

Minutes from 01/12/12

PTO Meeting

Budget was briefly discussed. Main focus of meeting: talking about which fundraisers make money and which do not.

Poinsettia/Wreath sale made less this year but school decorations and candles were deducted from total.

Jessica Chestnut made \$54.00 with Spirit shop over Christmas, and Cathe Kent made \$51.00 @ games (since September). We need more advertisement. Spirit shop will be open for Catholic Schools Week!!!

Patty Vick talked about upcoming Catholic Schools Week- please sign up to volunteer. Per Suzy Knight, we need 15-20 volunteers to help with set up, serve, clean up, etc. at lunch(if you can't volunteer for a whole shift but would like to help out, that would be greatly appreciated! A signup sheet will be posted on volunteer board or please contact Patty.

We are looking forward to see what fundraisers make money and which ones we should stop. Below we are looking at what's next for PTO and what/where do our fundraisers fit into our future objectives/goals....

1. Future Nuture, Encourage Warm/Friendly Between parents, students, staff, and teachers.
2. With Pastor: Principal, Plan Reg. Religious Celebrations
3. Encourage: A Christian Attitude, sharing of time, talent, treasure.
4. Regularly Schedule: "Educational Encouragement" Assemblies.
- 5." Community Building"

6. Teacher Appreciation

7. Extracurricular

8. Assist Development Director "School Functions" (New Family/Catholic School)

At Wednesday night's meeting it was a unanimous vote to get

rid of the Plant Sale. Everything that is made from this sale is

donated to the Serra Club. Laura Veasy pointed out that

this is how she gets a discount on the hanging baskets that

decorate the breezeway to outer wing. Laura then said parents would have to donate \$ for baskets. Jill asked about only decorating out front and PTO buying the baskets/pots. Keri suggested asking some of our "Master Gardeners" from either school/parish to help out with getting discounts at wholesale or donations. Cascade Greenhouse was mentioned (past school family, current parishioner and CYO).

Wreath/Poinsettia sale (also voted Wednesday night to get rid of). Comments have been that we are higher priced than other places and too much competition w/ other schools and organizations. It was suggested that we look for a different supplier, Jenipher LaCrosse said that she did look into other supplies for this year, but this supplier is the only one that will make the Crosses. It was asked could we only have one delivery date? Yes, we can, and it would be the later date and then some won't have stuff early. It was recommended that we get rid of just Poinsettia's, continue selling candles, 25" wreaths and crosses, with only one delivery date(a whole weekend) in conjunction with Holiday Bazaar. Still having pre-orders, and ordering a few extras to sell at Bazaar.

Teacher Appreciation-another fundraiser that a few in Wednesday night's meeting thought we should change or down size. This is one of the biggest checks PTO writes. For those not familiar, PTO gives each staff member a \$25 gift card off of script list (of their choice), it is just a way for PTO to show appreciation to the teachers, aides, janitors, etc. Many in today's meeting didn't want to change or downsize this, mainly because this incorporates all staff, not just teachers. It was brought up that parents are tired of all the "asking" of money from Room Parents for a class gift, especially of parents with multiple children. So it was decided that no more classroom gifts, money collections would be taken for Teacher Appreciation day ONLY, if individuals want to buy gifts at Christmas/end of the year, than that is their choice.

Jill wants to have a meeting with room parents giving them more support and making sure everyone is on the same page. Also, discussing classroom parties, room parents need to coordinate with other class and keep low key. Mrs. Harrison thought a treat, drink and games is enough.

Uniform Exchange- has received some monetary donations and it was discussed what we should do with it. Should we buy new uniforms for the closet?? Should we give money to parents that are having a hard time buying uniforms, toward fees?? A few parents were confused on what the uniform exchange is for...well it is just that; an exchange. Your child grows out of a uniform (pants, shirts, sweatshirt, fleece, jumpers, skirts) you donate item to school and get the next size , if it is available. **NO MONETARY DONATION IS REQUIRED (just suggested).**

Summer Reading Program is being revamped. Instead of receiving a book(which is hard to get donated or child already read) they will get recognized at first assembly and get a treat. (Similar to birthdays). "Gold" level possibly receive a \$5 Barnes and Noble gift card. Will discuss w/ coordinator Karen Wright who was not present at meeting.

Back to school night- it was asked if the "Special Teachers" could be available to meet with to get more information on the goals they have each year for our

children. It was suggested that tables be set up in gym and parents could meet with them 15 minutes before it starts. Mrs. Harrison is going to look into this.

As an organization we need to figure out what our income goal is and how many fundraisers we need to meet this goal!!

Next Meeting: February 9, 2012