

**Holy Rosary School
PTO Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2017**

Attendance: Jodi Bright, Agata Zalupski, , Sandy Hartenstein, Leona Kelly, Aishie Lindula, Carina VanPelt, Lorielle Peterson, Flower Anston, Mary Martinez, Deanne Slaughter.

Leona Kelly, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. Leona led us in the Opening Prayer.

Mission Statement - The mission statement was read by Jodi Bright, PTO Treasurer.

Introductions – We went around the table and introduced ourselves and what was our tie to the school.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the last PTO meeting on November 14, 2017 were approved.

Principal's Report –Carina Van Pelt reported that:

- Enrollment is at 165 students.
- This year a form is being prepared called the “Intent to Return” form (use to be pre enrollment form). This form will go out in the family folders Tuesday, January 9, 2018. There are several classes that are currently full: Pre Kindergarten, 1st grade and 3rd grade. The Intent to Return form must be turned in as soon as possible along with registration money to guarantee the child's place in a class. Preference will be given to current returning students first from Tuesday at 3 pm on January 9 → Thursday 8am on January 11. Siblings of current students will be allowed to register starting Thursday 8am on January 11, 2018. On February 1, 2018, registration will be open to the general public. Class size from Kindergarten → 6th is limited to 24 per class (1st grade currently has 25 students with 1st grade teacher approval).
- Discussed how the curriculum and teaching is well recognized throughout the dioceses. Mrs. Jones' 3rd grade class had the most growth in Math and English language arts of all the Idaho Catholic Schools.
- Preparations are underway for Catholic School Week. Carina is looking for parents to talk for a few minutes in mass on January 27 and 28 about why they have chosen to have their child/children attend Holy Rosary School.

Treasurer's Report – Jodi Bright reported:

- **Current Balance: \$83,387.46**
- Wine auction still finishing up expenses

Restaurant Fundraiser/Box Tops Report – Sandy Hartenstein reported:

- MacKenzie River on November 20th made \$167.97 for our school.
- Next restaurant fundraiser will be at Buffalo Wild Wings. Working on setting a date and time.
- Box Tops
 - The second contest ended December 8, 2017. Am Pre Kindergarten won. They will be having an Ice Cream Party on Friday, 12/15 at 930 am.
 - As of December 8th we had 943 labels (\$94.30). We have earned \$453.60 so far this year.

Old Business

- **Barnes and Noble Book Fair** – Aishie Lindula reported:
 - It was held on December 7, 2017
 - It went well. Aishie will submit receipts so we can know how much was spent on candy and stickers (about 700 candy canes were used).
 - Aishie is to start thinking about who she might want to start training for the future when she no longer is here at this school to organize this event.
- **St. Nicholas Day** – Leona Kelly reported for Tina Moyer: December 6, 2017. It went well. Not only were chocolate coins and candy canes placed in shoes but Deanna Slaughter also got prayer cards that were placed in the shoes as well. We will do this again next year. Deanna will get prayer cards. We have 190 chocolate coins left (placed in Leona Kelly's freezer for use next year). Will need to buy candy canes.
- **Christmas Program** – Leona Kelly reported for Brianna Lang:
 - Will be on December 20, 2017. Things are ready to go.
 - Need to buy coffee and coffee cups (Brianna will do this). Have hot chocolate
 - Families will bring cookies and we will not order any.
 - Front row will be reserved for family that purchased this at the 2016 Auction and wasn't able to use last year due to cancellation from weather.
- **Staff Christmas Gifts** – Leona Kelly said they were done and would be given out to teachers/staff. It wasn't discussed what was purchased because teachers/staff were present.

New Business

- **Catholic School Week** – Carina VanPelt reported
 - Planning underway and it will be similar to years past.
 - Wednesday might be dress uniform or formal dress up
 - Planning for daily activities
 - Might have day to wear Spirit Wear

- **CSW Carnival** – Jodi Bright Reported
 - January 26, 2018
 - Games are figured out
 - Have purchases and found prizes
 - Food – Will have it preordered prior to event. Will have some extra food for purchase for people who haven't preordered. This will help in planning the buying of the food.

- **Other**
 - **Christmas Basket Gift Tags** – Felt that it went well. People liked the idea of involving their children in taking tags and buying for those that had need.
 - **Volunteer Hours Book** – Try to remember to bring the book into the meeting so people can record hours easier

Closing Prayer was said by Carina VanPelt

The meeting concluded at 8:45 am.

Submitted by Sandy Hartenstein PTO Secretary