



Holy Rosary School
PTO Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2018

Attendance: Sandy Hartenstein, Jodi Bright, Jean Halford, Amanda Fiedler, Anna Filoni, Carina Van Pelt, Agata Zalupski, Aishie Lindula, Mary Lund

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

Mission Statement: The mission statement was read by Jean Halford.

Introductions: Introductions were not made as all attending have previously been introduced

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the last PTO meeting on November 13, 2018 were approved.

Principal's report: Carina Van Pelt reported

- The St. Nicholas event with Tina Moye was a success. The school will need to purchase more "gold coins" chocolate for next year.
- Third grader's Work of Mercy this year will be working with the Snake River Animal Shelter for Feed the Hungry this year. They are collecting animal food, treats and toys/bedding in their class until December 19th.
- The second Star Testing for literacy and math evaluation will be conducted next week.
- Quite a number of students no longer need Title 1 assistance. It appears the Title 1 program after school has been successful.
- The Christmas Program is December 20 at 7:00 pm. Dress is "church attire". For families in financial need the school can help with purchasing an outfit.
- December 21st there will be early class release at 1:00 pm. There will be no Aftercare that day.
- Blue in School. Officer Willard from the Idaho Falls Police Department will be coming to the school periodically in the future. He will be at the school this Thursday for the Birthday Lunch. He will be invited to the school for special events (probably on Thursdays or Fridays). This program will help the students get used to seeing and interacting with the police at school.

Treasure's Report: Jodi Bright reported

- The Budget report shows a balance of \$120,015.85. The current proceeds from the 2018 Wine Auction is listed at \$89,243. This number is different than

what Mary presented because one of the sponsorships (that included tickets for a table) has not yet been received.

Restaurant Fundraiser/Box Tops Report:

- MacKenzie River brought in \$179.43 for the November's restaurant fundraiser. Panera's will be the next restaurant fundraiser probably on January 15th from 4-8 pm.
- The next Box Top fundraiser will end February 14th and the prize will be a movie and Trophy.
- Jean will ask the owner of Perkins again if he would like to participate in the program.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mary went through the accounting for the 2018 Wine Auction. Her records indicate that when all monies are collected that the fundraiser netted \$91,076.82. All monies may not be available until after the first of the year. Cost for the Wine Auction computer software license has not been incurred yet and was not included in the cost. The Wine Auction committee is discussing the pros and cons of getting a new computer software program for the Auction as the current program is outdated and tedious. The license cost for the current program is \$299.00. A new program would cost at least \$1500.00. The committee has discussed went well with the Auction and what could be changed to help it run more smoothly and be more profitable. Overall they felt it went well but having more volunteers in the right places would help. Online ticket sales have been discussed there are concerns over credit card information being online.
- Aishie Lindula reports that the Barnes and Noble Book Fair was a success. She had new volunteers. She has not found someone to replace her yet – she is available for 2 more years. Candy and bookmarks were passed out. She brought in the master for the bookmarks. She brought back the Teachers Book Wish List and said the purchased books needed to be crossed off. She had some issue which were discussed and Mary Lund said she would address them with the Barnes and Noble Manager, whom she knows.
 - Holy Rosary's code was not in the store computers until 11:00 am.
 - The information for online shopping for Holy Rosary was not given to the school, therefore no code was available and we could not purchase books to be credited to the school on line.
 - Barnes and Noble employees did not seem knowledgeable about the book fair process.
 - The Haven was also there soliciting for books. There was some confusion at the register about where donations were to go. Aishie is confident some of our teachers Wish Books went to the Haven.
 - Basket was not set up with books that were on the wish list. Anna Filoni will work with Carina to create a web site to post items needed by the school or teachers.
- PTO officers met to discuss gift bags for the faculty. They will be delivered the last week of school in December.

- T-shirts for the PTO members, Ambassador's and School Board to wear at functions so parents can identify them have been received and distributed.
- Tina Moye and Cassie Fell distributed St. Nicholas Prayer Cards, candy canes and chocolate coins for St. Nicholas Day on December 6th. They also gave prayer cards to the teachers. All supplies were used and will need to be purchased for next year.
- **Christmas Baskets name tags:** All Cards with names and gift ideas were taken. Volunteers can help to fill food boxes and wrap presents. Teachers donate money to help get gifts. Bill's Bike Shop also helps with refurbished bikes.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Discussion on Teacher's Wish List for Books.** Anna Filoni will work with Carina to create a web site to post items needed by the school or teachers. This would help parents identify needs and help the school account for what is received and getting it to the right people or place.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week.** Danielle Jensen states she will Chair the Teacher Appreciation Week but she needs a Vice Chair
- **Christmas Program.** Amanda and Jean continue to organize for the Program. Amanda has gotten some volunteers. She will now call people on the volunteer list. Amanda will get a message in the Panther Paws requesting that cookies be delivered by the 19th of December. Amanda, Sandy and Jean looked through decorations from previous functions and will use some to help decorate the cafeteria. A notebook will be developed with a list of all supplies and amounts, room set up, and pictures of the decorations to help with next years program planning.
- **PTO functions for the remainder of the year.** Catholic School Week, Carnival, Valentines Breakfast, Barnes and Noble, Teacher Appreciation Week, and Restaurant Fundraisers.
- **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 – Given by Sandy.

Meeting concluded at 9 am.

Minutes submitted by Jean Halford, PTO Secretary.