

2017-2018 SFA PTO
Tuesday, January 23, 2017 @8:00 AM
Meeting Agenda and Minutes

- **Opening Prayer from Principal:** Mrs. Scherer
- **Welcome:** Gretchen Hollingsworth

- **Best Bites:** Amy Brenner
 - The next Best Bites Fundraiser will be on October 20, 2018.
 - If you are interested in heading an individual committee of Best Bites (i.e. Auction, Ticket sales), please contact Amy Brenner. You will be trained by Amy and she has guides to pass on.

- **Box Tops Report:** Amy Brenner for Tammy Abuelouf
 - December collection: \$146.50 in box tops, \$544 in labels for education.
 - Next Contest is the end of February.
 - The Labels for Education program ended in January 2018. They aren't accepting any more labels.

- **Father/Daughter Dance Update:** Ellen Saba
 - Will be held on February 3, 2018.
 - Winter Wonderland Theme
 - 100 people have RSVP'd so far. Please RSVP soon for food count.
 - She still needs napkins, plates, silverware for event. Please see/contact Ellen after the meeting if you can help with donations and to ensure she doesn't receive duplicate items.

- **Chris Woods Annual Scholarship:** Gretchen Hollingsworth
 - PTO, Faculty and Woods Family have completed the scholarship application and set guidelines for it.
 - It will be awarded to a 5th, 6th or 7th grader who embodies the spirit and love for living life to the fullest as Chris Woods did.
 - The eligible grades will be told about it in their homeroom classes and will apply in March during school hours. It will not be sent home with them.
 - The full tuition scholarship will be awarded in May 2018 to the winning student for the following school year.
 - There will be a plaque in the front office with the winner's name on it each year.
 - Please contact Gretchen if you know any companies or parties that would be able to assist with the plaque.

- **Teacher's Appreciation Lunch** Angel Martin
 - It will be on May 1, 2018
 - The theme will be the Red Carpet, with the teachers as the stars of the show.
 - A sign up genius for it will come out closer to the event.

- **Book Fair:**

Amy Palacz

- Will be held January 26-February 2, 2018.
- The Book Fair will be open on Sunday, January 28th for PRE students.
- This year the event will be open 2 ½ extra days, the Friday before Catholic schools week, Sunday for PRE, and the ½ day after the open house.
- Volunteers can earn house points for their middle school students.
- This is a great opportunity for service hours for SBA students during the open house.
- We will be collecting change for pet rescue also, because the theme this year is pets.
- We will have therapy dogs in the library during the open house also.
- She needs volunteers to help with setup on Thursday, Jan 25 from 8-11:30am or even for an hour or more during that time.
- She also needs volunteers for the book fair. A sign up genius is in the Monday mail, online or on the SFA Facebook page or contact Amy if you can help.

- **Principal's Report:**

Mrs. Scherer

- **Catholic Schools Week:**

- . Next week is Catholic Schools Week beginning at mass on Saturday/Sunday.
- . If a student attends mass in his/her uniform at any mass time, he/she can get a voucher/coupon from the faculty for a jeans day on Monday, Jan 29th.
- . If you go to another church, just have someone sign that he/she was in uniform.
- . The Middle School Choir will be performing at the 10:30am mass. There will also be student readers, and parent Eucharistic Ministers.
- . Parents can sign up to be greeters also.
- . Students can be part of the procession into church with the priests. Meet in the St Clare room at 10:15am.
- . Lots of activities are planned for the week. See the Monday mail for details. Some of the activities are Tuesday, Jan 30 from 9-11am is open house for new or existing parents to see the classes/school. Also, on Tuesday is the Variety Show at 1:00pm. On Wednesday, Jan 31st, the kids will be writing cards for the military. Thursday, Feb 1st from 6-7:30pm is the open house. On Friday Feb 2nd, there will be an all school mass to honor our school volunteers. Friday is a half-day with dismissal at 11:30am.

- **Technology Corner:**

- . We are renewing our lease for our computers, so we will get new ones that are bigger and better for next school year.
- . They are considering giving the 4th and 5th graders Ipads with keyboards to take home also.
- . There will be a \$50 increase in the technology fee for next year.
- . The faculty will let the parents know the model of laptops ahead of time for purchasing covers for them.

- **SFA Uniform Update:**

- . SFA signed with Dennis Uniforms before Christmas to be our new uniform vendor.
- . Fortunately, we made this decision since Parkers is closed now.
- . Jonathan Morgan, the account manager, from Dennis Uniforms attended the meeting and presented/displayed some of the new uniform items.
- . Dennis Uniforms has been in business 100 years and have a retail store off Trinity Lane in

Cordova.

- . They carry accessories in the store also.
- . Middle Schoolers will have a required uniform for mass days – white shirt and vest or sweater. A pullover shirt will be allowed on other days (similar to the summer uniform pullover). There will be a skort available for girls that will be for all grades.
- . The webstore will be available on June 1st 2018, but the retail store may not have everything ready by then. Webstore orders are usually shipped out in 10-14 days.

• **Used Uniform Sale Report:**

Kristina Laiche

- They are accepting all uniform donations now to help parents that don't have enough since Parkers closed down.
- The next sale is Wednesday, January 24th from 4:30-6:30pm to help working parents.
- If you are missing uniform pieces, you can send an email to sfauseduniformsale@gmail.com and they will try to find it for you.

• **Mother/Son event:**

Gretchen Hollingsworth

- Will be on January 28, 2018 from 1-4:30pm at the Mid-South ice house.
- Please RSVP as soon as possible.
- Will have games and races during the event.
- Scott Beatty will chair the event. Thanks to the Beatty family for chairing.

• **Positions to be filled:**

Gretchen Hollingsworth

- The PTO is looking for a PTO Vice-President for next school year – Gretchen will train you thoroughly!

• **Recognition/Thank you:**

Gretchen Hollingsworth

- A big Thank you to Grace Ann Gore for taking over the refreshments at the PTO meetings this year.

Next and Final Meeting of the school year is Tuesday, April 17, 2018

2017-2018 PTO Board:

Name	Position	Information
Gretchen Hollingsworth	President	Gretch_rn@yahoo.com
Lisa Ruoff	Secretary	Lisaruoff7@yahoo.com
Karen Heath	Financial Secretary	Karen.heath@sfawolves.org

Upcoming Volunteer Events/Needs:

Date/Time	Name	Information	Contact Information
1/26/2018 – 2/2/2018	Book Fair	Helpers Needed for: setup, cleanup, cashiers, etc.	Amy Palasz amoohead@earthlink.net
1/28/2018	Mother/Son Event	1-4:30pm Mid-South Ice House	Scott Beatty
2/3/2018	Father/Daughter	Need help for setup & cleanup	Ellen Saba

	Dance	Students can use this for service hours	maebizzle@bellsouth.net
4/17/2018	Last PTO Meeting		Gretchen Hollingsworth Gretch_rn@yahoo.com
2017-2018	Quarterly Luncheons	TBD	Kathleen Muck Kathleen.muck@yahoo.com or muckk@sbaeagles.org
5/1/2018	Teacher Appreciation Lunch	Helpers Needed for: chairing, decorating, serving, cleanup	Gretchen Hollingsworth Gretch_rn@yahoo.com