

PTO General Session Meeting
March 14, 2018, 6:30 pm
Amack's Well

Attendees: Melanie Hartwell, Jane Lieland, Krista Konradi, Jill Weberding, Amanda Farmer, Mary Beth Linville, Jill Hollins, Kim Schrank, Jenny Schebler, Adam (in for Cami Bright), Sarah Tekulve, Rebecca Hardebeck, Natalie Wanstrath and Erin Trenkamp.

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

Treasurer's Report – Jane reported that for the month of February our revenue – \$8,800 and expenses are \$-918.04. - Year we are ahead by \$8600 and stated that we are staying on course. We haven't gone over budget.

Secretary's Report – Krista Konradi reported news from the last meeting in January.

Easter Gifts- Melanie stated that the PTO has purchased prayer books as the Easter gift for all students at SLS and the books will be passed out on Monday, April 2nd.

Bingo – Melanie reported that we had over 1000 participants. Amber McGuire stated that it was our biggest number since 2012. Our total was somewhere between \$96,000-\$98,000. She stated that we need more volunteers for future events to make the event more successful. We can continue to grow as long as we have more volunteers.

Box Tops – Adam was present for Cami Bright and he stated that Box Tops have slowed tremendously. We were up slightly this year and we currently give incentives but are considering other ideas such as gift certificates. Melanie suggested that we post for help with Box Tops in the church bulletin since many members ask about it. Amber McGuire suggested that we post simple ways to help our school when posting information in the bulletin. We also think it would be beneficial to post more information on the SLS PTO Facebook page and including the revenue would draw more parents to help out. Jill Hollins suggested that parents could help and clip box tops when assisting in the teacher in-service room. Carla Austin suggested that people from church could help cut out the Box Tops.

McTeacher Night- McDonald's donates 20% of the sales in 2 hours. All cookie profits also go to the school. Last year was a ground total of \$750. Melanie Hartwell asked if we could have our Cardinal Mascot at McDonalds. Kim Schrank stated that her son would take the first hour.

Enrichment Program- Jenny Schebler stated that she is working hard on the activities this week with Carla Austin. Monday they have create slime. Carla's husband will be teaching exploration down at Brum Woods. On Tuesday they will be having woodworking and toolboxes, cake decorating, and jump roping. Wednesday Anne Meer will be doing cooking and the Weberdings will be doing woodcrafting. Thursday will be canvas painting. This will take place the second week of April. Most classes will meet once with the exception of cake decorating, woodworking, and jump rope. Jenny will be sending out Google docs this year instead of sending papers home. All classes are on site except for the walk to Brum Woods. They are in need of a volunteer for the canvas-teaching assistant since she does not have a Safe and Sacred form. They are concerned if we will have as many students as last year due to other sport conflicts.

Candy Sales- Jenny Schebler stated that our numbers are low compared to last year. She is asking for donations and they are hopeful that they come through. Chocolate will be coming in on Thursday, March 15th. Melanie suggested that we push the chocolate sales on to the junior high students. The concern is that they have to pay up front in order to receive chocolate so Jenny was curious to know if the PTO could help or if junior high has their own account.

Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation/In-Service- Jill Weberding stated that in January, she passed out school supplies based on the survey teachers completed in September. In February, they went with cookies and cupcakes. Melanie informed us that she doesn't receive information on new families and they would like to know that information. They want to make sure that all families feel welcome and have some St. Louis spirit gear. Sarah Tekulve suggested clipping a ticket on to the form when parents register students. That way, they can send it to the PTO moms.

K-3 Parties- Jill Weber co-chaired the Valentine's Day party with Jill Weberding. Jill Weber will be leaving that position so we are asking for a co-chair for Halloween and Valentine's Day. Rebecca Hardebeck offered to take the position.

Trash Bag Fundraiser- Melanie told us that trash bag is our biggest fundraiser for the year. We are in need of a chair since Michelle Wachsman will no longer be assisting with the fundraiser. Natalie Wanstrath offered to be chair of the fundraiser. Parents present stated that there have been many complaints about the trash bags and are curious to know if we could get with the company to see what has been changed. The company denies any changes, but there have been many complaints and we are afraid sales will go down in the fall. Melanie thought that we could have had a bad batch of bags.

Knight's of Columbus dinner fundraiser- We had 20 parent volunteers and many parents that donated desserts. We advertised everywhere we could. We offered pull-tabs and split the pot. We made \$1814 in four hours and this was the same night as the OA event. We passed out flyers on cars, posted on Facebook, etc. We

sold around 230 dinners and our goal was 250. Kim Schrank asked if we had a donation bucket and suggested that we use that in the future. We will be doing this fundraiser again next year.

Soup Fundraiser- Jill discussed that sales were going down with Pizza and it was difficult to pass out. She thought soup would be a better choice. We know the fundraiser was more successful than the pizza fundraiser. Our profit was \$4021.80.

Field Day- Erin Trenkamp decided that we won't purchase shirts. Next year, at the start of the school year, students will have basic SLS shirts for field trips and etc which will also be used on field day. We want them to be an easy way for students to find their group. We will be using our own snow cone machine and have that as one of our stations. 6th and 7th grade will no longer be assisting with stations since they were unhappy and off task last year. So, this year they will be playing out on the baseball field. K-2 will have a bouncy house as a reward and 3-5 will have an obstacle course station. The upper grades will have their own activities. For the 4th quarter reward, students will have an ice cream sundae bar. She will reach out to parents for allergies. Parents will be running stations this year. Erin reached out to OA for assistance but students will be having finals. K-2, 3-5, 6-8 will each have 8 stations. She will need many parent volunteers to help out with all stations and set up/take down. We are in need of 2 parents per station. Erin surveyed students this year asking for activities that they would like to see at the next Field Day event. Our Field Day will take place on May 30th-the last day of school. Erin will create a sign up sheet for parents to complete after Spring Break.

Scholarships- We give out 4 \$500 scholarships to 8th graders. We need volunteers to read essays. We are looking for help and a deadline, applications, etc by the next PTO meeting.

Teacher Dinner and Volunteer Dinner- These events will take place in May. The volunteer dinner took place at the Big Four last year and the Teacher Dinner was at Hillcrest.

Library- Kim Schrank set the date for the Young Hoosier Party, which is May 23rd. She needs a volunteer to assist that day. She had students complete a survey and many of the students just want to play in the gym. Students also love gift certificates. Also, with Muffins with Mom, Kim will be purchasing muffins, cinnamon rolls, and other assorted pastries will be purchased by Carla and Tammi and she will be saving money and will no longer be purchasing from Schmidts. An invitation will be extended to preschool parents for Muffins for Mom and Donuts for Dads.