

St. Mary's School

PTO meeting minutes

Sept. 11, 2018

In attendance: Ann Marie Deutsch, Suzanne Pohorence, Kristin West, Sara Bodine, Mike Sassone, and Nathan Westerman.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by Nathan Westerman.

Opening Prayer: 6:40 pm.

Introduction/Attendance: 6:42 pm.

After everyone made sure they knew each other Mike asked who we should expect to attend the meetings. AMD said that the members of the board were expected, but that all parents were welcome and encouraged to come.

AMD suggests we invite other parents attend, that we would likely have the best success if we individually invited the parents that we know.

We discuss that the PTO events will also be on Facebook this year.

Kristin mentions that we don't normally meet in September, but we didn't meet in summer so we met this year.

AMD said that SAC has more people that seem to come regularly, but that doesn't reflect on any of us, we just have to make sure we invite people we know

Approval of the minutes by all present: 6:46 pm.

Reports

Principal 6:46 pm

AMD says the school year will only be going until June 21st instead of the 25th. For that she expressed gratitude to the diocese.

AMD discussed data changes for the calendar. 8th grade graduation moves to 6/19/2019, mass dinner moves to 6/12/2019, and Seabreeze moves to 6/20/2019

AMD asks to move walkathon from 6/12 and everybody decides the 14th is the best day for the walkathon, tentatively. The 14th is a full day of school.

AMD says she will have the updated calendar available curriculum night. (9/13/2018)

6:53 AMD says that at SAC they talked about the church being closed, how the designs are being submitted to the bishop, that if approved they will go to a contractor and then a timeline will be set. That it may be started in January, and hopefully done by Easter but that doesn't seem realistic at this time.

AMD continued that they may want a marble floor. all pews will be removed, pews do not meet fire code. That we had been grandfathered in but now with the remodel we must meet fire code. The new pews have to be spaced far enough that a person has room to turn around and walk out in the event of a fire instead of having to slide out.

Sara asked if we have to keep the gym for the church and will that affect the euchre tournament, but AMD said it was unlikely to cause any impact, that they may stream it from Dougherty to the smart boards instead of the gym as overflow seating.

Hopefully we should have more firm dates by October.

Treasurer 6:58 pm

Sara discusses the current budget. The welcome back raffle has 400 dollars of expenses instead of predicted 200, reducing overall profit of that event to \$2800.

Kristin suggests that Sara should ask Tony if any PTO donations had been made.

K discusses the lovely thank you card the teachers had given to the PTO thanking them for the breakfast on the first day of school.

For the summer festival board, we had enough prizes to have no costs.

The photo booth was not as much a success as was hoped. The sponsorships brought in more money than the actual photos did.

The group discussed the cost of the rides, that it feels more expensive.

AMD asks if we thought it seemed like there was smaller attendance at the carnival, that in past years, on a Friday it was so jam packed you could hardly move it seemed.

We discussed that we had different rides than last year.

There also was a CMAC concert, a Canandaigua football fundraiser on the Friday and those may have impacted attendance

Sara asked what about doing the photo booth during the one price rides? Kristin responds that the photographer had been unavailable at that time.

We discussed how the middle school booth got a lot of people when mass happened on Saturday, but we didn't want to try to take advantage of that and run the booth at that time.

New Business: 7:06 pm – None was brought up

Status of past events

Ice Cream Social: 7:06 pm.

Ice cream social, 115 people attended. 2 new third graders and the new sixth grader. We have a new fifth grader but they didn't attend.

we have a lot of ice cream and popsicles leftover.

we also have toppings.

we discussed maybe doing a fundraiser, maybe 25 cents a scoop or something. Perhaps to further help Father Dominick raising money for his hometown of Kalama.

Our students have been asked to be part of the liturgical dance on September 19th. A flyer was sent home on 9/10.

Back to school picnic 7:10 pm.

Picnic wet well, great food, a lot of compliments,

Kristin relayed that Missy had said they assigned items to bring based off of class size instead of grade as was previously done. It went well. We didn't run out of food like in past years

We had an extra pizza we sent home. the weather was great.

Golf tournament 7:12 pm

There were 46 gofers, 50 for lunch, it ended up being a lot of work, Mike gives Sara props, the golfers liked the challenge of the course

Mik asks how do we get the message out to more people? Canandaigua had a fundraiser the same day and there was a triathlon, and it was a football Sunday, so those all likely impacted attendance.

we discuss moving it back to May, it would be easier to not have to work it over the summer.

Kristin says that the problem with May is we have too much going on in spring that it may be too much. If we move it to May we have to wait until 2020, maybe we do it in August?

We definitely need to plan it with more than two months in advance.

we think after expenses we raised about 5500 dollars (roughly, final numbers will be later) this is short of the 10k profit goal.

we discuss that these events are hard and are labors of love.

AMD said it sounds easy but it turns out to be very difficult.

Kristin said people loved the course, but that there weren't heaters on the food, like the wings, so they got chilled.

We need to make sure to bring a coffee pot at that course and maybe bringing in snacks to munch on if golfers pop in mid tournament.

They brought food out quickly, we never ran out.

Upcoming Events

Curriculum night 7:22 pm

Kristin fixed up the board on 9/10, has signup forms for the events to get volunteers.

The PTO chair speech is discussed. It is decided that in the speech we should stress, stress, stress the donation option, that if you can not participate in fundraising please at least consider making lump sum donation (use the words, lump sum)

please send your check to the office with pto donation.

That these events are fun, but they also serve a purpose, they help bring improvements to the school, the carpets the new fancy water fountains.

last year 1500 came in in donations, the year before 2600.

we discuss when we should show up, 6:15 Kristin says to set up the board and get out papers.

7:28 PM: Mike asks about participation and support at the PTO meetings, we again discuss how important personal invitations to parents we know are important.

We discuss how far many of the teachers live and that the PTO used to meet at 3:30 alternating months to make it easier for the teachers to attend. Mike says that he is grateful Miss Pohorence is able to attend.

Back to school raffle 7:31pm

Sara sent an email to the PTO members in August about prizes, that if not Wegmans cards we will just use cash. The tickets are going out Friday the 21st to the eldest child in each family

Sara is working on the list of kids now, each gets 20 tickets at 10 dollars apiece. if a kid sells them all there are prizes for that. The money is due back by the 9th. the drawing is October 12th.

Sara shows the tickets to Mike and others that look.

Sara bought 3000 tickets. She will report in November how the raffle did.

Review Calendar of events 7:35pm

No changes were made other than those already mentioned by AMD in her report. The early dismissal days haven't been published by Canandaigua yet.

We discuss that euchre will be after mass on January 19th. Mike asked if it was a new event, and was told that it was.

7:37 We discuss that we have enough meat raffle tickets, Kristin reports that there are tons and we have the wheel back.

739 we ask if there has been any communication about getting home room parents. AMD said she would ask Pam if that list was sent out.

Adjourn 7:40 pm