

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

St. Luke Catholic School - PTO Meeting

Present (May): Mandy Heslin, Bis Feldmann, Ashley Dirks, Kelly Wessel, Heather Allen, Alyssa Wagner, Kim Moriarty, EJ Whitacre, Kristin Beam, Beth Brown, Angela Agricola, Kathleen Art, Amy Szentes, Yovonne Grego, Heather Malarney, Molly Beckman, Rachel Gallagher, Kelly Rees, Kate Bruner, Whitney Robinson, Ashley Hileman, Mary Peterman, Julie Drew, Elizabeth Snook, Katheryne Stapleton, Lori Feldman,

Not Present: Anne Horton, Alyssa Wagner, Kim Moriarty, Liz Held, Kathleen Smith, Joyce Simpkins, Tracy Miller, Lori LeRoy, Jenn Rotz, Karin Held, Mary Petruzzi, Jenn Baker, Kristin Crisp, Celeste Hinko, Amy Waninger, Tara Strohl, Elizabeth Hicks

A year-end social began at 6:30pm in the library.

PTO meeting began at approximately 7:50pm

Grant Requests Approved: April, \$0; May, \$7191.08

- Jennifer Burns: \$1000 for assorted improvements for the library
- Pam Scheck: \$1549.00 for new laptop
- Kathleen Prater: \$962.79 for new music stands
- Kathleen Prater \$885 for music education/professional development
- Cayley Coss: \$577.56 for document camera
- Pam Scheck and Cathy King: \$938.73 for new lacrosse, soccer, and field hockey equipment
- Amy Taylor: \$278 for Holy Land and Roman Empire maps
- Grants approved via mail post May meeting:
 - Amy Sweet, Grade 3: \$300 to purchase alternate seating for her classroom.
 - Kathleen Prater, Music Department: \$700 for a portable keyboard, stand, and seat so that the students can take their musical programs on the road (Marquette Manor, St. Augustine's Home, etc.)
- Discussion: How do we get more teachers to submit for personal development PTO grants next year?

2017 Committee Roles handed out

Committee Reports:

Spirit Wear/ Gym Clothes:

- Hot Dog night is June 28th - get your gym clothes and spirit clothes ordered that eve!
- An Email to all parents and a USPS mailing will be sent (only incoming 1st grade parents) prior to Hot Dog night regarding gym uniforms order forms to help expedite the ordering process.
- Gym shorts and bags will be available that night. Tees with screen print names will be only delivered items.
- Swag Bags donations will be assembled for new St. Luke families, similar as last year.
- Discussion: PTO spirit wear storage and more opportunities for sales.

Special Activities:

- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in May went smooth.
- Fun Day received great feedback from all! Discussed limiting sno cone flavors and extending 30 minutes next year.
- In April, the Women's Center baby shower was a huge success! The Women's Center says thank you for all the donations. Plans are being made to repeat next year.
- All Dates for next year have been set and will be included on a flyer in Back To School packets available at Hot Dog Night. New for next year is a Mardi Gras party in February and an additional coffee cart for teachers (totals 3).

Arts & Enrichment:

- "STREAM" was successful this year. Next year's theme is "Young Authors".
- New chairs: Mary Peterman and Emi Osterhaus, plans include connecting with Kids, Inc. bookstore and a school book drive. Liz Held will be chairing the after school enrichment portion of the committee.
- For future years, committee is looking into a Salesforce apprenticeship which is taking applications in the coming year.
- Summer camps at St. Luke is a possible in future years, including STEM and Robotics classes.

Fundraising: No report

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Communications & Membership:

- Committee will be working on 2017-18 Buzz Book over the summer.
- Suggestion: Can a note be made as to “best contact” parent for birthday parties, etc.

2017-18 President, Heather Allen, introduces herself and thanks previous president, Mandy Heslin.

- June 4th is Ice Cream Social for incoming kindergarteners. Evite has been sent.
- Hot Dog Nite is June 28th and we need all PTO hands on deck. 100% of labor that night is PTO so look for sign-up genius coming soon to sign-up for your shift. Also, will have shifts for stuffing back-to-school packets prior to that evening.
- June 11th will be an ice cream social to meet and greet new principal, Mrs. Kissel. Help may be needed and PTO presence and participation is expected.
- July will be a working PTO meeting - stay tuned for details.

Faculty Report provided by Kate Bruner:

- Mr. Weber is overwhelmed and thankful for all the support and well wishes received this month.
- Mrs. Kissel attending the May Monday gathering and carpool. She will work every Wednesday in June with Mrs. Borland than start full-time in July. She will meet individually with all staff throughout the summer.
- Currently conducting job interviews for new 4th grade teacher. So far, about a dozen applications have been received.
- Cayley Coss has been hired for 7/8th grade science.
- Kelly Rees has been hired for 3rd-5th Resource.
- 80 iPads have been bought, bringing the 5th-8th grade ratio to 1:1. All staff getting MS office upgrades.

Next Steps: Stay tuned for summer volunteer sign-ups and July Meeting info.

Meeting concluded and was adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.