

PTO General Session Meeting
January 10, 2018, 6:30 pm
Amack's Well

Attendees: Melanie Hartwell, Jane Lieland, Krista Konradi, Jill Weberding, Brooke Maple, Amanda Farmer, Mary Beth Linville, Carla Austin, Martin Rodriguez, Tammy Roell, Jan Narwold, Jill Hollis, Kim Schrank, Kateri Paul, Sarah Tekulve, Erin Trenkamp and Missy Cooper.

Melanie Hartwell opened the meeting with prayer at 6:36 pm and discussed the fourth PTO officer meeting.

McTeacher Night- Missy Cooper stated that McDonald's donates 20% of the sales in 2 hours. All cookie profits also go to the school. Last year was a grand total of \$750. She needs for us to find a date in the spring. Best dates are Thursday, April 5-the first Thursday in April. Before we advertise, we need to notify Missy to confirm. When the date is confirmed, we are free to advertise. The owner will also purchase dinner for those that volunteer. She also noted to make sure to park in the Goody's parking lot. Ronald McDonald will no longer be present during the event so she asked that we could think of ideas such as bringing in the Cardinal mascot. Tammy asked if we could have someone that designates tables for families since last year was packed and families had a difficult time finding a place to sit.

Treasurer's Report – Jane reported that she has numbers through November. For November we spent \$1500. Our Fiscal year starts in July and our revenue has been around \$39,000 and expenses \$38,000. We are still up this year. Schwann's brought in \$429 and it's still going on. It's knocked down to 5%. We tried it out this year since it's not labor intensive.

Secretary's Report – Krista Konradi reported that our last meeting was in December to go over old news including the Schwann's fundraiser and the Kindergarten Open House and successful preschool visits.

Bingo – Melanie reported that SS Bingo will be in March. If you work, your child gets an out of uniform pass. They are still desperate for weekly workers but have been asking around for help. Jill suggested that we tell parents that they don't have to work every week/month to get more volunteers. Jill thought it would be beneficial to ask for help.

Box Tops – Jane reported that we received a check for \$1,025 for the fall contest. We will need to put in another reminder in the newsletter for the Box Tops App which allows us to receive 2X the points. Carla Austin asked that we share a Facebook post on the St. Louis page.

Catholic Schools Week- Jan 28- Feb 3. Chad asked if PTO could cover the food. Jill stated that we have massages for teachers and various activities for families. Jane said that we have a budget of \$850 for Catholic Schools Week. Jill reported that we are having a school-wide food pantry drive for our service project. 3 days students will be out of uniform. 1 Father and 2 sisters will be visiting to discuss vocations. They are also trying to get girls to do Locks of Love, students to be involved in the talent show. We will also be looking for volunteers for the staff pitch in. We did a kick-off last year with the living rosary. We will have a different kick-off this year but we are waiting to finalize a decision. A separate email will be sent to parents regarding Catholic School's Week. Bosco sticks will be passed out for the patron Saint Bosco. Jill Weberding asked if it we could possibly donate birthday items to the drive. They also requested small toys.

Enrichment Program- Jenny Schebler emailed and reported that we are in need of a co-chair. She would also like to phase out next year. Jenny would like to start Enrichment in March. Ideas are more woodworking, Art (drawing or painting on canvas), Chess, Cooking, DIY Slime, need to brainstorm for more. She's also hoping to use Sign-up Genius this year to eliminate some of the paperwork. Teachers reported that it is difficult during March due to ISTEP and iRead. Mary Beth stated that it may be best to wait until ISTEP make-up week and during the first and second week of April. Carla Austin volunteered to help out with the program and sign up as co-chair. Jill Hollins suggested that we have students volunteer to share their talents if interested.

Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation/In-Service- Brooke Maple and Jill Weberding reported that they donated inspiration cards- Sept, dinner for conferences in October, Thankful glasses in November and donuts and coffee in December. Spirit wear was also given to new students. We need to email Jill Weberding if we have a new student so she can provide welcome spirit wear goodies.

Library- The next book fair will be open during Catholic School's Week. Kim Schrank reported that we have funding for the events to purchase muffins. She wants to ensure that she has assistance with the events including Young Hoosier. Students also get out-of-uniform passes for helping out in the Library.

K-3 Parties- Jill Weber emailed and stated that she is making plans for the Valentine's Day party which is held from 1:15-2:30. Valentine's Day is on Ash Wednesday this year. This means that the fish fry will be held that night. She spoke with Susan Harmeyer who is in charge of the Fish Fry and she said that as long as we are finished by 2:30, then we can have the cafeteria. Please let me know which option is best.

1. Should we have it on Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the afternoon? (Fish Fry that night)
2. Should we have it on Tuesday, Feb. 13 in the afternoon? (Fat Tuesday!!!!)

It was asked that Kindergarten teachers ask parents to chair the K-2 Parties.

Pizza and Candy Sales- We are trying to phase out Pizza and Candy sales so we don't have to work on big projects that go down in proceeds. Jill Hollins stated that the junior high sells cards 30 for \$30 and was curious to know if we could find a way to do that.

Knight's of Columbus dinner fundraiser- Melanie stated that we need around 20 volunteers to serve as a social event. This will be our first year and we feel as though we need more family social events plus we get to make money for our school. Melanie is trying to get split-the-pot and a cash bar. Knights of Columbus on average makes \$1500 a night. We want to use this fundraiser to replace the pizza sales. Our fundraiser will take place on Saturday, February 24th. It was also suggested for to create themed Raffle baskets and rewards for those that attend.

Soup/Dip Fundraiser- Jill Weberding brought in samples of a Soup Fundraiser. She stated that if we want to sell soup, we need to jump on it or decide on more events to start planning. We all agreed that we would like to start the Soup Fundraiser the first part of February.

New Business :

RAA events-

Jan. 24, 9:30 to 10:15 Yo-yo Assembly for everyone in activity center.

Feb.12, Blake Brandes Hip hop motivational speaker. Two sessions K-4 and 5-8 one hour each.

Feb.22 Matisse workshop with Patrick Durkin grade 7,6, and whoever I can fit in.

April 4 and 5 Tim Ryan and working with clay.

Brooke Maple stated that Amber McGuire would like to have RAA ask for Kid's Discovery Camp to be asked to St. Louis for RAA.

Field Day- We would like to purchase the shirts to use for other events rather than just one day. Erin Trenkamp has a Field Day committee and stated that she would still like to have shirts that are color coordinated. Erin asked what our budget is this year for Field Day. Jane stated that we have a budget of \$2,000. Jill Hollins suggested that we don't purchase shirts this year but ask that students wear a specific colored shirt during Field Day.

CAFÉ- Sarah Tekulve stated that workers are showing up. She noted that one volunteer won't be able to assist on Wednesdays due to Therapy. They are also in need of volunteers on Mondays.