

PTO Meeting January 11, 2024

Kelly Slattery called meeting to order at 7:06p

Members Present – Principal Martin, Kelly Slattery, Barb Somrack, Christine Taylor, Jennifer Wolf, Michelle Frania, Lisa Adair, Eric Sukalac, Mary Suvak,

Members Absent – Ben Kimball, Julie Zettl, Jared Sprogis

Parents Present – Greg Sustar,

Secretary's Report - Barb

- Motion to approve minutes - 1st – Lisa, 2nd – Jen, motion approved

Treasurer's Report – No report submitted, current balances reported - 1st Eric, 2nd Lisa

- Checking \$ 17,942.67 (last report) \$ 17,554.47
- Savings \$ 28,843.65 (last report) \$ 28,845.05
- Event Committee \$ 15,223.04

Boosters Report - Greg

- Ski club – only 5 kids signed up – home school kids only. We discussed why the lack of interest... maybe weather has been unfavorable parents don't want to pay the fees if no guarantee of skiing, could be some policy changes at Alpine that made skiing further into season hard/expensive. Boosters is considering not offering ski club next year, not worth the effort and cost.
- Suggestion was made to put an open invitation in Newsletter that families will ski Friday night, rather than have a formal club
- Youth Basketball has begun, will finish for 3-4 grade the first week of February
- Track will be offered with St Anselm – registration opens on 16th, open to 1st - 8th grade, practices will be held at West G
- Boosters meeting was Monday night – previous team had budgeted \$5,000 extra for several years to save for improvements to soccer field. Boosters will meet with Dan Barcioski and get idea of what all needs to happen, get an official plan together to see numbers and plan for improvements. They're also considering installing a pavilion.
- Member asked what the plan was for the Playground. Mr Martin was not sure of the timeline to move the playground yet. Boosters can consider contributing to a new/improved playground depending on plans. It was suggested the school could also use the Gala to fundraise for new/improved playground.

Principal's Report – Mr Martin

- Tomorrow is last day of Q2. Some changes to the schedule were announced for Q3 for 5-8 and 7-8 and homework club – details in newsletter
- 8th graders are currently applying for high schools
- MAP testing is underway
- Catholic Schools Week
 - teacher day had been organized by Judy Romagni previously, this year Theresa Charmley is planning CSW – Mr Martin will reach out to teacher appreciation committee to help plan the teacher day
 - Student appreciation day – sticking with movie in gym – suggested to do a concession

- stand, give each kid ticket for 1 item to enhance the “movie theater” experience
- Saturday, Feb 3: Winter Fun Day – PTO is hosting at the Chardon Chalet, more info coming soon
- Over Christmas break 6 new families reached out for tours (majority for next year), one was a new 5th grader starting Monday
- Open House was delayed due to construction. Demolition should be completely finished mid-March. With the delay, Mr Martin hopes to include videos or posters of plans for the new school building/capital campaign if it has begun by then.
- Discussed alternatives to Dine outs: perhaps a monthly thank-you to restaurant sponsors to encourage family and parishioner support

President's Report -Kelly

- Thanks to PTO for all events since November: conference dinner, Night at Races, Santa Shop, Christmas Dinner, everything went very well

Chairpersons Reports

- **Room Parents – Lisa**
 - Lisa needed to know how many people expected for Science Fair judges dinner – Mr Martin advised her to ask Mrs Schous for numbers.
- **Event Committee - Barb**
 - DINE OUTS
 - December: Tai Pan we raised \$20
 - There was some confusion over this, new owners decided they didn’t want to track receipts, just made a donation
 - January we have no dine-outs scheduled. DS Cakes offered to do a special on their pierogis on all Fridays throughout Lent – details coming soon
 - NAR UPDATE
 - We had about 115 attendees - really good turnout
 - Raised \$7,209.38
 - NAR Committee decided to spend some of our profits to buy 24 round black tablecloths and 12 rectangle black tablecloths for future events use – could be for Gala or NAR, or any school event that requests them.
 - GALA UPDATE
 - Preston Chevy is our Presenting Sponsor
 - We bought several items during Black Friday sales for the auction with sponsorship money
 - A few sponsorships have come in - we have \$7,750, goal is \$15,000 - halfway
 - We’re starting canvassing for item donations now
 - PTO has supported the “booze barrel in the past,” anyone who can donate a bottle of liquor - any variety is welcome, please remember to provide a receipt if possible for audit purposes
 - We have 1 large bottle of Titos (leftover from NAR) that will be included in auction
 - Dan O’Reilly will be handling live auction at the event
- **Teacher Appreciation – Mary**
 - No update
- **Santa Shop - Michele**

- want to set date for next year, maybe Dec 13th – Mrs Houlahan approved, Mr Martin will look at calendar to confirm its available
- Leftover/profit of \$34.60

Old Business

- Winter Fun Night – Feb 3, sledding at Chardon Sledding Chalet – 12p-4p. Budget will be used for hot cocoa. Lisa take care of buying some cookies and napkins.
- Potential End of Year Family Picnic – Kelly booked Bass Lake preserve lodge May 19th – will need committee and committee chair to plan it. Members suggested we should do potluck style to save money on the budget.

New Business

- Member asked if we would be doing a school-wide Zoo field trip. Mr Martin will look into the possibility
- Requested dress down text reminders
- PTO web page being launched – Eric is working on a draft – stating mission and who we are and will include link to minutes

Closing Prayer – meeting adjourned at 8:30p