

Virtual PTO Meeting-Minutes

October 2011

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sharon Ely-HERE
Kathie Van Gheem-HERE
Amanda Domogalik-HERE
Valerie Horvath-HERE
Beth Becker-HERE
Kim Anderson-HERE
June Whitley-HERE
Hether Driggers-HERE
Janice Sanders-HERE
KaCie Doyle-HERE
Pam Berg-HERE
Michelle Boyd-HERE
Eric Schommer-HERE
Scott Storms-HERE
Amy Magan-HERE

1. Teacher Conference Meals-Update from Hether

- discussion had been held between Kathie, Beth, Hether and Sharon that there is not a budget for the teacher conference meals
- requests from parents for donations will be made by Hether
- Hether took a poll of teachers and has decided to serve sandwiches this year for the conferences
- Dates of the conferences: Oct. 25th and Oct. 26th

2. High School Information Night-Update from Amy Magan

- 7 High Schools were in attendance
- open to 6th graders this year
- Amy indicated that about 30 families attended; good idea to have 6th graders invited
- Amy is going to ask for volunteers to create a chart of data comparing all of the schools
- Only issue that arose during evening was one family from Ritter bad-mouthing Chatard

3. PTO Lecture/Discussion Meeting(s)-Update from June

No ideas yet from parents. Will try to solicit ideas in email and Weekly Report.

4. Dream for the Future Grants-Update from Scott

The Gifts and Grants Committee approved a donation of \$4000 to cover the costs of the Butler Ropes Course Field Trip and the Challenger Field trip that is scheduled for next spring. We talked about this at the last PTO meeting, but it now needs to be formally approved by the PTO.....I vote yes.

- Formal Approval from Virtual Meeting: APPROVED

Also, I submitted a scholarship request to Target in an effort to cover part of the cost of the Challenger Field Trip. I also submitted a request for a partial grant to the Challenger Center. Any money received will be used to reimburse the school, or could go back in the Gift and Grants account. I have not heard back on either request.

5. Auction-Update from Janice and Kathie

Update from Janice: First auction meeting was held. Had great brainstorming and are in good shape planning wise. Will be putting out a call for more volunteers in this Friday's newsletter as we would like more people to follow up on solicitations. We currently have 8 and would like 16 total. Solicitation letter go out the end of October/beginning of November, as well as corporate letters. Looking for a contact for a jewelry donation of diamond earrings, if anyone has a contact or idea please let Janice know.

Update from Kathie: reiterated that more volunteers are needed for solicitations

6. Treasurer's Report-Update from Beth

Beth will take care of making sure Dress Down proceeds are deposited.

7. Teacher's Report-Update from Mrs. Doyle

If there is a list of open volunteer opportunities, teachers could hand these out to parents during conferences. I know that last year, some parents realized at conferences that they had a low amount of service hours so this might be a good time to spread the word.

8. Administration Report-Update from Mrs. Boyd

Parent/Teacher and 5-8 Student Conferences are scheduled for Oct. 25-26.

PTO Dress Down - not sure of amount collected, will email Jessica Sinkovic.

Principal Notes -

1. Run/Walk-A Thon - huge success from student comments and money raised - close to \$16,000
2. Ministry Fair - Held on Sunday. Had steady traffic, but only one visitor who wanted more information about the school
3. Coffee and Conversation date and agenda - Oct. 26th after 7:40 mass. Agenda item will be New Science Curriculum Delta/Foss in grades 4-8
4. Celebrating Catholic Schools Value Dinner - on Oct. 26th at 6pm at JW Marriott Hotel, downtown. I would like one representative from PTO and their spouse to join me. No cost, free dinner and drinks. A night away before having the kids for 2 straight days with Fall Break. Any takers? I'll take the first to respond.
5. School Commission is investigating the Craine House (proposed to vacate the old nursing home property)
6. School Commission is researching a balanced calendar and start of school time for future calendars.

Good of the Cause: Thanks for everyone for participating! I think our first virtual meeting was a success!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 1st at 7pm in Rm. 25