

## PTO General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 8:30 am

Prepared by: Michelle Briede, Recording Secretary

- 1) Opening Prayer
- 2) Creating a Culture of Kindness
  - a. 10 minute open forum – ideas from group
    - i. Idea to create community for parents – an adult only event
    - ii. It starts at home
    - iii. Engage new families
    - iv. Family skate night
    - v. Room Parents start FB page, email distro list to grade specific classes
    - vi. Coffee with Principal – maybe quarterly
    - vii. “Be the change you want to see”
    - viii. Invite ONE new person to the next PTO meeting (someone you don’t know)
  - b. Loved, safe, prepared for life
- 3) School Update – Mrs. LaRose
  - a. Conferences went really well. Staff loved the meals and food from PTO
  - b. Halloween assembly was super fun.
  - c. Looking to find new art teacher to replace Jen Larkin
  - d. All school Mass was really beautiful - Dia de los Muertos table was a HIT
  - e. Accreditation visit to Seattle went really well. Great ideas from visit
  - f. Food Drive - hugely topped anything prior 5,156 items collected. 8<sup>th</sup> grade came in 1<sup>st</sup>
  - g. Reviewed November Calendar
  - h. Variable tuition information night - November 28<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm
  - i. St. Nicholas Day – need help from parents to help with candy canes
  - j. New Uniform Service – has 2 potential new vendors. Tommy Hillfinger, and Lands End – both have OUR plaid. Reviewed comparative price list. Logos’s would be embroidered (with Tommy Hilfinger). ALL Denis Uniform wear will be grandfathered in.
- 4) Eddie – Development and Fundraising
  - a. Substantial pre-school anonymous donation came in. Second development meeting went well. Created a list of people and businesses that support a Catholic organization. Reviewed prior marketing material. Trends are up in giving and enrollment (at320). Current families are biggest source of enrollment referrals.

## Old Business

- 1) Box Tops – Cameron Hahn 8<sup>th</sup> grade winner, with 400 box tops; winning class, Mr. Cartan - 8th Grade with 483 box tops. Erin will be in contact with Mr. Cartan, to arrange the class prize. We collected a total of 2,854 box tops and will earn an estimated \$285.40. The next contest collection will start in March 2019.
- 2) Wreath Sales – currently at over \$1400 (more than last 3 years combined)
- 3) Spirit Shop – Sales going well
- 4) Restaurant Night - Looking for chair and co-chair. Mod Pizza 12/13, Panda Express 1/9,

## New Business

- 1) Wreath Sales – previous vendor went out of business. Have found an incredible new vendor. Info went out in backpacks, church bulletin and School Website. Revenue up though count is down. Recommendation to show where funds raised are going. Wreath pickup at Bingo Night and after both masses on 12/2. Parent suggestion to ensure we get items BEFORE Thanksgiving.

- 2) Bingo Night – Sue, Joie and Melissa update – November 30<sup>th</sup> (Bingo, Bake Sale & Wreath Pickup). St. Nicholas will be there too!! Will be a great photo opportunity. Great success asking community businesses for small gifts for Bingo prizes. Really looking forward to fun family night. Hoping to top prior year attendance. Bake Sale – can purchase for consumption at event or take home. Sausage Fest Brownie – recipe with purchase. Volunteer – 25 or 81 spots to fill. Mostly bakers. A lot of purchase opportunities towards share hours.
- 3) Secret Santa – Shared sign-up sheet. We buy something small or a little note for all staff (60 people). Need parents to sign up.
- 4) Auction – Peggy couldn't make it. Need parent volunteers to help with classroom projects. The following letter was read by Erin: Hi Parents,

The annual St. Joseph's School Auction will be here before we know it! One of the more popular auction items are the classroom projects handmade by our very own.

I am looking for parent volunteers that are willing to invest a few SHARE hours to help with the classroom project. We generally get (2) one-hour time slots in the classrooms to complete the project with the students, along with a couple of hours for prep and finalization of the project.

Please contact me, Blair Hardy, on or before **Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** if you are willing to help and have classroom project ideas. If you do not have project ideas but would love to get involved, our auction team can help with ideas.

If parent volunteers **do not** sign up to help with the classroom projects by **Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** the grade will not have a classroom project. Instead a gift basket will be created for the silent auction.

Thank you in advance,

Blair Hardy

- 5) Spirit Wear – Contesa couldn't make it. Potentially a new coffee mug.
- 6) CYO – Registration open through Friday he 16<sup>th</sup>. We need concession help. Easy share hours.
- 7) Script – Lindsey – as for local vendors. Use Script Now. Super easy to sue an No Cards Needed.

Meeting adjourned 9:33