

## PTO meeting minutes for March 05, 2019

Attendance: AMD, Missy S, Kristin, Nathan, Miss Pohorence, Jennifer D, Kate S, Rachel K, Kelly P, Sara B

6:34 Opening

6:35 Introductions

6:38 minutes approved

6:38 Principal's report:

Church is being renovated. Ash Wednesday will be celebrated for the school in the gym. We discuss the plan for how scaffolding will be adjusted and that 3 more painters will be brought in.

Ice had fallen off a roof and onto the hood of a worker's vehicle. Be careful of the ice.

Registration is progressing nicely.

6:41 Treasurer's Report

Review the budget numbers (excluding chocolates) and discussed what the treasurer role does to help inform anyone that may want the position.

Discussed the role of PTO in raising money for the school to help keep tuition down.

The treasurer has to keep in touch with Tony so that he is always aware of our current financial situation.

They often attend events and helps with the reconciliation of things sold and money brought in.

We are about 7k behind, but we are hoping casino night helps make up for some of it.

We discuss the falling chocolate sales numbers. The chocolates are not delivered home by the kids, the parents will be contacted.

6:52 PTO board member selections discussion

Kristin discusses the role of the vice chair for the opening that we have. Coordination of all the event chairs, (we have official bylaws)

The vice chair is the connection between the homeroom parents and the PTO board. (an example is contacting the parents to arrange for donuts and cider)

Sara had already discussed the needs of the treasurer position

Kristin covers some of the role requirements of the secretary (keeping the minutes, sending them out, maintaining contact lists)

To get more people to come, Kelly P suggests maybe online meetings, FB live or something. We discuss the possibility and seeing if there is a way we can do it

People online will be able to type responses into the meeting. Recordings?

We discuss ideas for getting more people into board roles, maybe cold calling parents?

The number of people willing is going down, it is hard to get the time and energy to maintain a board member role.

We discuss the ability to see how many people open the blue folder, and the ability to see how many people click links inside the email.

Do we have food at these meetings to attract more attendees?

Rachel K: Is there the possibility to send out a survey to ask how we can make it easier for people to attend. Would having child care options during help?

maybe a movie and older kids watching in the activity center or something.

We checked with Tony, we are not allowed to offer a tuition discount in exchange for people attending / joining the PTO

we need to make sure we explain the value of the PTO, what it contributes to the school.

Missy talked about the summer letter that got sent out last year, that it talked about PTO, explained what it was, and why it was so important.

We talk about how we are not just about fundraising, that or events, like our picnic, and the walkathon are more about creating a community in addition to raising money to keep tuition down.

Do we still belong to the target school red card program? (The program apparently ended a few years back, so NO)

We talk about finding St. Mary's on the amazon smile website, we think it might be as St Benedict's parish instead of St Mary's, but the money will all be for the school, even if though it says parish.

It would be nice to have fewer fundraisers, but we are not able to raise enough in any one event to raise the needed money

we have many of next year's event chairs lined up again, we just need someone for the catholic school's week.

Jessica committed to do the meat raffle again, everyone is very excited.

#### 7:29 Movie night

There were only 6 families, the chair would like to move it to the fall since the weather is so consistently bad we feel it is impacting attendance

Maybe we make it an outdoor showing of the great pumpkin movie, we could sell cider and donuts too, project the movie onto the side of the building and people can sit on the lawn

#### 7:32 Casino night

We talk about what the sponsorship levels are. We discuss our current sponsors.

Rachel asks if we need volunteers, she offered to do photography, but we already had arranged for a sponsor who is offering photography and a \$500 dollar coupon as a raffle ticket

But we still need other kinds of volunteers.

We accept all sponsorships, we don't offer exclusive sponsorships wherein we only have one car dealership for instance, or one dentist.

(some raffle baskets can include horseback riding lessons or flight lessons)

We talk about the classroom baskets.

#### 7:49 Teacher Appreciation

Sara will contact Rowena about this

#### 7:51

We agree that we want to do another spirit wear sale in April, Kristin will reach out to the vendor (Jeff) to arrange it.

we decide to get t-shirts, shorts, hoodies, baseball shirts, plain color t-shirt, maybe an alternative color, give them a break from all the navy blue.

#### 8:00

Discuss moving golf tournament back to the summer, maybe in victor, maybe on an early Monday in August.

8:05 Adjourn