

PTO Meeting minutes for September 12, 2022

Attendance: 13 parents, Mary Yamoah, Jessica Allen, Kristy Dunlap, Eileen Sherrill

Open with prayer and introductions

School Update: Mary. It's been a great start to the year.

- Everyone belongs – love all, unique talents and gifts like Jesus would want
- All School Mass, prayer services are back, Wednesday Masses, kids will be more involved as lectors, parents are always invited. Strong part of our Catholic identity.
- Academics – meet the needs of diverse learners, from those who are gifted to those falling. Lauren Von Dollen is coordinating the Learning Resource Center and providing support to students in 1st-3rd grades. LRC will work with parents and teachers to find the best support. Rest of the team: Christine Peters, 3rd-6th math; Melissa Seymer, middle school math, Marcia Obermiller, 3rd-8th reading. Focus on testing and observation, formative assessments and differentiated learning
- Jessica, new development director. Making sure that funds raised are being spent on the items intended and that we are being good stewards of our donations.

Development & Fundraising: Jessica

- Excited to join the team at St. Joseph, worked in development at Our Lady of Lourdes for five year.
- Working on short and long term goals, will share when they are developed.
- Currently making expenditures of Auction funds for PE/Recess equipment. Give More 24! Is coming up September 22. Raising funds for the School Fund to help close the gap in the cost to educate. Will benefit every family. We will create a whole calendar to collaborate for the year so there is no overlap.

Admissions, Marketing & Communications: Eileen

Enrollment at 405 students, we have not been over 400 for a number of years. Families appreciate our mission and want to be a part of the community. Formalizing the marketing and communications of the school so that branding and message is consistent. All communications/flyers go through my office.

Treasurers Update: Mary

PTO budget zeroes out each year. Each year has a beginning amount, will find out details. In the past, Enrichment Assemblies have been the primary expense. We need a Treasurer and Secretary.

Parents in Prayer – most of the resources are already built. Need someone to lead, take the tools that we have and encourage families in their faith journey, offer opportunities to encourage and grow in faith.

Volunteer Opportunities, Funeral Ministry: Kristy

- In need of funeral reception help for setup and cleanup. Receive parish hours. Mia Ainaridi's funeral will be large, would love to have PTO oversee beverage setup and clean up after. Strong showing to give back for all that Sue did over the years Mia was at St. Joseph.
- CYO in need of Coaches for 5/8/7 volleyball. Also need Site Monitors and concessions. Must be Virtus trained with a current background check plus Vaccination attestation.

Fall Events: Alethea

- Sock Hop 10/7. SignUp will go out, we have a parent volunteer for DJ services. Will work on sourcing a food cart and rootbeer floats. Possibly non-dairy options and a photo booth.
- Instead of Pumpkin Patch this year, we will have a Trunk or Treat on 10/30 after Mass.
- Acts of Kindness Bingo 11/14. Kindness Bingo cards, students earn free dress pass for 11/22.
- Secret Santa – 11/28-12/16. Treats for staff. SignUp will go out to Facebook. Discussion if this is fair as it fills up before other parents have a chance. Cardinal Call is the most fair, as all receive at the same time. TBD any changes.
- Bingo Night – 12/2. Prizes are donated. Need chairs for full house. Increase communication with social media and flyers

Wreath Sales: Stephanie Washburn

Sale begins 10/13 and ends 11/9, delivery is 11/17. Social Media posts/CC plus order sheets in the bulletin.

Conference Meals: Crystal

Parents can donate Scrip or cash, need to choose restaurants. Olive Garden?

Open Chair/Co-Chair positions: Crystal

Need to share the work load/delegate: Treasurer, Secretary, Restaurant Nights (Amanda suggested Beaches, McMenamins, Dutch?)

Meeting Closed

Jessica Schuck volunteered for Treasurer, Amanda Heath volunteered for Secretary. Will meet with Crystal and Alethea for next steps