

HOLY CROSS PTA Meeting

December 5, 2018

Attendees- M. O'Leary, C. Kosty, K. Shetsky, M. Fricke, M. Mannara, L. Carello, B. Purtell, H. Cleary, S. Herron, S. DiFusco, B. Schafer, K. Eberline, M. Rodman, J. Johnston, A. Renna, T. Krupa, D and M Juliano, C. Giamartino,

Opening Prayer – Martha O'Leary

Review and approval of November 2018 minutes- Motion approved 1st (M. Mannara) 2nd (D. Juliano)

Principal's report: Not much to report, it has been a quiet month. It was a rough month as far as weather goes, as the kids have not had much opportunity to get outside. Everyone is working hard in the classroom. Ms. Kolinsky (6th grade teacher) is going out next month for knee surgery, the school is having a difficulty time finding a sub. Potential is to have Miss. Vaeth teach, and Mrs. Poppe teach math for 5 and 6 grades. However, Miss Vaeth fell and broke her ankle, should only be out one week. Question asked how long she will be out for - surgery next week, and plans to be out until Martin Luther king weekend.

Father Kurgan Report: Not present tonight as he at a Penance Service at St. Matthews

Treasurer's report (M. O'Leary): Leigh Marquis is not present tonight, but Rick DiFusco has met with her and will join us in January. Treasurers report is pretty clear cut, each of the items are listed. Please see Treasurers report – 1st and 2nd page is income, the rest of the pages are expenses. (C. Boule clarified) Leigh added poinsettia and movie night into the auction budget, clubs are listed, class parties reimbursement – but the total per class not listed, will be adjusted. J. Johnston asked how did we make out for teacher luncheon money, - A. Renna reports some money still coming in, envelopes given without names, total not yet figured out. We will vote on budget next month with updates. M. Mannara questioned the International night wondering what the actual budget if there is a deficit already showing. C. Kosty clarified that is because some of the funds were reimbursed late, so it is a deficit from prior year, however, she will be able to use her full budget allowed. M. Rodman questioned if there should be a hard deadline, for reimbursement. M. O'Leary reports it is difficult to do that when the parents are volunteering their time. C. Boule explained how the income and expense budget lines are determined, including that it is an estimate from previous years. General consensus was that it is reasonable to ask for receipts to be submitted by a certain deadline. Caring Crusaders needs to be added to the budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Auction Update: M O'Leary – Maria Reed stepped down from chair, she wanted to thank her for all her hard work in previous years. At the recent meeting, we discussed venues, committees, and chairpersons. The auction is a huge undertaking, many hands need to be involved. Yeazel Hall has been reserved for April 27th, however outside venues will be considered if anyone has suggestions. We are looking for people that are interested and have talents that want to be involved. Parents who have previously been involved have also committed to help new parents who want to volunteer. M. O'Leary talked to Father Kurgan – he approves the funds go toward updates for playground equipment. C. Boule reports the Town of Dewitt will come through and do a safety evaluation, and give criteria for what is needed. Miracle playground will likely be used, (they provided the recent playground piece) Many years ago, when the playground was updated, they had \$20,000, which allowed for about 3 pieces, the equipment is very expensive.

Moms Night Out 11/29 A. Renna – Reports, unfortunately we picked a bad day, but they did have some moms come to the Loft, including a potential new mom. She will be looking into future dates for activities.

Caring Crusader Bottle and Can Drive: (M. Fricke) - We used a different company from Minoa. They were great, stayed the whole time and helped up organize the bottles. We raised ~\$340 dollars. We will open a new line in the budget for the Caring Crusaders group, she wanted to write a check to Holy Cross for her tax purposes. The funds will be going towards our next activities including the Josephs House diaper drive, Ronald McDonald House meals, Emmaus ministry. We will continue to collect bottles and cans, contact me with questions.

M. Mannara questioned if service has ever been part of the curriculum, M. O'Leary, C. Kosty, and C. Boule all gave input as to how each teacher chooses a service project like the sock drive, making placemats for Thanksgiving, letters for the soldiers etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Poinsettia Sale- (L. Carello)** plants should arrive by 10:00 on Tuesday December 11, we seem to be all set with volunteers for separating and handing out. The sixth grade class won the dress down day. Overall, over 200 pointsettias sold, which should equate to about \$1000 towards the school.
- **Book Fair – (M. Mannara)** !st two days the kids will come in and choose, then pay for their books. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help. A few volunteers are still needed especially on Tuesday. The line item on the budget includes moth bookfairs.

Spring After School Clubs: The gym is in high demand. We need a parent volunteer Keith Cieplicki Basketball program – for pre-K and K will likely be on Thursday Marianne Fricke is able to do; Yoga on Wednesday – Rick and Sharon DiFusco volunteered; Spring track J. Johnston may help, wants to keep this program going, as it usually has a good turnout. However we need to be clear that for the smaller kids a parent must be present during the run for safety especially if through the cemetery as a lot of cars use this as a cut through. Currently the YMCA program is on hold.

Open Discussion: C. Giamartino – Looking for a parent to take over the Bricks For Kids after school activity – if anyone interested please contact Catherine for details.

B. Purtell – wondered since the diocese has released the names of priests involved in the abuse scandal, if the school was going to be discussing this or if this should take place at home. M. O’Leary, states they will not be talking about this at school, recommends talking to your kids about it at home as you choose. The school currently has a curriculum for safe touching.

******For any parent who will be present in the classroom, you must be Virtus trained. Included in this are the Christmas parties, pizza day volunteer, any volunteers in the school that has contact with any child other than your own. M O’Leary will put out an email to clarify this topic. Also going to look into a Virtus training at the church for those that are interested.**

Upcoming Events:

Book Fair: December 10-13th

Auction Meeting 12/11 at 7 PM, everyone is welcome, many opportunities to help and be involved in this school fundraiser.

Christmas Concert 12/13 at 7 pm at Holy Cross Church

Next Meeting Weds, January 2 at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned- 8:00 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted, Marianne Fricke