

Holy Cross PTA Meeting

January 2, 2019

Attendees-Claudia Kosty, Marianne Fricke, Heather Cleary, Amy Renna, Brigid Purtell, Taylor Clark, Father Kurgan, Jolie Johnston, Samantha Herron, Derrick Herron, Kate Eberline, Joe Hens, Sharon DiFusco, Rick DiFusco, Maria Mannara, Debbie and Maggie Juliano, Tansy Schoonmaker, T. Krupa

Opening Prayer – Father Kurgan

Review and approval of December 2018 minutes (1st – S. Herron, 2nd D. Juliano)

Principal's Report- December went by in a flash, the Christmas concert was enjoyed by everyone. Special thanks to M. Mannara for running a successful book fair, working many hours. Over \$3000 in Scholastic Dollars was raised for the Library Media Center. Just got in new chrome books today, funded through diocese Heritage Fund.

Father Kurgan Report- Agreed that the concert was great, the kids sounded great.

Treasurers Report- (R. DiFusco) – Leigh had emailed Martha and Rick the new spread sheets, with details on clubs. Technology updates, school renovations, including some items from last year; new steps and railings show in new report. The church has been very generous to the school subsidizing some updates, and renovations – not all PTA funds have been used in updating the school. Thank you Father Kurgan for your support.

-M. Mannara questioned 1. the line item for the Catholic Schools week basketball tournament – shows income although there will not be a tournament here this year, C. Kosty agreed that this should be changed on the budget however this was a recent decision. M. O'Leary expanded on reasons to eliminate the tournament. 2. Book Fair \$3500 budget is scholastic dollars, not that it is actual money. M. O'Leary agreed that this should be on the school budget rather than PTA – Rick and Leigh can discuss this. 3. Movie Night has a budget line, but did not see one in the calendar – C. Kosty states that this has been part of Auction fundraising, which will be discussed at next auction meeting, and the budget can be adjusted accordingly. C. Kosty states that the budget is established well in advance, and changes will be made as they come up, but we need a place to start for the following year.

Motion to approve budget 2018-2019 – 1st M. Mannara, 2nd H. Cleary

Old Business:

Auction Update – Meeting next Tuesday at 7:00, biggest push at this time is solicitation. S. Herron - Letters went out for donations and advertisements, I have lists of places that I am looking for volunteers to solicit businesses. She and J. Markert have gone through history of donators to establish a list. A. Renna suggested that people look into who they know and could cross reference the list. M. O'Leary suggests that there is a main list to assure that we are not double dipping. She also described the 3 levels available to support the auction – Advertising, products, sponsorship. T. Schoonmaker suggests making the forms clearer as to what the school is looking for, it is confusing at this time, and more clarification would make it easier for business owners. Julianos suggest that an advertising letter would be helpful, and agree with Tansy that clearer ideas of what the school is looking for when it comes to donation, vs. advertisement. Also recommended to increase social media and tagging the businesses for advertisement, B. Purtell suggested that this is in the works. She is working with interns and Dan Littlepage to address this.

Poinsettia Sale Recap – L. Carello unable to make the meeting today, \$1141.95 was profit per M. O'Leary's records. We will need someone to take this on next year.

Book Fair Recap- M. Mannara Clarified that it was over \$3000 in sales, not profit, but there was likely scholastic dollars from previous sales. Thank you to all volunteers for helping.

New Business:

Volunteer Opportunities:

Catholic Schools Week Plan: We need volunteers for pancake breakfast to monitor the classroom from 8:30 – 9:30. A virtue trained parent is needed, as the teachers will be in the cafeteria.

Tentative Schedule for Catholic Schools Week:

Sunday 1/27- Catholic Schools Mass at 9 am. Please bring your students in their uniform and attend the mass, process in and help in various ways during the mass. Donuts and juice following the mass.

Monday 1/28- the rainbow picture day. Each class wears a different colored shirt for a group picture. Entertainment later in the day.

Prek – Red	3 rd grade – yellow
Kindergarten – orange	4 th grade - green
1 st Grade – Purple	5 th grade - light blue
2 nd grade – White	6 th grade - black

Tuesday 1/29 is pancake breakfast and Wacky tacky dress day

Wednesday 1/30 fun day TBA

Thurs 1/31 – Children wear their favorite team jersey and do a community service project

Friday 2/1- Red and White day starts at 1 pm, kids in each class are split into teams and compete in games led by Coach Herron in the gym. Parents are welcome to come watch, followed by 6th grade vs teacher basketball game. (This entire event is so fun to watch) More information on all these events will be coming home soon.

Auction Baskets: A. Renna – Room parents need to make a proposal by February 1st, in detail as to what is going to be included in the class basket. Deadline for baskets is April 12th. It will be first come first serve as to requests for baskets.

End of Year Picnic: Meeting next Tuesday 6:00 before the auction meeting. Current date planned is June 18th.

Upcoming Events:

Catholic Schools Week

Possible Moms Night Out in January – proposed January 31st, at Fringe Benefit Store, would offer a discount, this is an interior decorating store in Fayetteville. Details unclear at this time, more information to come as things are worked out.

Open Discussion –

-H. Cleary – We plan to do the summer program again this year for kids entering K – entering 3rd, last week of June and first 3 weeks of July. 8:30-12. This will be run by H. Cleary, K. Burns, M. Sommers, and N. Walters.

-M. Mannara – clarification of virtue training – if you do pizza day more than once, you must be virtue trained. If you are coming in to the school as a spectator such as grandparents day, you do not need to be virtue trained. However anyone volunteering at the school, you must be virtue trained, even if other virtue trained parents are in the room. We should enforce a visitor tag policy.

Also any coach should be virtue trained, in addition to parents volunteering.

J. Johnston - Thank you to everyone who donated to the clothing for the refugees families. Will continue to keep this drive going, any gently used clothes that are seasonally appropriate will be accepted, as well as coats etc.

Next Meeting Weds, February 6, 7 pm. Meeting adjourned – ~7:45 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted, M. Fricke