

## St. Columbkille PTU Meeting

April 4, 2017

**Opening:** Brenna Mazanek began the meeting at 7:00pm with a prayer & introductions of the board members. This meeting was held in the Parish Center. There were 21 members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** The net checkbook balance is \$16,311.59. The total funds available are \$19,735.08. The total of the estimated forthcoming financial commitments is \$7,185.00 (buses, teacher stipend, graduation, Washington DC trip). The net profit from fish fry is \$7,751.49 with one fish fry left.

**Correspondence:** Thank you cards from Father O'Connor, the teachers, and the Krause family.

**Uniform Resale:** Event was chaired by Stefanie Avery and Kelley Tomaro. This time an admission was charged of \$5 for early bird and \$2 for regular admission. Refreshments (donuts, coffee, water) were also sold. The resale made a profit of \$238.50. The next uniform resale will be chaired by Stefanie Avery & she reserved the gym. It will take place on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> with drop off on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Little Caesars Fundraising:** Becky Bryda chaired and it raised \$839.25. The fundraiser went well and PTU plans to do it again next school year. The dress down pass incentive will be kept but the prizes might be discontinued.

**Jr. High Dance:** Event was chaired by Mrs. Bura and went well. The kids liked the selfie station. The dance will be chaired next year by Mrs. Bura and will be held on either Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> or Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Fish Fry:** Chaired by Angela Talion and Kammy Shuman. Week 1 – \$4942.20 (best opening night since records were kept). Week 2 – \$6271.45 (record high). Week 3 – \$3302.85 (record low). Week 4 – \$5079.75. Week 5 - \$4406.25. Since there has been so much fluctuation in sales, there was uncertainty about how to order for week 6. Kammy Shuman ordered light and expects to run out of food. She will also be returning some products for refunds.

Ideas were discussed for Fish Fry next year. Marge Toth suggested starting a young entrepreneur class for St. Columbkille students where they would perform certain tasks of the fish fry and learn useful skills like planning & inventory management. Other ideas discussed during this meeting included starting to recruit earlier, holding a meeting before fish fry, training people ahead of fish fry, providing a handout to kids who volunteer explaining their specific job, creating a platform where people can sign up for fish fry immediately, updating the fish fry form, breaking the fish fry into more departments so it is easier to manage, & asking other groups to volunteer (like Ladies Guild & Holy Name Society). There was also a suggestion to impose mandatory hours for volunteering but it was pointed out that it would be difficult to enact this change without a new pastor.

**Holy Name Society Easter Egg Hunt:** There was \$300 provided in monetary support per Marge Toth.

**Mrs. Virostek:** Mrs. Bura made a motion to provide \$75 for a birthday gift for Mrs. Virostek, Jill McAuley seconded, all in favor, and motion carried.

**Newsletter:** The feedback on the newsletter was very positive. Jill McAuley plans to do it on a bi-monthly basis. A suggestion was made to put the big ticket items that PTU pays for in the next newsletter.

**Curriculum Nights:** The PTU would like to host a table to increase membership, and needed ideas for creating the table. Ideas for the table included poster board with pictures, displaying the dates of PTU events, copies of the newsletter, making handouts, and having sign up sheets accessible.

**Triathlon Fundraiser:** Brenna Mazanek presented idea of doing a large fundraiser in the Fall in conjunction with a school assembly. Brenna is going to put together a plan and pitch the idea to Mrs. Cerny for approval. The possible date for this event is Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Red Cross:** Mrs. Bura relayed a message from the Red Cross that they are looking for any volunteers, especially from the medical field.

**Kalahari:** The discount day for St. Columbkille will be Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The price will be \$129.00 per night.

**Mother-Son Date Knight:** Chaired by Lisa Kane and taking place on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The form will go out this week. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade will take over the raffle baskets and keep any profit for their Washington DC trip.

**First Communion Lunch:** Chaired by Yvonne Chmielewski. Event was approved and date is set for May 12<sup>th</sup>. Yvonne is thinking of having students pack a sandwich, and PTU will provide chips and juice. If the weather is nice, they might eat outside on blankets. Yvonne Chmielewski made a motion to spend up to \$100 for this event, Allison Castle seconded, all in favor and motion carried. There was also a discussion about including the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in this lunch, or doing a different event that combined both the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades since they are celebrating Sacraments. It was determined to go forward with this lunch as is and look into this idea next year when there is more time to plan.

**(UPDATE: After the meeting, Yvonne Chmielewski received approval from Mrs. Cerny to include the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in this event. It will be renamed "Sacrament Celebration Lunch" & it will still take place on May 12<sup>th</sup>).**

**Trivia Knight:** - PTU plans to bring this event back next school year. Suggestion to stick with the same date so people are always aware of when happens (like Knight at the Races). One suggestion was to always hold it on the Saturday before 1<sup>st</sup> Communion.

**Dates for Next School Year:**

General Resale – Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> (Set up Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>)

5K – Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

Jr. High Dance – Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> or Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast w/Santa – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Committee Breakouts:** Sign up sheets for every committee were left on a table. Meeting attendees were asked to sign up for any committees that they are interested in helping out and to put a star next to their name if they were interested in being a chair.

**Next PTU Meeting:** The date will be Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the parish center. Brenna Mazanek will reserve the room.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

*Submitted by:*

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*Recording Secretary*