



St. Louis Catholic School

Faith, Service, Excellence

Development Council – August 9th Meeting Minutes

Members present: Brianne Pargas, Larry Dorsey-Spitz, Cindy Guzman, Laura Persyn, Lynn Tschirhart, Angie Watson, Adriane Burris, Julie Myers, Clare Smith, Gerri Butler

St. Louis Day Booth- Volunteers will be at stand from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. The school flag, 25th year celebration banner, board with school information, and brochure stands will be used to decorate table. Registration packets and pamphlets will be available to distribute to serious inquiries only.

Air Force Village Art Wall- Each month a class will submit student artwork to display at Air Force Village. A calendar has been developed so each class will own the wall artwork for one month during the school year (from September – April). We will drop off the art work once a month to the nursing home director. The council agreed that a 1X5 St. Louis Catholic School banner should be purchased to display on the wall. Also, for future meetings we will discuss researching of Air Force Village donors so that they can be honored on the wall.

The bulletin board at the back of St. Louis Church has been given to the Development Council to display school information. Cindy Guzman decorated it with school news/information and it will be update as needed.

We will participate in various parades throughout the school year. The parades will be discussed at “Back to School” Night. The first parade during the school year is the Medina County Parade in Hondo on September 17th. We will decorate for the parade in the school parking lot on September 16th. Other parades on the schedule are the Christmas in God’s Country Parade in Hondo on November 19th and Old Fashioned Christmas Parade (we will have a Walking Nativity in lieu of a float) in Castroville, December 2nd.

We are pursuing adding an “Adopt a Solider” project to show our support and gratitude of our active duty and deployed friends and family of St. Louis School. We are looking to send letters and care packages to soldiers from our school. We will be asking our families at “Back to School Night” to give us the name of their family members who are active duty and deployed.

Teacher’s Breakfast is scheduled for August 10th. Breakfast will be provided by Medina Valley Café.

Promotional Items (St. Louis School rubber bracelets similar to the Live Strong Cancer Bands) have been ordered and we are hoping to distribute at “Back to School Night” if they are received in time. We also ordered St. Louis School promotional pens to distribute at marketing events such as St. Louis Day, events coordinated by the diocese, etc. Brochures

stands were also purchased to set up at local businesses and rectories. We have 10 brochure stands available and need to determine where we should display them.

The 25th Anniversary of our school's reopening was discussed and how to commemorate. We would like to sell St. Louis School garden flags and 25th Anniversary school shirts. We are hoping to present two designs for the garden flags at "Back to School" night. We will have the two design options and a method to vote at the Development table for all parents and students to vote. The 25th Anniversary shirts will be designed by group of St. Louis parent volunteers. We are hoping to have design options by back to school night and we will make them available for order in both adult and youth sizes. Students will be allowed to wear the 25th year celebration shirt on Friday.

We are also working on a 25th Anniversary press release to be published early in the school year. Julie Meyer will write press releases for us during the year.

The Development Dinner will take place on October 2nd at the Alsatian Golf Course. We will only be charged a nominal fee (for air conditioning) and we have a donor that is willing to pay the fee. Rocky's in Devine will be catering a meal of chicken, salad, vegetable, potato, tea and includes servers for the evening. We will purchase a cake decorated to commemorate the 25th Anniversary. The goal is to sell 100 tickets since the venue is larger we will be able to fit more people. There will be a cash bar, set ups and beer can be purchased and so guests can take their own bottles of wine and liquor. We are also seeking donations for the wine (or discussed Sangria as an option). We will sell tickets to the dinner by notifying parents about the available tickets via e-blast, discuss at "Back to School" night, discuss at mass on Sundays and sell through development committee members.

Next meeting will be shortly after Back to School night to discuss the garden flag votes, development dinner and other topics. Meetings following (for the remainder of the year) will tentatively be early November, January and March. We will also pursue a Yahoo! Group for communication outside of meetings, with the hopes to streamline communication and facilitate decision making without the need for additional meetings.