

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

St. Luke Catholic School - PTO Meeting

Present: Bis Feldmann, Kelly Wessel, Kim Moriarty, Liz Held, Kathleen Smith, IJ Whitacre, Kristin Beam, Beth Brown, Lori LeRoy, Jenn Rotz, Kathleen Art, Karin Held, Amy Szentes, Jenn Baker, Heather Malarney, Kristin Crisp, Rachel Gallagher, Kelly Rees, Kate Bruner, Tara Strohl, Whitney Robinson

Not Present: Mandy Heslin, Ashley Dirks, Anne Horton, Heather Allen, Alyssa Wagner, Joyce Simpkins, Tracy Miller, Angela Agricola, Mary Petruzzi, Sharon Dillon, Yovonne Grego, Celeste Hinko, Molly Beckman, Amy Waninger, Elizabeth Hicks.

Meeting began at 7pm in the School Cafeteria with Bis Feldmann, Vice-President, sitting in for Mandy Heslin, President, who was sick.

October minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

No Treasurer's Report

Faculty Report provided by Kate Bruner:

- The school is waiting on the appointing of a new Archbishop to finalize/approve the school's budget. There will be a 4% tuition increase due to the 3-4% increase in teacher's salary required by the archdiocese.
- Mr. Weber says the 8th Grade's Washington DC trip went really well. Stories will be told to grandkids one day about this trip! The 8th graders were well conducted students!
- Catholic Schools Week is January 30-February 3rd. There is an open house on Monday - please come and see the school in action! Theme dress for each day will be sent out by teachers.
- Monsignor Schaedel has created a search committee of about 8 people to interview for the principal position opening with the retirement of Mr. Weber in May. The committee is chaired by Rob Shumaker. The committee will be interviewing staff members to learn what is important to them in a principal. The committee will submit 3 candidates to Monsignor for selection by Easter, 4/16/17. The position has been posted locally and nationally. Please keep this committee in your prayers that they will find and select a strong leader.
- Discussion of Mr. Weber's retirement party followed.

Vice Presidents Remarks:

- Planning for 2017-18...all fundraising approvals must be submitted to church council one year prior. If you know of any new Dine for Dollars or other fundraising that PTO might be interested, submit those ideas to Bis Feldmann by February 15th. This includes any Special Activities requests (i.e. Mary's Child Center donations). Bis will meet with Beth Borland in early March.

Committee Reports:

Arts & Enrichment:

- After School Enrichment classes start January 30th. 3 new classes were added. good enrollment overall.
- Catholic Schools Week will include a laser light show on Friday sponsored by PTO.
- March 10th they are planning a STEM event with the STEM Connection Company. Stay posted for more details on that.

Fundraising: No new updates.

Spirit Wear/ Gym Clothes:

- The volleyball spirit wear sale is currently underway. Track/soccer/kickball/ and I'm told cadet baseball will follow in the spring.
- PE Update - Placed last round of orders for the year on 1/18/17. Deliveries to be made within next 2 weeks.

Communications & Membership: No new updates.

Special Activities:

- We received lots of St Mary's Child Center donations in early January, Thank you! They were distributed to all of their schools and the center was very appreciative. Ice cream sandwiches were donated to students on Friday of that week.
- Special Activities request to purchase 27 boxes (1/classroom) at a cost of \$18/box to provide for teachers in their classrooms for when we are requesting donations, such as for the St. Mary's Child Center. EJ Whitacre motions for approval/ Kristin Beam seconds the motion. Motion passes.

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- Catholic Schools Week: pancake breakfast supplies will be bought and delivered by PTO. Mrs. Kelly will deliver to classrooms. PTO has funded pancake mix (3/child), juice, syrup. Plates, silverware and napkins will be donated by teachers.
- In February, the Teachers "Souper" Lunch will take place on 2/17. There will be a sign-up genius going out to PTO first, then all school families for donations. Reminders to be send the week and day before of the event.
- In February, the school will welcome Debbie Sullivan, Olympic Speed Walker for an inspirational speaker session on 2/24 titled "Believe it, Achieve it!". Students may wear red, white, blue shirts with uniform bottoms. Parents are welcome to attend, standing room only. Flyers went home in the January Wednesday packet.
- March 13th will be a St. Luke Pep Rally. Students may wear spirit clothes that day. Teachers will draw for their class's March Madness teams. Discussion was had over prizes. Jets pizza has offered discounts for pizza parties, so perhaps the final 4 classrooms will receive that. Please stay tuned.
- Catholic Schools Week Open House to be held on 1/29/17 from 10:30-12. PTO will have volunteers on hand along with coffee and donuts in the school cafeteria.

PTO Grant Submissions:

For Full details regarding these grants please see attached grant submission requests.

- Mrs. Kelly has submitted a grant for Beginner Readers Books +CDs targeting beginning reader students. The grant request if for \$350 + S/H. The books will encourage use of fingers to track words in books. Some kids don't get read to enough. Discussion followed.

Q: Will this be shared with other 1st grade classes?

Q: Does this help enough of the school?

Q: Why aren't we using IPAD apps? iPads are shared in K-4. Currently, to add stories and apps to those iPads, administration must approve.

Kathleen Smith motioned to approve the grant request. Heather Malarney seconded. PTO approves grant request for \$350+ S/H.

- 3rd Grade Teachers request \$900 to cover increase in field trip costs this year. Teachers feel that the upcoming zoo overnighter reinforces the 3rd grade science curriculum. Note, there was not a grant requested for the increase fee to the Levi

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Coffin home earlier this year. Jenn Rotz motions/ Heather Malarney seconds the motion. PTO approves grant request for \$900.

- Mrs. Spilbeler has submitted a grant for the “Theology of the Body” (middle school edition) for \$928.80 + tax which includes 80 student texts and one teacher. She feels this curriculum is in-line with what other North Deanery schools are providing. St. Luke used to offer, but has since stopped. Discussion followed by PTO members of what each grade is taught. Jenn Rotz motions/ Kristin Crisp seconds the motion. PTO approves grant request for \$928.80 +tax(?).

Next Steps: Next meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2017. 6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting.

Don't forget to provide Bis Feldmann with donation and fundraising requests by Feb 15th.

Meeting concluded and was adjourned at approximately 7:50pm.