

Holy Rosary School
PTO Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018

Attendance: Sandy Hartenstein, Anna Filoni, Jodi Bright, Amanda Fiedler, Carina VanPelt

Sandy Hartenstein, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. The group read the opening prayer.

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

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 September 11, 2018 were approved.

Principal's Report –Carina VanPelt reported:

- Title One is a federal program from Kindergarten to 6th grade tied to the federal lunch program. It provides extra assistance in reading for those students that are identified with difficulties through testing done at the beginning of the year. In the past the children were taken out of class during the day for that assistance. Holy Rosary has restructured the program this year and it will start on October 9, 2018.
 - The program will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school from 3 – 345 pm.
 - The teachers will be Mrs. Earnest, Mrs. Garcia and Ms. Atwell.
 - The program gives extra help that is based on researched interventions.
 - The information will be in the Panther Pause today.
 - Any questions, direct them to Carina VanPelt.
 - No children in grades 4 – 6 needed Title One Reading Assistance.
- Math – utilize a program called Study Island in grades 4-6th that helps children work at their level (high, low and in between).
- Ambassadors and their role at the picnic – Had a great picnic turnout. Would like to see the ambassadors and PTO wear something that would help identify them at social functions/events. Discussed tee shirts. Carina will look into this and cost.
 - Ambassadors have been asked to help setup class times for restaurant fundraisers to try to build community.

Treasurer's Report – Jodi Bright reported:

- Current Balance: \$59,461.93

- Discussed that the Wine Tasting and Auction brings in 99% of the funds for the PTO.

Restaurant Fundraiser/Box Tops Report – Sandy Hartenstein reported:

- Wendy's (September) fundraiser brought in \$515.
- Pachangas (October 16th) 5 – 9 pm. Will need to present voucher for the school to receive money back on purchase (20%). Vouchers were distributed in Panther Pause; Ambassadors were asked to invite class families; and text message and stickers for children to wear will go out on the day of the event.
- MacKenzie River Pizza will be held November 19. Vouchers will be needed and it will be from 11 am – 10 pm.
- Box Tops – first contest ends October 19th. Prize is an extra recess and trophy in their room. Ambassadors are reminding classroom parents of this by email. We might want to poll the kids on what prizes for contests they would like.

Old Business

- **Fall Picnic - Sandy Hartenstein**
 - Went over budget (tracking expenses but the PTO stuff was donated)
 - Can stay within budget of \$400 by decreasing the Pizza to about 30 – 35 (half the amount). Only budget one piece per person. Had tons of extra pizza
- **Coffee Hour – Sandy Hartenstein and Carina VanPelt**
 - There were about 10 – 12 people outside of board and PTO members that attended.
 - Only 2 attended between 7 – 8 am
 - Didn't really accomplish what the goal of the meeting was which was to try and get new people information on the school, PTO and Board.
 - Suggested that ambassadors look at setting up classroom coffee hour outside of the facility to help build community and answer questions.
- **Wine Tasting and Auction – Sandy Hartenstein and Carina VanPelt**
 - November 3, 2018 from 6 pm to 10 pm
 - Posters are available to be distributed
 - Tickets are on sale now (\$60/person or table for \$550)
 - Volunteers are needed before, during and after the event
- **Food for Teacher Conferences (October 25 – 26) – Sandy Hartenstein**
 - Food will need to be setup on Thursday, October 25 between 11 – 1130. Food should be able to be left out (crock pot)
 - PTO Officers and Anna Filoni will coordinate the food

- Jodi Bright will put together small gift bags for Friday October 26th

New Business

- **Christmas Program Reception Chairperson – Amanda Fiedler and Jean Halford (vice chair)**
 - Amanda was given the list of volunteers who had signed up to help
 - PTO has some paper products to use, also coolers for water/lemonade
 - Need to make sure that we put info in Panther Pause prior to event that families need to bring store bought cookies or desserts
 - Need to make sure that we get coffee and hot chocolate
 - Budget is \$50
 - Will need to make sure we have someone at church to collect any food brought there and transfer it to cafeteria
 - Make sure to get people for clean up
- **Bumper Stickers (Cling Type) – Amanda Fiedler**
 - Amanda feels there would be interest among parents and grandparents to have something that represented Holy Rosary School with the GREAT word. Have a variety of choices.
 - We currently just have magnets with panther paws on them
 - Carina will work with Vanessa Prairie to see if we can do this and get a cost.

The group said the closing prayer. The meeting concluded at 8:50 am.

Submitted by Sandy Hartenstein PTO President