

St. Columbkille PTU Meeting

September 12, 2017

Opening: Brenna Mazanek began the meeting at 7:05pm with a prayer. This meeting was held in the Parish Center. There were 28 members present.

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

Treasurer's Report: There is \$12,451.82 in checking. The teacher stipends for the clubs (\$2,200) and buses for fieldtrips (\$2,292.50) were paid for the 2016-2017 school year. Additional recent payments include website (\$600), school broadcast system (\$755.29) and a contribution for the gym remodel (\$2,000). We received two rebates - \$1,652 from Giant Eagle (Apples to Apples) and \$110 from Kalahari (June Discount Day). A forthcoming financial commitment is \$1,100 for a science assembly for the students.

Correspondence: Thank you notes from Miss Farah, Mrs. Rosa, and Mrs. Roth.

PTU Membership: So far the membership drive has been successful. Parents were able to sign up at the summer resale and on the night of Meet & Greet. A membership form will also be sent in the Thursday folder this week. In order to receive a dress down pass, the form and payment must be turned in by Friday, September 29th.

Treasurer: Marge Toth offered to stay Treasurer last school year to assist the new PTU board which was greatly appreciated. Marge requested a new treasurer for this school year so she could train and assist the new person. Chris Niesig volunteered to become Treasurer. A motion was made by Jill McAuley to make Chris Niesig the new Treasurer. Becky Bryda seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Meeting with Mrs. Cerny: The VIP program was approved. If you are chairing an event, let PTU know who was helping plan the event so they get points. If you are volunteering at an event, look for the sign up sheet. Brenna Mazanek and Jill McAuley will tally points at the end of each month, and any rewards earned will come home at the beginning of the next month. PTU will only pay for half the cost of the Spanish teacher this school year. After this school year, PTU will not have to provide any funds for the Spanish teacher. The school assembly was approved. In November, the students will see an assembly called Getting Excited About Science.

Summer Resale: Chaired by Stefanie Avery. It was a success and profited \$296.03. Because of the gym renovation, the resale was held in the parish center which worked well. Starting the PTU membership drive at the resale was effective. One possible change is to have a bake sale instead of selling donuts. There was a discussion about whether Padua gear should be sold at our resale but no decision was reached.

Goodies with Grandparents: Chaired by Stacey Brubeck. This event was successful and well attended. The cost was under \$500. There were about 300 attendees on the first day and 140 attendees on the second day. Possible changes include splitting the alphabet differently (since there were so many on the first day), changing the time of day (afternoon instead of morning, or one morning & one afternoon), and having the event later in September so there is more time to plan. In the future, reach out to Mrs. Stevens about the Before Care program since they use the kitchen for breakfast.

Back to School/Ice Cream Social: Chaired by Yvonne Chmielewski. The ice cream social was successful and was attended by 112 people. This event provided a good chance for people to meet each other, especially those that were new to the school. One change is to make sure that there is a garbage can available outside. This committee also provided glow sticks to all of the students and purchased signs to welcome the students back to school. The signs can be reused at the beginning of each school year.

Replenishment of Teacher Supply Closet: Leeann Hochevar kindly agreed to continue this task. She purchased staples, paper clips, binder clips, tape, notepads, markers, highlighters, pens, sticky tack, and dry erase markers. She spent about \$480.00.

Box Tops: Chaired by Leeann Hochevar. The box tops dates were already sent in the take home folders. To get a dress down pass, each family needs to turn in 50 box tops by the due date. The dress down day will be the last Friday of the month. There is a new app for box tops. If you use the app, you need to turn in proof to receive the dress down pass.

General Resale: This event will be co-chaired by Jill McAuley and Becky Bryda. The resale will be on Saturday, September 30th with drop off on Friday, September 29th. They have already sold 17 tables and are aiming to sell 40 tables. Volunteers are needed for this event and there is a sign up genius on the PTU link of the school website. Becky Bryda will also put the sign up genius on the Facebook page for PTU. They will also have a bake sale and need bakery donations. If you donate bakery, you will get points for the VIP program.

Little Caesars Fundraising: Chaired by Becky Bryda. This fundraiser will be done in the Fall and the date was approved by Mrs. Cerny. PTU makes \$6 per pizza sold. The information will go out in October and the orders will be delivered on November 8th. Jill McAuley will contact the Seven Hills food pantry. If the pantry is contacted soon enough, they may advertise the pizza fundraiser to the Seven Hills community.

Fall Junior High Dance: Chaired by Mrs. Bura. However, Mrs. Bura is open to someone from PTU chairing this event if they would like to. The dance will be on Friday, October 13th.

Trunk or Treat: Chaired by Yvonne Chmielewski. This event will take place on Friday, October 27th. The DJ and photo booth have been booked. One possible change that is being considered is making the event 2 hours in length instead of 3 hours. More information will be available after the committee meets.

Triathlon Fundraiser: This event was proposed by Brenna Mazanek. Brenna and Jill McAuley presented this idea to Mrs. Cerny and she is on board. The specifics still need to be decided. A spelling bee component may be added to this event. Brenna plans to meet with the teachers to discuss this fundraiser and the spelling bee. Volunteers are needed for this committee and there is a sign up sheet for anyone interested.

Kalahari: Chaired by Michelle Finkle. The date is Sunday, November 19th. The rate will be \$119 and PTU receives a portion of the proceeds. Information is posted on the PTU website.

Breakfast with Santa: Chaired by Sarah Krause. A volunteer is desired to co-chair with Sarah. This event will be on Saturday, December 2nd.

Fish Fry: This is the largest fundraiser for PTU. There will be a meeting in October for anyone interested in volunteering.

Trivia Knight: Chaired by Lisa Beilstein. This event will take place on Saturday, April 21st. Currently, the wrong date is posted on the school website and the printed calendar from the Marketing Committee. PTU changed the date to accommodate a request from the preschool Sunday school. There are currently 5 committee members but more volunteers are needed.

Misc. PTU Events: The printed calendar from the Marketing committee listed a Family Movie Night in January. At this time, PTU was not planning on having the event. If PTU has an event that day, it may be something different than a movie night. PTU will make a final decision about that date later in the year. Mrs. Cerny suggested an event called Lunch With a Loved One to take place in the Spring. The members in attendance liked the idea but no firm plans have been made yet.

School Supply Kits: Maryann Ziledski asked if we could do school supply kits at St. Columbkille and other parents were interested as well. There are schools that do the school supply kits already. It would save parents money and the time it takes to shop. One potential negative is if the school supply kits do not arrive on time (which happened to a school this year). If there is interest in exploring this idea, a new PTU committee for supply kits will be needed. Mrs. Cerny's approval would also be needed for this initiative.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:02pm.

Submitted by:

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