

Meeting Minutes
Holy Rosary Catholic School PTO Agenda
Monday, September 12, 2022

I. Opening Prayer:

a. "Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send your spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord." (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

II. Mission Statement:

a. The mission of the Holy Rosary Catholic School (HRCS) Parent-Teacher-Organization (PTO) is through its activities to support and enhance the Christian learning environment at HRCS, complimenting HRCS's Mission Statement: "Holy Rosary Catholic School's mission is to use its Christian Catholic traditions and community resources to empower and celebrate student achievement, so that our students will have a secure environment in which to grow in their knowledge of God, themselves, community, and academics and use that knowledge to reach their God-given potential."

III. Introductions

Cheryl Grubbe-Treasurer
Brittany Thomas-President
Carina Vanpelt- Principal
Mary Lund-whatever we need that day
Rebecca Sheunemann-marketing/auction
Amy Werner-Secretary

IV. Principal's Report

- First week went really well. Carina reported that there were normal kinks with car line and lunch.
- Today was heroes lunch. Media representatives attended.
- Universal Screeners started today. On Friday all data will be analyzed by teachers.
- This year they are working on emphasizing faith in the classroom outside the religion time. Fridays during staff meetings they will be sharing how they are using this. Father Flores will be doing a book study with parish and school staff.
- Mrs. Scheunemann reported that for Hispanic heritage they are working on getting community members to come and do presentations and wear authentic clothes. A new sponsorship program called a day of learning. People can commemorate special events. Families will be honored through panther pause, facebook, school or text alerts. People will be encouraged to pray for the individual who is sponsoring the day.

V. Treasurer's Report

Current balance \$56,000.

VI. Old Business

N/A

VII. New Business

a. Representatives of the School in our Community

-Reminder, that in the handbook all issues should be resolved through teacher first, then the principal, then father Flores.

b. Important Dates

i. No School Sept. 30

ii. Conferences Oct. 25-26 (after school)

c. Birthday Lunches

- Friday September 16th. Original allocation was \$150. We went over budget the total was \$170.
- Current enrollment 149 students.
- Brittany will come in on Friday to set up a birthday table. Volunteers signed up at back to school night Brittany will contact. Birthday lunches will take place the first Friday of every month.

d. Conferences October 25-26

- This year they will be after school. There will be two dinners and two snacks. Conferences begin 3:30-8:00 pm. Staff includes administration, teachers, and aftercare. Mrs. Vanpelt requested that dinner be available at 3:00 pm.
- Dinner 1: Tacos
- Dinner 2: Baked Potatoes / Soup
- Dinner will be potluck. Brittany will contact families who have signed up. Whatever is left will be assigned to classes. We need to assign clean up and take down.

e. Doing More with Less

- Feedback from parents that there was a variety of activities and it felt overwhelming. PTO will look and see what activities are essential. Possibility of bowling fundraiser. Coffee and Donuts after mass volunteered for. Cheryl will head the corn maze bake sale. Brittany will head monthly fundraisers at the restaurant. In months where there is a previous event there will be no restaurant fundraiser. Barnes and Noble fundraiser was discussed. Mary Lund would like the choir to attend the fundraiser. In the past, this brought people into the store. No current chair. People expressed interest in volunteering.

f. Volunteer/Activity Chairs

- St. Nicholas day. Carina stated this could be taken over by the teachers (this needs to be followed up on). PTO will put together the supplies.
- Christmas program reception- needs follow up Mary and Carina will discuss, PTO will be in charge of this event, if it takes place.
- Carnival- will take place during the day. The school calendar needs to be updated. PTO organized in the past small trinkets from carnival. Carina stated that parents have expressed a concern with prizes and candy. Look for balance in prizes. Brittany asked if it isn't a fundraiser should funds be allocated for this event. Carnival budget is \$550. Money allocated for prizes and supplies. Inventory needs to be taken of current games.
- Teacher appreciation week- need a chair, people expressed a willingness to help. Brittany will look into finding a chair/co-chair

- Things that will not happen unless someone chairs them: all saints day games (Carina will speak to teachers about this), Krispy Kreme fundraiser (previously we made \$800, someone has to drive and pick up donuts in Utah, currently no one is filling this spot, Carina said it has added burden to the office staff with the forms and collection), roller skating fundraiser (last year happened on a day where there was no school, bowling did not bring in a large amount of funds, no current chair)
- Wine auction main fundraiser.

g. Yearbook

- Currently there is no private donor for funds. Options are to either not do it or charge families.
- Yearbook survey will be made to gauge parent interest in keeping the yearbook or getting rid of it. Someone would need to chair this who is willing to learn the software. In order to get a price, we will need to know the number of yearbooks.
- Note will be sent home asking parents if they want a yearbook costing around \$20. Carina will send out a text for parent feedback.

h. Other Questions or Concerns

- We NEED volunteers this year!
- Brittany will make a spreadsheet with those who have indicated they are willing to volunteer.
- PTO website needs to be updated
- Valentines breakfast off the calendar
- Museum has a new toy exhibit. Teachers want to take classes on field trips there.

VIII. Closing Prayer

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