

**Cardinal Ritter High School
Parent Club Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2009**

Attendees: (see sign-in sheet); we had great attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Amanda Adkins. After the opening prayer, minutes were approved and seconded.

Administrative Reports:

Principal's Report – Postponed to New Business discussion.

Athletic Department – John Roach – Sectionals are underway for most fall sports; football tournament drawing occurred today.

Recruitment Committee – Lisa Petty – 400 families within a 1 mile radius of Ritter will receive a Ritter Town flyer. A pancake breakfast will be served November 7 in conjunction with placement testing, and we'll be requesting yards to rake and offer other services to the local community, as needed. In order to increase public awareness of Ritter, the goal is to have 3 press releases each week. Our pool of feeder school students is declining; our challenge is to determine how we can continue to increase enrollment. A DVD or enhancements to our school web site are being considered. Additional input from the parent club attendees included reaching out to the various charter schools and buying a zip code mailing for Pike and sending out postcards. Send other ideas to Lisa Petty.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – No report

Treasurer – John Roach – We are paying our bills, however, Bingo revenue has declined with the current economic conditions. The K of C were kind to allow us to renegotiate our rent with them – it's now on a sliding scale; rent increases as we bring in more dollars. We need to follow up with the School Board Finance Chair to ensure they have an accurate forecast of Bingo revenue in the school budget.

President – Amanda Adkins – List of volunteers has been sent to all coordinators of events occurring before year end; other coordinators will receive their lists shortly. It's important that all volunteers' e-mail addresses are up-to-date. The annual fund dinner is October 15. Need chairs for the Thanksgiving Luncheon (Sabrina Johnson came forward), Sophomore Ring Ceremony, and Hospitality (Michelle Moore came forward). We also need volunteers to assist with the set-up and serving for the October 31 and November 1 play.

Committee/Event Reports:

Volunteer Hours – Julie Predan – First quarter volunteer service hours will be distributed with report cards.

SCRIP – Laura Mowrey – The holidays are a great time to use SCRIP. Our goal is to have \$136,000 in sales this school year which would bring in \$6,200 profit split between the school and individual families.

Bingo – Amanda Adkins – Attendance is slowly increasing, but spending is still down. We need more callers!

Old Business:

Nothing to report

New Business:

Principal's Corner – Mrs. Hoy has secured a **guest speaker**, Theresa Tomeo, for December 8. Theresa will be speaking to students during the day and will present a summary of her latest book, *Noise*, during an evening session. The evening session will be advertised in the Criterion and elsewhere – everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Mrs. Hoy asked the parents in attendance for input on the use of **breathalyzers** on all students prior to school dances. No one objected. The breathalyzers are a deterrent and have been purchased with the federal/state drug prevention money that the school received. Mrs. Hoy announced her desire to start a **String Ensemble** at Ritter. If there is interest, it will most likely start as an after school activity or an AA class during the 2nd semester. Lastly, Mrs. Hoy summarized the quantitative and qualitative comprehensive **teacher assessment** by students, peers, administrators, etc. and asked for our feedback on a draft of an assessment that all parents will be encouraged to complete at the Parent/Teacher conferences later this month.

Adjournment at 8:22 p.m. was motioned and seconded. Next meeting is November 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kelli Johnson, for Joan Graff