



JANUARY PTO MEETING

1.12.2021

Attendees:

Chandra Kwaske via Zoom (President)
Jessica Grima (Treasurer)
Anna Thelen (Secretary)
RJ Lomas (Principal)
Fr. Fons (Pastor)
Parents: Emily Riley, Terry Rabideau, Amy Koski,
Lindsay Brischke, Ellen Gaddy (via Zoom)

Start Time: 7:02 pm

End Time: 8:10 pm

Welcome (Chandra)

Special Guests: Fr. Fons, Principal Lomas

Opening Prayer (Lindsay Brischke)

President Report (Chandra)

- THANK YOU!
 - Emily Riley for aiding with parade float and offering space at her home for storage and working on the float!
 - Jenni Curtin for Christmas Around the World - it was great!
- GOLF COMMITTEE
 - Meeting next week.

VP Report (Chandra for Sarah)

- BIG RAFFLE
 - 728 Tickets SOLD!
 - \$38,221 profit for school
 - Thank you Amy Koski & Lisa Hasse for helping!
 - 3 random winners will be selected from those who turned in their pledge sheets
 - Asking for \$75 to award each chosen family \$25.
 - Passed

Treasurer Report (Jessica)

- Waiting on bank statements
- Can drive has raised \$414.70 so far this year!
 - Bottle returns count for volunteer hours
 - See Sign-Up Genius to grab a spot
 - PLEASE PUT POP CAN MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE

- Label with “Pop Can Money, Family Name, Amount”
- Uniform Vault has made over \$150 this year
- We are on trend to surpass our initial projections for income this year!

Secretary Report (Anna)

- Uniform Vault
 - See Sign-Up Genius to volunteer in the Vault on Thursdays
 - Counts for volunteer hours
 - In a slow phase - but will pick up once the growth spurts kick in again
 - Always accepting donations
- Patron Saint Plaque Plaques
 - Must check in with Pam Mazzali

Principal Report (RJ)

- Many ideas for school family adult formation
 - These would be PTO sponsored events
 - RJ has a vision and would like our help to carry it out, by the end of the year hoping to host 1 adult only event and 1 family event
 - Fostering school community building and faith formation, also it's a standard for our school accreditation
 - Catholic Speaker
 - Nikki Kingsley
 - 2 Night speaker series March 18 and 19
 - Former Muslim, Catholic convert
 - Night 1, combine with fish fry, do some kind of family deal?
 - Childcare provided in St. Joseph Hall
 - Night 2, combine with ALIVE!
 - Movies @ Sun Theater
 - A classic, family or documentary movie
 - \$4 per person, includes popcorn and pop
 - 1 o'clock on a Saturday
 - Mondays available for weeknight option
 - Try two different dates/times, one evening and one afternoon
 - Lobby and area near screen there is space to gather to make a movie more social
 - Eduskate Skating Night
 - Christian Musical Artist
 - Ice Skating
 - Barn off Meridian Rd. available for events
 - Christian comedian?
 - Date night?
- What is RJ looking for from us?
 - Follow up
 - Set up, agenda formation, contacting the right people.

- 2 or 3 events carried out prior to school year's end.
- Evaluate each event for costs, if we need donations, how many volunteers, etc.
 - Ellen suggested we check in with St. Martha who has hosted similar events and provided childcare.
- If he had to pick 2 it would be Nikki Kingsley & family event
- Fr. Fons suggested we check into the grant system from the Diocese for evangelization events.
- Committee: Anna Thelen (posters, publicity, Flock Notes, advertisement,) Terry Rabideau & Emily Riley

New Business

Holy Days of Obligation (Fr. Fons)

- For next year holy days of obligation will be ½ days of school
- Mass on these days is obligatory.
- Mass and a social event will follow the ½ day of school

Catholic Schools Week January 30th - February 5th (RJ)

- Sunday 1/30
 - Parents speak after masses
 - Students wear uniforms to weekend mass
 - Student work displayed in church
- Monday 1/31 - Celebrate Community
 - Front line worked recognition
 - Gift baskets of goodies with items donated by families
 - Emily Riley to organize
- Wednesday 2/2 - Celebrate Students
 - Pizza & ice cream lunch
 - Emily Riley to organize
- Friday 2/4 - Celebrate Staff
 - Luncheon for teachers
 - PTO in charge of this
 - Lunch at school
 - Box lunches for easy grab and go
 - Emily Riley to organize
 - Possible appreciation gift/activity
- Saturday 2/5 - Celebrate Families
 - Sledding Event
 - Lindsay Brischke to organize

Teacher's Lounge Project (Chandra)

- We need to survey the teachers and staff to see what they want in this space
 - More space efficient seating solutions?

- Better space planning
- 5 people max use at once
- They really want a garbage can with a lid

Christmas Break Week (Amy Koski)

- Christmas Around the World
 - If we intend to do this event again, keep track of countries in order to avoid duplicating
 - More time to plan next year - get started earlier
 - 2nd grade claims Ireland as their own
- Christmas break week in general
 - Space out events, too much in that last week prior to break, maybe use final 2 weeks or the whole month of December for events?

ADJOURNED 8:10 PM

Anna K. Thelen

Secretary

January 19, 2021

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 7:00 PM, SCHOOL LIBRARY