

PTO Meeting Minutes - Friday, October 13, 2023

Welcome, Call to Order and Prayer - Jessica Schnupp - 8:19AM

Old Business - Furniture has been purchased for the third floor and was delivered on 10/10

Ongoing Business

- School Happenings - Sr. Eileen
 - November 1 – All Saints' Day
 - We will have an All Saints Day parade with a procession before mass
 - PreK-1st grade will make crosses, posters, and shields for their saints
 - 2nd-8th grade will wear costumes over their school uniforms
 - November 14 - Picture Retake Day
 - November 20-21 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - November 22-27 - Thanksgiving Break
 - November 28 - Vision screenings for PreK
- Treasurer's Report - Katy Dummeyer
 - Board approved the purchase of a speaker for \$200 so we can be self-sufficient with our music at PTO events
 - Collected classroom funds can be submitted directly to Katy
 - Any funds collected via Venmo should be submitted by check made payable to SJA PTO
 - Katy will create a reimbursement form specifically for homeroom parents
 - Megan Posey proposed the initial ask for class funds come directly from the PTO so parents know it's not just a single parent asking for it
 - Tami Meyer said her class is using monetary donation/wishlist/purchase your own donation for their raffle basket and it is going well
- Dinner for Dollars - Jessica Schnupp for Beth Malpass
 - Primanti Brothers on 10/18 for 20% (same night as Halloween parade)
 - Bollywood - November 8
 - Chipotle (Hummelstown) - December 11 - 33%
 - Deb approved shopping for dollars at Five Below - December 1-10 - 10% (is this two weekends or the whole 10 days?)
- Homeroom Parent Report - Kelly Bekelja
 - Met with teachers at staff meeting to discuss set party days and it was decided homeroom parents would meet with their teachers individually to discuss plans and expectations for the year – the way it has been in the past
 - Kelly is very happy with the raffle basket themes this year

New Business

- Hershey Halloween Parade - Wednesday, October 18th
 - Nahodil family has offered a 20' trailer
 - Meet behind the rectory at 4:30pm to decorate
 - Our theme is knights and princesses; SJA spiritwear is also acceptable
 - Sports teams and cheerleaders will walk in the parade
 - Judging is at 6:15pm at the Derry Township Recreation Center
 - Parade begins at 7pm
 - If you plan to march in the parade and would like to hand out candy, please provide your own candy
- Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 27th - Tara Pennypacker

- Signups are coming in - hoping to get 30 trunks
 - Trunks will line up in center parking lot aisle and be coned off
 - Music, Ghostbusters, and Sorrento's pizza truck will be closest to the school
 - Attendees should park in the front lot, side lot, and in the grass towards the barn
- Parking lot update - Erin Moore
 - Drop off lane is strictly for drop off - NOT getting out to help your child
 - If you need to get out of your car, please park
 - There is NO drop from the parking lot
 - 5-6 families are doing this and it is dangerous because cars are driving around them
 - Thank you to everyone for their compliance and support
 - Amy Backenstose is the only person who can wave traffic; everyone else should be helping children, not traffic flow
- Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, November 11th - Heather Tressler
 - Board approved 2023 pricing
 - Meals are \$12
 - Raffle tickets are \$10/12
 - To-go meatballs are \$10/8
 - Combo deal is \$20 for a dinner and 12 raffle tickets
 - Veterans get an extra meatball
 - Teachers, staff, and servers will receive complimentary tickets
 - Megan Posey is interested in taking over from Heather
 - Kelly Bekelja is in charge of baskets
 - Katie Fischer is in charge of signups with help from Tara Pennypacker
 - Heather Tressler is looking for feedback on what worked and didn't work last year
 - She is planning on an after action meeting this year
 - Online ticketing is live
 - We will ask for soda and dessert donations
 - Joey will make sauce
 - We need to buy meatballs
 - Andrea Bentz is in touch with Pronio's
 - Megan Posey will make a call to potential source for meatballs
- Live Nativity - Friday, December 15th - Jessica Schnupp
 - We will have farm animals, choir, hot chocolate and cookies, a deacon dressed as St. Nicholas
 - Fr. Al mentioned Christmas vendors, but they may be hard to get
 - Asking Fresh Market vendors may be an option
 - We will need a sub-committee
 - Christine Gorman is interested
 - Kelly Bekelja has contacts she will ask
- Assemblies - Maria Angelo
 - Sent around a list of potential assemblies for PTO members to vote on; She also polled the teachers

Other News

- Andrea Bentz submits content to SJA, Holy Spirit, and St. Paul bulletins weekly
 - Please get content to Andrea at least 10 days prior to bulletin printing
- We are looking for new chairs for the Christmas shop, as Tara and Jess B are looking to pass the torch

- What is the future of Christmas Shop?
- Do we need to let families (NEW families) know how big the spaghetti dinner is for the PTO budget?
 - It funds our assemblies, Easter Egg hunt, etc.
- Should we let everyone know who is PTO? What do we do?

Closing Prayer - Sr. Eileen

Meeting Adjournment - Jessica Schnupp - 9:39AM