

# Holy Cross PTA Meeting

## May 1, 2019

**Attendees-** M. O'Leary, K. Shetsky, M. Fricke, S. Herron, M. Adornato, L. Bannon, M. Rodman, H. Cleary, A. Renna, S. and R. DiFusco, C. Giamartino, B. Purtell

**Opening Prayer** – (M. O'Leary)

**Father's Report** – Not present tonight due to confessions

**Review and approval of April Minutes(K. Shetsky)** – approved - 1<sup>st</sup> B. Purtel, 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Bannon

**Principal's Report- (M. O'Leary)**- 1<sup>st</sup> day of NYS Math test grades 3-6 was today, Monica Kalinsky noted that she thought the tests were fair. There is one more day of testing. Because of the change in style of testing, going from 3 days to 2 day, we will only be able to compare test scores to that of last year. Also, the night of the auction K. Kilmartin thanked so many people, but she forgot to thank herself, she was invaluable with her experience in past years, so I wanted to give a public thank you for all her work.

**Treasurer's Report (R. DiFusco)**- Not all of April's reports are in, but there will likely be a profit this month☺ Everyone is doing a great job, in the next week or so all receipts will come in. ~\$67,000 profit from the auction. M. O'Leary was asked if anyone has started shopping for playground equipment. She stated that this has not happened yet, S. Freeman does this for a living, he is willing to help do this. She also stated that she would like the people on auction committee and PTA to do the research and deciding. M. O'Leary and Scott agreed it is not worth it to fix current structures, but better to buy new. You can hire a foreman to look at current equipment to see what is salvagable. Also going to look to see if gym floor needs improvement. Plan is to do it this summer. K Shetsky suggested a playground committee, they will discuss this at the auction wrap up meeting. Those involved would need to be present for demo and construction. Further details to follow after auction wrap up meeting.

### **Old Business (K. Shetsky):**

- Club Coordinators Needed:
- Pointsettia Sale – Thorough notes developed by M. Adornato to be passed on, Mary Rodman and Lisa Bannon agreed to chair this.
- Fall After School Programs: deadline is the end of May. M Rodman asked what will be offered, so far karate, yoga, journalism. We need to be mindful of Joanne and be sure we have consistency of dates and paperwork. H. Cleary noted that the organized dates/times of programs was very helpful this year.
- PTA Officer Slate –
- Nominations for Vice President: Sam Herron nominated by M. O'Leary, M Fricke 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Secretary: Kate Eberline nominated by Amy Renna, Lisa B 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
These will be voted on next meeting.  
Vote on President: unanimous vote to approve Kelly Shetsky for PTA president next year.

### **Past Events:**

- Auction- Kudos to Karens Catering, \$30/head including great food, linens, plates/glasses; Nina Walters, and Mac Cadaret did a great job, overall it was a great night. There was also a great response to raise the paddle.
- Volunteer Opportunities – Pizza Day – not technically PTA, initially was just for 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip, then increased to each Monday supported by the PTA. Pizza day helps to fund things like the Owl Lady, the science bus, bowling trip during Catholic Schools week, but M. O'Leary needs more support. Attendees agreed that more communication on what pizza day is actually funding. Potential ideas are to assign

weeks/months to each class, possibility of a different day of the week, using a different sign up process, or cutting back if the support is not there.

- End of year picnic (6/18) – Planning meeting is Thursday May 9 at 6:30
- Volunteers are needed for Open House May 14<sup>th</sup>, and Mass May 11 4:00 honoring our Holy Cross students. Please reach out to Amy Renna if available.
- Box Tops – Amy Ward agreed to do this again next year.
- Bulletin Board supposed to be a PTA function, has not been done in years, maybe someone to take on atleast quarterly; and PTA bulletin board downstairs – S. DiFusco agreed to take this on.
- Taylor Clark agreed to do loan closet.

### **New Business:**

-Summer By law Review Committee: update and modify by-laws as needed: There was a committee last summer, and By laws were adjusted. In the summer time, one meeting would cover – read through and adjust if anything needs to be adjusted. Will present this at Sept meeting and vote on it. K Shetsky suggested that the officers can review it before next meeting.

-Open Discussion: Are we continuing Heard? M. O’Leary suggested that this is a conversation that has to happen for next year. There are various problems with Heard. Not everyone is using it, so many messages may not be received, and sometimes they come through too late. Question asked if there could there be a sign in through the website to keep it private, this is what Rediker does, but it is quite complex.

H. Cleary reports summer spots still open, please sign up as needed. Suggested flyers to be provided at open house regarding the summer program.

- Can we have a directory again next year? M Rodman. M O’Leary is open to this, we could think about having it electronic vs paper, suggested that it could be adjusted, as new students come in. M. Rodman would be willing to head this up, she would need to have a paper ready to go with PTA packet that will go home the first week of school. Anyone not interested could fill out a form to opt out.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Next End of year picnic meeting- May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30
- Auction wrap up meeting – May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM
- Open House May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Concert May 16<sup>th</sup> 7 PM
- Play May 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by M. Fricke

Meeting adjourned 7:45