

St. Joseph Catholic School – PTF Meeting
February 13, 2018

In Attendance: Doug Esker, Phoebe Ott, DeDee Ross, Lauren Schafer-Christ, Ginger Toth, Dan Bingheim, Mr. Correll, Adam Morgan, Steph & Dave Wathen, Tracey Drennen-Alexander, Vanessa Alvarez-Biver, Angie Garland, Mrs. Biver, Shelly Fritz, Fr. Mark

Opening Prayer: The Our Father was lead by Lauren Schafer-Christ.
The meeting was called to order by Doug Esker, President.

Officer's Report:

Secretary's Minutes The minutes from January's meeting were approved with a motion by Adam Morgan and seconded by Tracey Drennen-Alexander.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance: \$11,375.60. The spaghetti dinner did very well. We are actually ahead of our projected budget by about \$1,000. There is an update to the budget for the Teacher Appreciation Week – the estimate contains donations received last year, so the expense budgeted needs to reflect that. (Expense listed at \$650, budget should be \$350). The report was approved with a motion made by Tracey Drennen-Alexander and seconded by Vanessa Alvarez- Biver.

Principal Report: The bus is open for use, if people want to use the bus we have lots of drivers available for the evenings. Teacher observations and evaluations are being completed by Mr. Correll. TJ's pizza packets are due this Friday - with payment. The Invest in Kids Act scholarship has a broken website. We've had several donors donate to St. Joe's – the website to apply has crashed. They website has contacted other states to find out how to hold the flow of people applying. If you would like to apply please contact Mr. Correll. Individuals and business are able to apply, please see Mr. Correll for more information. Student appreciation day is scheduled for 4/27/18, we are also looking at April 20. Mrs. Hopfinger asked Mr. Correll to discuss the Animal Architect program. It is a local business that does 1 hour assemblies with exotic animals and they will bring them to your school. For a 1 hour assembly the cost is \$350, if we split with ST. Agatha the total would be \$272 per school. It was discussed to do an assembly in the spring of this year. Mrs. Hopfinger will contact Doug about dates. Tracey Drennen-Alexander motioned to approve spending \$272 for an assembly and it was seconded by Dave Wathen. The motion carried.

Teacher's Report – Mrs. Biver gave an update on the computer classes at the school. The PreK programs are using the Starfall and Kidpics websites along with other programs in the computer lab. All the kids are gaining recognition on the keyboard and making great progress. She is introducing the 1st and 2nd graders to Microsoft Word. 3rd grade is working in the keyboarding, and they will continue to learn through 8th grade. In the upper grades she has children doing over 50 words per minute. There is a board in the classroom to see how they are doing, please check it out. The older kids are working with Publisher and Microsoft word. The kids are also learning coding. In Art the kids are working on pencil drawings and oil/pastel drawings. The kids are doing a great job.

Committee Reports:

Together We're Better – Over the holiday season 11/1 – 12/31 – we sold \$45,000 in gift cards. Families earned over \$1400 in refunds. With the online we sold over \$31,000 and the families earned over \$1500 in refunds. Tom's Grocery store in Freeburg is closing this Friday, we have \$475 in gift cards available. You will get the full 4% rebate on the purchase and they can be used to buy gift cards off the kiosk. If you have a Tom's gift card we cannot take them back, so please spend them ASAP!

Family Dinner Nights : The Bread Co dinner night earned \$167.10, a flier was needed for this one. The Eckerts total was \$182.51. There you had to mention St. Joe's as well. We've been approached by Hick's BBQ about doing a dining night out, maybe on a Tues or Thurs. The McDonald's Dining Night out is March 6, we will get 20% of all sales. We need 3 people per hour to work. The Dairy Queen night is Apr 3, we also need 3 people per hour. If you know anyone interested in doing a dining night out please let Tracey know.

School Events:

1. Valentine's Day Parties will be 2/16 @ 2pm - The kids can wear red/pink shirts and blue jeans for Valentine's party.
2. Spaghetti Supper we did really well, we are waiting on the final bill from Tom's. Toni will have a full report at the next meeting. Thank you to all who helped.
3. Amazing Race - We have 3 sponsors. We are still accepting teams, and will be through March 28. We will be searching out attendance prizes for the after party. Please get your teams in!!

New Business:

1. Home Theater Raffle - We have received TV through donation and have put together a raffle. It contains the TV, sound bar, \$100 cash, beer and snacks. The raffle would start at the end of next week. Tickets would be \$5 for 1, \$10 for 3, \$20 for 9. Our goal would be to draw at the last fish fry on March 23rd at 6:30. We will need to obtain a raffle license from the Village Hall for a nominal fee.

Misc Business:

1. Fr. Mark was in attendance and explained that 1st Communion is April 15 but the time has changed to 10 am. A fill in Priest will be at St. Agatha. There will still be 8 am mass on April 15 at St. Joe's.
2. Tom's is closing at the end of the month, Switzer's is no longer taking deliveries there. The Village is working on trying to bring in another grocer. Fr. Mark and Pastor Earl will be making arrangements to help take people to get groceries in the time that we don't have a store. If you would like to donate your time to take someone to the store please contact the church office.
3. The PTF bylaws will be posted on My Student Progress so everyone has a chance to review them.

Next Mtg - Tues March 13 @ 6:30
Closing Prayer was lead by Fr. Mark.