrs. Bowen is looking into the Mobil Education for at least one assembly.

Staffing:

We are very pleased to have an excellent staff for this new school year.

The homeroom and specialty teachers along with kitchen, extended care supervision all give us an unique and incredible school.

We are excited but also saddened by Mrs. Carolyn Cockfield's announcement of her retirement on Jan. 01, 2010. She has been the mortar between the bricks for so long. A search for her replacement will begin soon.

BCDS membership:

I'm looking for one or maybe two new members on the BCDS.

I relay would appreciate the talents of a organizer, marketing, public relations person.

We can and will do more to put the spotlight on the great things that happen at ILS, but I need your help.

Activities:

Open House: Wednesday, October 1, 2009, 6:30-8:30 PM. This is a great opportunity to pass an invitation to a family or friend to visit the school. Remember, you can receive an \$800.00 tuition credit for your referral.

Finances/Tuition:

When you look at the numbers: It cost over \$6,00.00/student at ILS. That compares to \$12,000.00/student at most public schools in the area. The tuition members and non-members pay at ILS is subsidized by Immanuel Lutheran Church by 20-35%. The BCDS is recommending several measures to the Finance Committee to enhance enrollment and make tuition more affordable. Please watch for the ways you can serve and save in up-coming communications. This includes doubling the tuition credit for referrals to \$800.00 for classes with 12 or less enrolled. Also consider you can earn a \$200.00 tuition credit for fifty or more volunteer hours.

PTL Calendar: A brief overview of the timeline and events on the PTL calendar. There is a need for volunteers for all events. There is a need for donated items to auction off at the event. Please donate an item or your time to solicit items. There is a letter to download on the PTL website to give to businesses for their donations. WWW.ILSPTL.COM. Babysitting will be provided for that evening by the middle school children but children are not excluded from the event.

The PTL wants to bring back the Tarrywile event this year. The past years there was not enough interest to have the event. We are changing the venue to Sciortino's Restaurant the event will include A full buffet dinner, soda, coffee, tea and dessert will be served. A cash bar will be available. The cost is only **\$25.00** per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Friday, November 13, 2009. You can get some last minute Christmas shopping done at our auction. The auction includes gift certificates, gift baskets, front row seats at our two Christmas performances, a class pizza & ice cream

party (donated by the PTL) and the ever-popular RELAXED DRESS COUPONS for your children. Bidding will begin online and conclude at the dinner. **If you have any questions, or wish to donate something for the auction, Contact: Sandy Peterson @ 744-4768 or Carol Binney @ 797-9595 or Marianne Gannon @ 778-3311 or Bonnie Dice @ 205-0618**

Veterans Day: The PTL is looking for someone to chair the Veterans Day Assembly, the assemble will be on Wednesday November 4, 2009. **Thanksgiving Day Feast:** We will have to look into ways to bring in all the food for the Thanksgiving Day feast, since the school lunch program is no longer under Cidesco. **Kris Kringle Shop:** The Kris Kringle shop will be December 1,2 and 3rd this year.

Costume Social: The costume social also needs a chair person and co-chair. No scary costumes or weapons are allowed to the social.

Principal Report: Mr. Palkewick gave notice that there is a need for lunch volunteers. It takes about an hour from start to finish. There are many openings available and the time that you volunteer goes toward your volunteer credit. There is a sign in book in the main office to log your volunteer hours. Tuition credit is given for 50 or more volunteer hours. Volunteer hours are hours that you donate to help the school. Please contact the school office if you can help 203-748-7823. You can also email: nate.palkewick@immanueldanbury.org

The website is up an running you can go on to download the school lunch menu and other files. There is also a calendar so that you can stay up to date as to what is going on. There are teacher pages and a blog and polls. The website is:

<http://www.immanuellutherschool.org/index.html>

Mr. Palkewick suggested replacing the black fence in the back with a mesh fence and the PTL will see if they can pay for the cost of the fence. School club information went home with the children and the Interscholastic Fitness Form and permission sheet are both available online to download. If anyone has a special talent and would like to run an after school club please contact Mr. Palkewick. 203-748-7823 or email nate.palkewick@immanueldanbury.org

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm with Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Gannon, Secretary