

Holy Cross PTA Meeting

March 6, 2019

Attendees- Claudia Kosty, Marianne Fricke, Martha O'Leary, Jolie Johnston, Joe Hens, Sam Herron, Taylor Clark, Amy Renna, Colleen Wells, Kate Burns, Kate Eberline, Brigid Purtell, Heather Cleary, Rick DiFusco, Sharon DiFusco, Beth Schaefer

Opening Prayer – Beth Schaefer

Review and approval of January 2019 minutes :1st B. Purtell, 2nd S. Herron

Principal's Report – Valentines Dance was quite a success thanks to Kate Burns and the parents who helped plan it. Kids had a blast, and everything went smoothly. This is definitely something to look forward to in the future. Catholic Schools week was also a great success, the Bubble Guy presentation was fun, all the kids enjoyed it. Older kids went bowling, this was also a big hit, grades 4-6 went due to numbers of students this year, while the younger grades watched a movie. We raised ~\$200 for Emmaus ministries. Also money was raised for the family that runs the Green Lakes bowling lanes- the owner was killed in a tragic accident and money was donated to his daughters college fund, thank you for everyone's generosity.

Treasurers Report- (R. DiFusco) – February broke even with expense and profit. Raffle tickets so far little over \$2100, book fair slightly less than last year, was a break even, but library gets quite a few credits for this.

Old Business:

Auction Update (M. O'Leary) – We had a meeting prior to PTA meeting, and we are moving forward with all the plans. JoAnn and others have done soliciting, and many people who have never done this before have gotten involved. More to report on sponsorship in next couple weeks. Invitations have been ordered, and will be mailed out once we get them. Sam Herron asked for anyone getting a donation, to please give addresses and contact information to help with thank you letters. Anyone interested in helping, please reach out to Auction Committee.

Yearbook Update - Penny from Art craft press was asked to do yearbooks. We will be forming a committee as this will be a group effort. We will be looking for photos of clubs etc.

Past events:

Catholic Schools Week – Val, overall thought the week was great, some new additions were made this year, including a news plug from Dan Cumming for the bulletin board contest, stuffing socks for Samaritan center with toiletries - many leftover toiletries were also donated. March 15th will be the ice cream sundae party for the 5th grade bulletin board contest winner.

Moms Night Out – Unfortunately it was a tough night due to with flu and poor weather, but it is a very cool place, we may look into this again in the future.

Open House – (M. O'Leary) Due to snow day and reschedule, this event was not as well attended as hoped. Joann and Martha have taken quite a few calls for private tours, we are contacting back right away. B.Purtell asked if she was consider doing another one, Martha says in the past we have held an open house after the 11:30 mass – but they were also poorly attended. She suggested that depending on enrollment, they may need to reconsider a reschedule closer to June. C. Kosty asked how enrollment is looking, and M. O'Leary stated that they were still receiving paperwork, including from current students. Reminder notices will be sent out.

New Business:

Volunteer Opportunities:

-Pizza Days every Monday – we continue to ask for help on Mondays, handing out pizza to students.

- International Night 3/30/19 – The evite just went out, 15 countries have been confirmed with 2 more possibilities. We will not have the African drummers this year due to increased cost, despite attempts at negotiating. We have Irish dancers set up, Mrs. Rys Irish story telling, henna artist is in the works. We are also planning passport scavenger hunt for the kids to have an activity at each of the countries, rather than just trying the food. We are still in need of volunteers for set up clean up and runners during the evening. This event is not open to general public, but if someone wants to bring a special person, they are welcome.

- Book Fair 5/13-

- End of Year Picnic 6/18 – The picnic will start at first lunch go through end of day. We are looking for volunteers, and will have a meeting after international night. The plan is to have the picnic more like field days, no bounce houses this year. Suggestion made to check with the church for things that they used at the church festival.

-Fall after school programs – proposals will be due after break for next fall.

Summer program – (H. Cleary) We are holding summer program for the first 4 weeks of summer, in the mornings, similar to last year. Educational and fun, this is open to students entering K through entering 3. First come first serve, maximum 30 kids.

Beth Schaefer – The church is holding a diaper drive, and she is looking into an event for wrap and play.

B. Purtell- She may try to organize an activity for Sleep In Heavenly Peace –which is an organize that makes beds for those that do not have them. She is thinking of bringing in sewing machines to make handmade bedding for those kids.

Caring crusaders- Next event is diaper drive, will have a box in the lobby for diapers to be delivered to Josephs House. Someone asked if they are also in need of maternity clothes, M. Fricke will look into this.

Upcoming Events:

-Next Auction Meeting Tuesday March 19th, 7 PM

- International Night March 30th 6-8 PM

Open Discussion –

Next Meeting Weds, March , 7 pm. Meeting adjourned – 7:25 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted, M. Fricke