

**PTO General Session Meeting
September 27, 2017, 6:30 pm
Amack's Well**

Attendees: Melanie Hartwell, Jane Lieland, Jenny Schebler, Krista Konradi, Jill Weberding, Brooke Maple, Jan Narwold, Tammy Roell, Amanda Farmer, Jill Weber, Mary Beth Linville, Anne Meer, Sarah Tekulve, Andy Saner and Marisol Schutte

Melanie Hartwell opened the meeting with prayer at 6:40 pm and discussed the second PTO officer meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Jane reported that we had around \$2600 out for teacher/student supplies and \$164 in. She expects the month of September to be better.

Secretary's Report – Krista Konradi discussed the topics discussed during the last PTO meeting in August. Jill Weberding asked about Grandparent's Day and teachers present said it went well. Mrs. Meer asked that Grandparents meet younger students for Grandparent's Day in the future. Many parents were pleased with the event.

Bingo – Amy Wonnell is asking for volunteers. Super Sunday Bingo on October 22..... More volunteers needed.

Boxtops – Cami Bright was unable to attend. Krista Konradi reported that Cami would like to start the Box Tops competition, which runs from October 16th-20th. Classes that win earn out of uniform passes. It was asked that we publicize the Box Tops App sent by Joan.

Café Workers- Sarah Tekulve is chair and hoping to change out soon. Sarah stated she would help out someone who could replace her position in taking care of the schedule.

Catholic Schools Week-Amanda Farmer stated she works with Jill in November to prepare for Catholic Schools Week in January.

Enrichment Program- Jenny Schebler and Wende Lambert are in charge and would like classes to begin in February. She asked for ideas or anyone qualified to step up and help.

Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation/In-Service- Brooke Maple and Jill Weberding-chair- Jill is looking to purchase baggies for new members, onesies are stocked and ready to send out, and bags for kindergarten registration for the welcome committee. They also had teachers complete surveys and sent out personalized bible verse magnet. Brooke said they will take care of the food for conference week. Teachers present asked for food to eat quickly due to the busy schedule. Teachers

were also happy with the food donated to the staff for the accreditation visit. Natalie Scheibler said everything is going well

Library- The Book Fair was the most successful thus far.

K-3 Parties- Jill Weber is asking for volunteers for the Halloween Party which will be on Friday, October 27th. We are trying to get rid of the carnival but we have varied views regarding the issues. We will be keeping it this year as discussed in the meeting.

Pizza and Candy Sales- Our goal is to get rid of the Pizza Fundraiser. 50% return for soup but pizza sales are significantly declining. Soup is also less expensive!

Rummage Sale- Jan stated the money this year will be put towards a new sign for the school.

School Supplies-We asked Anne Meer if there is anything that needs to be changed. She is looking into better prices for supplies. She is asking for staff input in the future if need be.

Teacher Giving Tree- No news

Trash Bag Sales- This may have been the best year yet as reported by Jane Lieland. Jill Weberding asked that we have a better plan when selling next year asking for businesses to assist our school.

Uniform Exchange- No news

New Business :

Bingo- *Our goal is to build the community by finding better fundraisers where parents volunteer in the community. Jill Weberding asked if we could work with Bingo to make this happen. Andy Saner is trying to work with the parish to find a way to allow PTO to earn money from Bingo night, but it's a work in process. He is asking for more parents to contribute their time to help out for Bingo. He's asking every family to donate 40 hours-if everyone does a little, it goes a long way to solve the volunteer issue. He also suggested that families in two grades partner up each month. In addition, our goal is to have a Bingo Adult night to help raise money for the school.

Enrollment was brought up and Sarah Tekulve suggested a buddy system for new families at St. Louis. A few parents don't respond to assistance or haven't been asked and are unaware of the program. Andy Saner volunteered to help out call new families to welcome them to St. Louis, specifically Kindergarten parents.

Schwann's Fundraiser- Jane Lieland stated that anyone could register. Proceeds will be donated to school based on purchases. It's not labor intensive on our part-we just need to market the fundraiser. Will be posted Nov 5-Dec 19th, Dec 20th-March 19th.

Soup/Dip Fundraiser- Melanie Hartwell stated that pizza sales are dropping and we are looking into soup/dip fundraiser.

Knight's of Columbus Dinner- Family Fun Night-Parents/staff can volunteer to get together one evening as a way to not only raise money for school but also get to know the SLS community better. We know Knights of Columbus will supply the food and we are asking for volunteers to serve.

Christmas Cards Fundraiser- It was asked that each family get their own personalized card from their child. PTO will be looking into options available. They are looking into having parents order their own child's personalized card rather than getting another child's card from St. Louis.

***RAA-Match 10%, program-** Melanie Hartwell wants teachers to know that they can decide what programs they want for RAA. \$5700 to spend every dollar this year for RAA. PTO matches 10% of the money donated. Melanie stated that we were almost on probation because we weren't using our money.

Jeep Ride- Brooke Maple stated that her husband started a Jeep Club. They thought it would be beneficial to have a Jeep Ride Fundraiser Night as a social event where they could help support the school. This would take place next summer.

Field Day Shirts- Melanie considered purchasing them early in the year and refrain from putting the year on the shirt so we can get more use out of them. It's also a great way to advertise our school.