

Minutes: St Joan of Arc Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting

Date: October 19, 2017

Time: 18:40

Attendees:

- Principal: Sister Eileen
- PTO President: Kristen Mortelliti
- Past PTO President: Andrea Bentz
- President-Elect: Tara Pennypacker/Homeroom Parent Coordinator
- Recording Secretary: Nada Walton
- Marisol Willi: Corresponding Secretary
- Joanna Sheehan: Webmaster/Social Media
- Tara Carl: Teacher Representative
- Tricia DiCristofaro, Shelley Silber, Heather Tressler, Laura Otto, Jess Boyer, Vanessa Elliott, Maria Angelo, Stacey Kusters.

Dinner for Dollars:

- Next DFD is at the Tanger Outlets Subway on 10/25

Assemblies report:

- Volunteers needed for AG Lab, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.
- A technology assembly is being scheduled.
- On November 16th Science will be doing "crazy chemistry".
- Mobile Ag Lab coming on November 6-7-9 for all classes pre-3 through 8th grade

Teachers Report:

- Tara Carl spoke with the teachers about teacher appreciation week. They agree it should be scaled back and teacher appreciation should become staff appreciation.
- Teachers like having a lunch. They agreed to "nix" the gift cards, but start having lunch for everybody
- Budget for appreciation week is \$3600
- Do a different table for each day.
- Everyone will be recognized separately.
- Do meals during the day and meals at night for the night staff.
- Heather Tressler has agreed to co-chair the STAFF appreciation with Laura Otto.
- Flowers will be bought for everyone.

- If volunteers serve food in the cafeteria then the cafeteria staff can go to the luncheon.

Spaghetti Dinner:

- Spaghetti Dinner baskets are due by November 6th. They go on display on November 13th
- Need volunteer dishwasher for spaghetti dinner.
- Need foil lids for top of pans.
- Need more foil pans than last year.
- Giant and Karns gave gift cards. All Giants have donated gift cards.
- Spaghetti dinner is the biggest PTO event. It is a sit down dinner served by the students.
- It is open to the community.
- Heather still working on donations.
- Volunteers for spaghetti dinner: Joe Angelo will bring a microphone. He helps with playing music but someone is needed for live entertainment.
- Heather will ask Ms. Tierny, Brian Fausnaucht, and Mrs Noto.
- Asking for soda and baked goods donations. If people sign up to donate, we will be able to know who to thank.
- The numbers are based off the number of meals sold, not based off leftovers.
- Barilla donated pasta and UPS is doing free shipping.
- We are only using Barilla pasta.
- November 16th is meatball rolling night. Will decorate Friday, cook Saturday.
- Will roll silverware in napkins same night at meatballs. Desert setup will be Saturday morning.
- Give \$50 gift card to Joe Angelo.

Cocoa Packs:

- Cocoa Packs organization suggested we do a food drive and ask for breakfast items, then take it over and help pack the bags
- An idea is to collect donated food at the door when people come to spaghetti dinner.
- We can also do a “share the love” theme on Valentine’s Day or a “souper bowl drive”. We could somehow tie it in to pastries with parents.
- Best to do this after Christmas, between winter and spring. Will revisit the idea closer to spring time.

Derry Township Parade:

- Derry parade: need
- Lessons learned is needed for this event.
- Budget \$350 for the parade. This should reflect the amount of candy.

Trunk or Treat:

- Trunk or treat: 27 spots. 8th grade does a table with hot dog roller, cider and games.

- 4:30 start decorating
- 6:30 to 8:30 is the event.
- Joe will play music but needs power access.
- Smoke machines. Put power cords through classrooms with open windows.
- There will be one way in and one way out. There will be more parking at lower level.
- Close parking lot with vehicles and cones

Christmas Shoppe:

- Mrs LaGrelius will put together schedule based off teacher's schedules.
- Sister approves the middle school kids getting service hours if they work on bags.

Breakfast with St. Nick:

- If father Al and Fr Arena don't dress up as St Nick, we can ask the Knights of Columbus. Otherwise Tara Pennypacker's father will do it.
- Each child gets a chocolate Hershey kiss filled candy cane which will be donated by Joe Carl. We need 150-200 canes.

Cookie Walk:

- Andrea Bentz needs someone to chair the cookie walk.

Other notes:

- Write a thank you card to Margarita Morengo for being the PTO treasurer for the last 4 years.