

St. Joseph School PTO Meeting Minutes

10.9.2018

Prepared by: Michelle Briede, Recording Secretary

23 people in attendance. First grade is the winner with 7 parents in attendance.

Opening Prayer – Erin

1) Old Business

- a. School Update – Mrs. LaRose:
 - i. Read letter from former President Tessie who is stepping down. She will continue in a VP role. Mrs. LaRose thanked Tessie (who is not in attendance today) for stepping up during a difficult time and handling a difficult year last year.
 - ii. Thank you to the Sock Hop team. Feels it is a highlight of the year. Spirit, fun and sense of community.
 - iii. Excited to have hired a new music teacher!
 - iv. Discussed accreditation. We are $\frac{3}{4}$ way through our self-study.
 - v. Conferences next week. Acknowledged middle school families having a challenge signing up. Working on that. Child care will be available. Student DO NOT attend K-5. Grades 6-8 are optional unless a conference is requested by a teacher. Students DO attend these conferences. Teachers will be in their classrooms. Comment from Parent – could we have conferences again in Spring also. Challenge being taking time away from classroom teaching time.

2) New Business

- a. SOCK HOP Update Dana gave an update. Hot Dog vendor Todd's Dogs gave back a % of sales. \$1,586 was taken in. Estimating 145 families in attendance. Approximately 20 families more than last year. HUGE thank you to families that donated their time and skills. Over 40 people volunteered. Eddie will look to have cost of DJ sponsored for next year as this in the largest expense. Took in 173lbs of canned goods for St. Vincent DePaul. Sue (Parent) brought up the idea of having an alumni component next year. Concern about capacity of Marian Hall.
- b. Eddie Update Looking at something to engage Alumni. Give more 24 was super successful. Over \$41K raised on a \$600 cost. All proceeds go to our annual fund. Wanting to create a development committee. Goal to not have any costs for any of our events. Looking at sponsorship. Are you interested in being a part of this? Email Eddie. It will be fun. eddiea@stjoevan.org
- c. Introduced NEW Treasurer Amy Maxwell. Discussed wreath sales. Made about \$305 last year. Joie reinforced bake sale success based on tying in with wreath pick up. Goal to get over \$500 this year. Brandi's family generously does the wreath pick up. Amy suggested using photo's in marketing to show the quality and value. Joie offered to donate decorations. What about a contest for classroom with highest sales.
- d. Holiday Event Update Sue Airnardi: Event with vendors cannot continue due to challenges with insurance. Looking at having a Movie Night 11/30. Would tie in with a bake sale, wreath pickup & pics with St. Nick. Would invite Parish and Faith Formation.

Proposed date is a spirit day and we are considering Christmas PJ's. Parent shared concern from prior movie nights where children play chase and parents sit in back. Suggesting having event offsite at a Theater VS Marian Hall. Budget is \$2500. Erin made a motion to change name. Approved by all.

- e. Box Tops Paige: last year brought in about \$500. Two contests a year. Prize for student with the most and classroom
- f. Conference Lunch and Dinner – Olive Garden scrip. Get share hours at \$25 for one hour. Thursday dinner done. Still need lunch Friday. Kim will order all catering on Wednesday. Laura will pick up from Olive Garden.
- g. Restaurant Night Happening Thursday 10/18. We get 15% off all sales including alcohol. Heathen Brewing and Feral Public House. Need volunteers to chair. Michelle to create a social media EVENT to be share on PTO page, school page, etc..... Eddie will help us communicate this out.
- h. Assembly Larry Dickerson has agreed to Chair this position. Has done before and is generously stepping up to do again this year. Lots of great ideas!
- i. Room Parent Chrystal stepped up to chair. Doing some great work already. Will communicate to respective room parents to help push down information. Joie suggested really communicating about what we need and how to get involved. Encourage joining PTO FB page. Use of sign-up tool to reach folks and clearly outline what's needed.
- j. Secret Santa It's a full two weeks. We need volunteers to sign up for specific days Provide 1 item for each teacher that day. Sign up will be at November PTO Mtg. Sue suggested we do something like this as a teacher appreciation activity each month.
- k. Sweetheart Dance Michelle discussed event where child would invite a special adult. An example of selling tickets via community (not just the school).
- l. CYO Basketball Lindsey Bodda – email her with questions cyo@stjoevanschool.org Visit Camp Howard Sports or St. Joe's Activities page to register

President Comments: Erin - Future meetings. Will post open Chairs and Co-Chair needs on the dry erase board. Box Tops and Coffee collection at all meetings. Don't forget to record today's meeting time for Share Hours.

Scrip – Kim: Can utilize extra scrip purchased to buy future treats for staff. Everyone LOVED just being able to buy scrip cards. Sue suggested Fred Meyer scrip because you can purchase Visa gift cards. Each family is required to earn \$200 in scrip profit. Reminder – scrip profit above the \$200 rolls over to next year's fees. Joie suggested phone App called ScripNow.

Meeting adjourned 9:33am

Open Forum – Pam asked for parents to co-chair. It helps so much to not carry the burden alone. Needs currently for Spirit Wear (co), Restaurant Night Chair and Wreath Sale (co Lisa Scully volunteered), Book Fair (co), Accreditation breakfast and lunches (3-days) Sally will Chair and Rachel will co-chair!!!