

Parents' Buzz Track

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Representatives:

Kindergarten

Peggy Leahy Guinasso

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1st Grade

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2nd Grade

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Anne O'Shea

3rd Grade

Sara Guerrero

Ann Powell

4th Grade

Anne O'Shea

Ana Medrano

5th Grade

Araceli Tabuena

Gabriela Rojas-Martinez

6th Grade

Lory Baldizon

Nilza Lacayo

Mission Statement:

To enhance the quality of our children's education by working with teachers to provide intellectual, social, spiritual, financial support, and encouragement.

Topics:

President Lory Baldizon called the meeting to order. Vice President Eduardo Barroso, Secretary Lourdes Mosqueda, and Treasurer Pedro Rodriguez were present. Our principal, Ms. Arleen Guaraglia welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

New Teacher – Eric Rood is our new Science (6th – 8th grade) and Computer teacher (K – 8th grades). He attended San Francisco State University and has been teaching Math, Science and Physical Education for the past five years. Mr. Rood guides the students thru basic computer skills. The computer lab consists of 17 Mac computers. The 4th -8th grade students have access to the internet which is monitored by Mr. Rood. There is no access to chat rooms or e-mails.

Fingerprinting Fundraiser– Brian Ramsell from Butter Braids gave a presentation and provided samples of his pastries. Butter Braids provides frozen pastry dough in several flavors. The fundraiser will begin on October 24th and the Butter Braids will be delivered before Thanksgiving. The Butter Braids sell for \$10.00 and 40% of the sale will go toward your fingerprinting. If you have already been fingerprinted, the proceeds will go toward your financial agreement and be placed in a fingerprinting fund.

Feedback from St. Paul's Annual School Picnic– Cathy Homoele announced that the family picnic paid for itself. The picnic is not a fundraiser. The goals of the picnic are for families to bond, make friends, and provide volunteer opportunities and to have fun! Four out of the eight current committee members are graduating this year. Volunteers are needed to help serve on this committee. Marianna Altamaran, whose son is in the 1st grade, has volunteered to be next year's chairperson. Thank you Mariana! The committee members recognized that a mistake was made in buying 60 extra meals, but selling 80 extra tickets at this year's picnic. The money will be refunded to any families requesting a refund. Those who purchased a ticket, but did not receive a meal and are interested in a refund may contact Cathy for further information.

Guest Speaker– Kevin Revilla has been with the City of Berkeley Fire Department for the past 25 years. He spent 4 of those years as head of the Division of Training for the Fire Department and the Office of Emergency Services. He gave an informative presentation of Emergency Preparedness. Kevin recommends that families take the Neighborhood Emergency Response Training (NERT) course which provides 40 to 50

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7th Grade

Laure Moon
Rosie Dittmann

8th Grade

Maria Martinez-DiGiulio
Nila Gonzalez

hours of training. Kevin discussed the following steps in preparing for an emergency:

- 1) Have a plan (where will you meet your family after a disaster?).
- 2) Protect yourself from potential fallen debris (secure bookshelves or television sets before an earthquake).
- 3) Be self-sufficient for three days (have enough food, medications, and one gallon of water per person and pet per day).
- 4) Have flashlight, candles (with caution), or generators which are easily available from home improvement stores.

Thank You– Michelle Bulen thanked everyone on behalf of Father Mario for the donations that were provided for the baskets that will be auctioned off at the Eighth Retro Dinner/Dance. The funds raised will defray the debt of the church retrofit.