



Holy Rosary School
PTO Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2018

Attendance: Sandy Hartenstein, Jean Halford, Amanda Fiedler, Lindsey Bluhm, Anna Filoni, Chicquita Crane, Carina Van Pelt, Agata Zalupski, Jodi Bright, Deanna Slaughter, Aishie Lindula, Tina Moye

Sandy Hartenstein, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. Sandy read the Opening Prayer with PTO members reading the response (see attached).

Mission Statement: the mission statement was read by Jodi Bright

Introductions: Introductions were made around the table

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the last PTO meeting on October 9, 2018 were approved.

Principal's report: Carina Van Pelt reported

- Current Enrollment is 176 students. Some students have left but new students have enrolled.
- The School Board has discussed increased utilization of the Classroom Ambassadors to keep in contact with parents. This would help maintain or increase enrollment by helping parents feel connected with the school.
- Mrs. Martens, one of the Kindergarten teachers, has announced she will be resigning. Her last day will be December 21, 2018. A search has begun to find a replacement teacher.
- Building Fund. The Strategic Planning committee is looking at school expansion. Architects are developing plans for new classrooms. Fundraising will be discussed.
- Bumper stickers. The company that makes the Spirit wear can also make bumper stickers. 500 must be ordered to get the price break. We will look at this once sticker supply is decreased.
- Martha Gonzales the Spanish teacher will be leaving December 9th. Maria Carrillo who is presently a kindergarten aide will also become the Spanish teacher. Parents will help fill the aide position on Friday.
- There was discussion about ways to enhance learning a foreign language. Suggestion to begin a Spanish, French, German Club were discussed.
- T-shirts are being ordered for PTO, Ambassador's, School Board to wear at functions so that parents can identify who is available to provide wanted information.
- Third graders are not collecting canned food this year

- PTO payments due to the school this year are: November \$30,000, February \$30,000 and June \$20,000.

Treasure's Report: Jodi Bright reported

- The Budget report shows a balance of \$83,080.16.

Restaurant Fundraiser/Box Tops Report:

- Panchanga's brought in \$500 for the October 16th restaurant fundraiser
- We will receive a check for check for \$353.60 from Box Tops for education the end of December. This year's first classroom contest was won by the third grade class. The prize was an extra recess and the honor of having the trophy in their room. The next contest will begin after Thanksgiving.
- Jean will ask the owner of Perkins if he would like to participate in the program.
- Our next Restaurant Fundraiser is November 19th, open to close at MacKenzie River Pizza. A voucher will be required.
- Sandy noted there is an app to get extra box tops. Anyone wanting to learn how to use it can contact her.

OLD BUSINESS

- School registration will begin in January for returning students.
- Rough estimates on the Wine auction indicate \$83,000 was raised this year compared to \$93,000 last year. A "Lessons Learned" meeting will be held 11/13 at 1800 to discuss what went well and what might need to be changed for next year.
- Meals and gift bags for the Parent Teachers conferences was a success. Teachers appreciated the healthy nourishment including the spectacular desserts.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Teacher Appreciation Week.** Danielle Jensen states she will Chair the Teacher Appreciation Week but she needs a Vice Chair
- **Christmas Program.** Amanda and Jean met with Carina about the logistics for the Christmas Reception in the school cafeteria. Amanda will get a message in the Panther Paws requesting that cookies be delivered by the 19th of December. 4 ushers will be needed at the church and will help with clean-up there. Will check with Mary Lund concerning the set audio set up at the church. Amanda is working on getting volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up. Jean is gathering supplies and will get 3 additional coffee pots from Farmers Brothers to use the night of the program.
- **PTO functions for the remainder of the year.** Catholic School Week, Carnival, Valentines Breakfast, Barnes and Noble, Teacher Appreciation Week, and Restaurant Fundraisers.
 - **Barnes and Noble (December 6th):** Aishie Lindula will be training a co-chair. She will check to see if the Boy Scouts from the church will help with gift wrapping. She would like a list of books that the teachers might want purchased – wish list and books could be posted on the table by the door for patrons to purchase.

- School choir will sing at Barnes and Noble at 6:00 p.m.
- **Saint Nicholas Day (December 6th):** Tina Moye has already arranged for a volunteer to help her fill the children's shoes with chocolate coins, candy canes and prayer cards. Sandy has ordered prayer cards and will purchase candy canes. There were enough chocolate coins from last year. Sandy will get this to Tina before the 6th.
- **Christmas Baskets name tags:** Cards with names and gift ideas are posted in the hall across from the office. Additionally, volunteers can help to fill food boxes. Aishie will forward information on the date and times.
- **Family Group Activity for December:** Deanna Slaughter the Faith Coordinator is heading up the "Birthday Gift for Jesus" Blessing Bags. Each bag will contain a small water, trail mix, candy and a small note. Classrooms will discuss additional items to be added. \$100.00 was donated by a PTO Member to help finance the Blessing Bags.

CLOSING PRAYER –said by all present.

Meeting concluded at 9 am.

Minutes submitted by Jean Halford, PTO Secretary.