

St. Joseph Catholic School – PTF Meeting September 20, 2017

In Attendance: Lauren Schafer-Christ, DeDee Ross, Phoebe Ott, Doug Esker, John Correll, Michelle Ogilvie, Natalie Platzkoester, Melinda Tarvin, Chace Morris, Sandy Busch, Mike & Toni Beisiegel, Kelli Lubenkov, Andrea Bingham, Joe & Angie Garland, Vaness Alvarez-Biver, Tim & Melissa Reinhart, Tracey Drennen-Alexander, Renee Moeckel, Kristin Morris, Shelly Fritz, Dave & Stephanie Wathen

Opening Prayer: The Our Father was lead by President, Doug Esker.
Introductions were made around the room.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary's Report: The minutes from May 2017 meeting were approved with a motion by Mike Beisiegel and 2nd by Tracey Drennen-Alexander.

Treasurer's report: Our current account balance is \$11,627.38. The report was approved with a motion by Andrea Bingham and 2nd by Kelli Lubenkov.

Principal's Report: Current K-8 enrollment is 74, the total enrollment including Preschool is 95. ITBS testing starts next week, please make sure your students get plenty of rest. The schools magazine fundraiser ends on 9/26. Deacon Corby will host a Blessing of the pets on 10/4. There is no school on 10/6 due to teacher conference. The school will host Fire Prevention week starting on 10/9. Jack and Marie Crowe will continue to fund the "Following the Footsteps of Christ" program. A grant was secured for technology in the amount of \$8,000. The school is hoping to use it to buy new promethean boards. A bus was secured and is be painted and fixed up for the school at the total cost of \$11,655. The funds were raised at the Spring Dinner Auction. Mrs. Biver has been nominated for a teachers award through Althoff.

Teacher's Report: Ms. Tarvin stated that Miss Cheryl Sinn is the new preschool aid. The students are learning to write # 1-10, shapes, and letters. Miss Platzkoester warned the 4th grade parents to prepared to cook food for history class this year when the students begin learning about the regions of the USA. Miss Olgivie has several professional development dates scheduled regarding student mental health and ready comprehension. Mrs. Busch stated the kids will start flag football, she has reserved the skating unit for April. Mr. Middendorf, stated the 7/8th graders are studying the civil war. 5/6th graders are studying the early civilizations and learning how to take good notes. The 5-8th graders just finished the 2nd assessment in math and will be moving on to section 3.

Committee Reports:

Family Fun Nights: (Melissa Reinhart & Tracey Drennen-Alexander). The Welcome Back Pizza party was well attend and with the donations we broke even on cost. The committee are looking hosting an event in the fall and another in the spring, not necessarily at the school. The fall event would be at the Freedom Farm in Belleville, IL and would consist of a bonfire/hayride. The cost would be \$300 and then an additional \$250 for paper products and food. The date would be October 21, from 4-9. The committee would have s'mores, hot dogs, chili and then show a movie in the building. A spring fun night has not been planned. Discussion was held, most people are in favor. Joe Garland made a motion to spend up to \$550 on the fall event. The motion was seconded by Shelly Fritz. The motion carried.

Hawk Community Events:

1. Parade Float & Parish Picnic – Angie Mueller is officially done after this year. We thank her and her family for all their help. We are now looking for a new volunteer for this position. Angie provided a print out of the task for the float and the parish

picnic games to be chair or co-chair. Kim Esker was volunteered for the Homecoming Float by Doug Esker. If anyone else is interested in the positions they should speak with Doug Esker or Mr. Correll.

Together We're Better – (Lauren Schafer-Christ & Angie Garland) The tuition Credit for April 1 – September 30 will be credited on MSP in early October. If you use Presto Pay you can run your own tuition credit report. It's never too early to think about Christmas Shopping, you can make special orders for larger discounts. We have a few cards to get rid of – Sweet Totatoes, Build a Bear, Long John Silver, Flying , and Shutter Fly. You will get the full discount if you buy them, see Angie Garland if interested. We are now carrying Under Armor, Dress Barn, and \$25 visa gift cards.

Sweet Corn Sales – (Tim Reinhart) We had 4 planting of sweet corns that were picked and sold. Thank you to the families that were helpful in picking and selling. We sold \$1,513.00 in sweet corn. The fundraiser was a success and Time would like to continue with it in the future. The ideal time frame was catching people on the way home from work or on Saturday morning. We will be looking for more signage and maybe consider doing a donation box and creating a self serve produce stand. Discussion also talked of adding overflow garden items such as tomatoes and zucchini.

Spirit Wear – (DeDee Ross) Spiritwear sheets are due on Friday, 9/22. Christmas Orders will be coming in October.

Family Dinner Nights – (Tracey Drennen-Alexander) Family Dinner Nights are planned for the entire year, events have been created on the Facebook page. Remember your TWB gift cards to buy your food. Reifschneiders total from September was \$300. We are trying out Bread Co in January, it will be their 1st night. Our next night will be on the same night as the PTF meeting, 10/10/17 and will be at Domino's for the whole day. We also have McDonald's this year in March. We will need workers at DQ, Chick Fil A and McDonalds. Last year we raised over \$2500 in funds from Dining Out Nights.

School Events:

1. Grandparents Day – (Phoebe Ott) – Thank you to the parents who helped and brought food. We had a lot of grandparents and a great time was had by all.
2. Halloween Party – (Melissa Reinhart) The all school Halloween party will be on 10/31 from 2-3. A sign up will be going out for parents to donate food or time.
3. Hole-Y Hawks – (Tim & Melissa Reinhart) The mini-golf event will be held on 11/4. Check in will be around 12pm with the conclusion at The Wayward Pub in Freeburg around 5:30. Times could be adjusted due to weather. There will 9-10 holes of goofy golf from Braeutigams Orchards to New Athens. It's a family friendly event, you don't have to know to play golf just put put. The cost is \$20/adult and \$10/child or \$50 for a family. With the ticket purchase you also get 2 drink tickets per person.

New Business:

1. Chili Cook Off/Race Like a Hawk: The event is on 10/14. The school/church is participating in the Cook off and Mr. Correll is looking for volunteers to help run the schools stands. He is hoping to sell spiritwear and chili. If we sign up before October 1 we get a \$75 gift card to Tom's for supplies. Angie Garland nominated Joe Garland to spearhead the chili.
2. Spaghetti Supper: Toni Beisiegel has agreed to chair the event. Thank you Toni!!
3. Spring/Summer Fundraiser: Tim Reinhart and Mary Ann Klein have signed up to chair and event. Tim suggested pushing the sweet corn sales.
4. PTF Donation to the School: We are looking at the raising the funds to resurface the playground. The most reasonable quote was \$40,000 for the playground resurface. PTF has been requested to purchase an Active Panel board in addition to the grant so the boards can be purchased with free freight. Tim Reinhart moved to buy a smart board, Kelly Lubenkov 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

5. 2017-2018 Budget proposal: The teacher start up fund was covered through the spring dinner auction and has been removed from the 17-18 budget. The Spanish teacher salary is covered in our budget. Vanessa Alvarez-Biver motioned to approve the budget, Tracy Drennen-Alexander seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
6. Teacher/Staff birthday list was passed around. Vanessa Alvarez-Biver wants to be room mother for 5/6th grade. The 7/8th grade still need a room parent.
7. Margaret Schwagel will do child care for the next meeting.
8. Attendance Prize – Sandy Busch.

Next meeting – 10/10 @ 6:30

Closing Prayer – Hail Mary lead by Doug Esker.

Meeting Adjourned.

DeDee Ross
PTF Secretary