

St. Columbkille PTU Meeting

October 10, 2017

Opening: Brenna Mazanek began the meeting at 7:05pm with a prayer. This meeting was held in the Parish Center. There were 24 members present.

Minutes: A motion was made by Jill McAuley to dispense with reading the minutes from the September 2017 meeting. Leeann Hochevar seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: During the September meeting, Chris Niesig was voted in as the new treasurer. Chris resigned shortly after and a new treasurer is needed. Marge Toth kindly agreed to fill in until a new treasurer is elected. Brenna Mazanek asked for any volunteers for treasurer, and Sheri Drnak showed interest. Marge Toth will explain the treasurer's responsibilities so Sheri Drnak can determine if she would want this role. We will hold elections for treasurer at the next PTU meeting. The General Resale made \$1459.31. The breakdown is Admissions \$425, Bakery Sales \$270.40, Tables Rented \$920 and Miscellaneous Expense (\$159.09).

Correspondence: Thank you card from the 8th graders for t-shirts. Thank you card from the teachers and staff for stocking the supply closet. Thank you card from Mrs. Bisesi, Miss Farah, and Mrs. Stevens for the stipends for school clubs. Thank you card from Zoe for Life for donation of items not sold at the resale.

St. Columbkille Credit Union Student Saver Program: Donna Slovak from the credit union is trying to raise awareness about the Student Saver Program. This program is a great way to teach children to save money. Students can open up an account with \$5.00 and they will receive a booklet. Every other Wednesday, the credit union will have a table at the school. The students can stop at the table with their booklet and make a deposit. They get a trinket after the deposit. Sign up for the Student Saver program at the credit union. Possible changes to the Student Saver Program may include incorporating dress down passes as a reward and having a table at the school every Wednesday (instead of every other). The credit union also does contests for the students. Currently, they are holding a coloring contest.

PTU Account at St. Columbkille Credit Union: Marge Toth received a notice from the credit union that a PTU account is dormant. Marge was not sure how to proceed since the names on the account cards are no longer managing the account. Donna Slovak said Brenna Mazanek and/or Jill McAuley need to come to the credit union to get new account cards.

Membership Drive: Update given by Brenna Mazanek. As of now, PTU has 114 members. Last year there were 113 members. The new sign up form was fantastic and many people seem eager to volunteer.

General Resale: This event was co-chaired by Becky Bryda and Jill McAuley. They had a great committee and the event went smoothly with no complaints. The event made \$1459.31. The items that did not sell could be donated to Zoe for Life (if seller wanted). They ran out of pizza at the event – may need to order more next year.

VIP and Milestone Rewards: Update given by Jill McAuley. The points were tallied up through September. Points could have been earned from the following: Summer Uniform Resale, PTU Membership, September PTU Meeting, Back to School/Ice Cream Social, Goodies with Grandparents, and General Resale. Selling certificates after mass was not included in this tally. Points leaders are the following: Jenn Hesch with 19 points, Leeann Hochevar with 17 points, and Yvonne Chmielewski & Stacey Brubeck tied with 13 points. Milestone rewards were distributed at this PTU meeting. If the parent was not in attendance, the reward will be sent home with students.

Fall Junior High Dance: Chaired by Mrs. Bura. The event is on Friday, October 13th. Help is needed at 3:15pm for set up. Chaperones may also be needed but Mrs. Bura is waiting to hear from the 7th & 8th grade parents first.

Little Caesars Pizza Kits: Chaired by Becky Bryda. The pizzas can be ordered now via online. Order forms will go home in the Thursday folders and are due by October 30th. If a family sells 2 kits, they earn a dress down pass. If a family sells 10 kits, they can be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card.

Trunk or Treat: Chaired by Yvonne Chmielewski. The committee met and they are looking at revamping the games. The flyers went out in the Thursday folders and are due back Thursday, October 19th. A volunteer form will go out this week.

Breakfast with Santa: Chaired by Sarah Krause and Yvonne Chmielewski. Planning for the event has not started yet. Sarah is able to plan the event and order needed items but may not be able to stay for entire event or help with clean up. They will need many volunteers for setup and clean up. They could also use help from someone who is good at getting donations. Donations will also be accepted for the gift baskets that are raffled at this event. A room or gift card to an indoor water park is usually part of the basket raffle. The committee will decide on the indoor waterpark and whether to give a gift card or room. They may change the magic show this year so send any ideas to Sarah Krause. Forms will go out after Trunk or Treat – most likely the first or second week of November.

Pixie Shop: Chaired by Becky Bryda. Mrs. Cerny wants Pixie Shop to take place the first week of December. Therefore, the dates for Pixie Shop will be December 5th and 6th. Set up will take place on Sunday, December 3rd. Becky emailed the volunteers. She is in good shape with shopping for items to stock the Pixie Shop. She wants to get flyers approved and in the take home folders sooner since Pixie Shop is earlier this year.

Triathlon Fundraiser: Chaired by Brenna Mazanek. She is meeting with Mrs. Cerny and the teachers next week to get ideas and support for the fundraiser. Brenna and Jill are still working out the details but the fundraiser will likely contain an assembly, spelling bee, and obstacle course. There may be a t-shirt design contest for students as a component of the fundraiser. Volunteers can still sign up for this committee.

Fish Fry: The first meeting will be on Wednesday, November 8th in the church basement and a flyer will be sent home in the Thursday folders. There is nothing set in stone yet and they need to determine how to set it up this year. In past years, the dining room has been loud and chaotic. One possible change to fix that issue is having a sit down dinner with student volunteers acting as servers.

Mrs. Langley: Mrs. Langley is getting married in November. A motion was made by Jill McAuley to give her a \$50 gift card to Bed, Bath, & Beyond. Leeann Hochevar seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Trivia Knight: Chaired by Lisa Beilstein. Lisa checked into an alcohol license. She also received recommendations for trivia companies and will check them out. Lisa requested the amount spent in the last three years for this event so she knows a budget. PTU did not do a Trivia Knight last year. Therefore, Marge Toth provided Lisa with the information from the Trivia Knight in January 2016. The amount spent on that Trivia Knight was \$2067 and it brought in \$4912.

Family Movie Night: There is a PTU family movie night scheduled for January 19, 2018 on the school calendar. The members present were asked if we want to do this event. One idea presented was a drive in movie night. Sarah Krause said this was done in the past and it was successful the first time. However, the second time the drive in was tried the weather was rainy and it ruined the event. One difficulty is finding a movie that is appropriate and approved by all. Another idea was to make this a parent's night out event. It was decided that we will not have the event this year. The date is close to the Triathlon Fundraiser and Fish Fries which will be time consuming and utilize many PTU volunteers.

School Supply Kits: The members present were asked if anyone was interested in heading a school supply kit committee. There was no volunteer at the time of the meeting. However, if someone is interested they were directed to contact PTU. Corrie Cervenka was mentioned as someone who may be interested in heading the committee. If we do this program, it will most likely be optional for the parents to buy the school supply kits. This would allow parents to shop for their own supplies if they prefer. Mrs. Zanath said this may be a good idea for the younger students but probably not the older students since they like to pick their own supplies. A suggestion was made to find out who buys the supply kits for Kindergarten and First Grade. Becky Bryda will send out a survey to see if there is interest in the school supply kits.

Open Floor Questions: Will PTU have a uniform resale in the Winter? PTU will have a resale in February. Can families that are not going to St. Columbkille use the Kalahari discount? Yes other families can use the discount and they just need to provide the discount code (which was on the flyer). However, there is a limit on the number of discounts. Does PTU pay for Spanish and will there be Spanish provided in future school years? PTU is paying for half the cost of the Spanish teacher this school year. After this school year, PTU will not have to pay any of the cost for the Spanish teacher. In regards to whether Spanish will be provided in the future, PTU does not set curriculum for the school.

Columbkille Cares: Proposed by Kerri Mazzone. Kerri asked if we could have a new committee that would help St. Columbkille families in need of help or going through a hard time. Kerri said she will head the committee. All of the members in attendance liked this idea. A sign up sheet will be created for this committee and anyone interested can sign up next meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:03pm.

Submitted by:

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Recording Secretary