

St. Columbkille PTU Meeting

November 14, 2017

Opening: Brenna Mazanek began the meeting at 7:04pm with a prayer. This meeting was held in the Parish Center. There were 23 members present.

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

Treasurer's Report: Update given by Marge Toth. The total funds available are \$18,805.83. There is a forthcoming financial commitment of \$1,025.00 for the science assembly. The account at St. Columbkille Credit Union was closed. It had a balance of \$2,427.57 and the check will be sent to Mrs. Cerny. Marge has not received the check yet so she will check with Mrs. Cerny.

Correspondence: Becky Bryda will bring the correspondence to the next meeting.

Trunk or Treat: Update given by Yvonne Chmielewski. The event was successful and made a profit of over \$1,200.00. There were 77 cars that pre-purchased and a few more purchased at the event. There were over 330 people that attended. Any leftover food was donated to the kitchen. The revamped games were great and so was the DJ. Having everything in the gym seemed to work well. One potential problem was people coming but not decorating a car or handing out candy. Next year's Trunk or Treat committee may want to discuss that problem and determine if a solution is needed.

Fall Junior High Dance: Update given by Mrs. Bura. No dance was held due to the lack of numbers attending. The 8th graders do not seem interested in attending. May need to be creative and use other ideas like having the dance in the early afternoon. The dance may be rescheduled during the winter. May partner with other schools (like St. Charles) to have a combined dance.

Little Caesar Pizza Kits: Update given by Becky Bryda. The event was successful and made more than the last pizza kit sale. Little Caesar's was easy to work with and there was a good set of volunteers to help with distribution.

VIP and Milestone Rewards: Update given by Jill McAuley. The points were tallied up through October 31st. The Fish Fry meeting was not included because it happened in November. Points leaders are the following: Yvonne Chmielewski with 27 points, and Jenn Hesch & Leeann Hochevar tied with 19 points. Milestone rewards were distributed at this PTU meeting. If the parent was not in attendance, the reward will be sent home with students.

\$25 Spend for Turkey for Thanksgiving Lunch: Update given by Brenna Mazanek. PTU will be donating \$25 for a turkey for the school Thanksgiving lunch. Marge will get a check ready for this donation.

Science Assembly: Update given by Jill McAuley. The assembly will take place on Wednesday, November 15th. There will be two shows split by grades. It was found on Midwest School Shows and it is an interactive assembly. The balance due of \$1,025.00 will be paid tomorrow.

Breakfast with Santa: Chaired by Sarah Krause and Yvonne Chmielewski. The registration form went home in the folders already. Sarah is not sure how many tickets have been sold so far. The volunteer form also went home and they could use more volunteers. One problem is that Bob Evans will not

provide pancake batter any longer. The Bob Evan's batter was easy to use because it was already mixed and it tasted good. If anyone has a contact at Bob Evans, please get in touch with Sarah Krause. Otherwise, they will have to get batter from another source (possibly Cracker Barrel, IHop, GFS, or Sysco). Brenna will check with the Boy Scout leaders to find out what batter they use for their pancake breakfast.

Pixie Shop: Update given by Becky Bryda. The volunteer form went home already and she could use more volunteers. The class schedule also went home and she decided to block off a time for middle school. More volunteers could also be used to do shopping which occurs year round.

Water Bottles: Update given by Brenna Mazanek. Marketing is putting in new water fountains at the school. Brenna asked if it would be a good idea for PTU to buy each student a nice water bottle. Some PTU members in attendance said they just received an email that water bottles are no longer allowed. It was also pointed out that it may not be a good idea for all of the students to have the same water bottle because it may lead to confusion. It was determined that PTU will not buy water bottles.

Teachers' Favorite Things Lists: Update given by Jill McAuley. Lauren Fox had an idea to get a list of favorite things from each teacher and make them available to families. The purpose is to help families if they want to purchase a gift and need some ideas. A similar initiative was tried in the past but some teachers did not complete the list. The teachers in attendance were asked their opinion. Mrs. Zanath said she is uncomfortable filling out a list and is happy with any gift a family might choose. Lauren Fox will distribute a favorite things sheet for the teachers to complete. When she receives the sheets back, they will be compiled into a PDF document and posted on the PTU website.

Triathlon Fundraiser: Update given by Brenna Mazanek. The date of the fundraiser will be Friday, February 2nd. The Cleveland Cavs Scream Team will open the event. Duct tape will be part of this fundraiser. The committee will be meeting after today's PTU meeting.

Teacher Appreciation: Update given by Lisa Beilstein. May try to do something for the teachers in addition to the lunch. One idea is to have the children write thank you notes for the teachers. Lisa will check with Mrs. Cerny about that idea. The committee will meet after today's PTU meeting.

Fish Fry: Update given by Yvonne Chmielewski. The first meeting was on Wednesday, November 8th. There will be leads for each area – kitchen, bakery, soda, takeout, cleaning, etc. It was determined that take out will remain in the same location. They plan to purchase aprons for the volunteers. A flyer will be sent home after Pixie Shop is over.

Columbille Cares: Update given by Kerri Mazzone. She reached out to Mrs. Cerny for approval. A letter has been drafted to send out to the families. Criteria are needed to determine who qualifies, and how the committee will be made aware of a qualifying family.

December Meeting: There will be no general PTU meeting in December. However, the committees may meet if they want or need to.

Open Floor Questions/Ideas: Melissa Curtain proposed an idea for parent buddies for new families. These buddies can help answer any questions for incoming Preschool, Kindergarten, or new to St. Columbille families. PTU could ask for volunteers to be a parent buddy and then they can be assigned to a family or multiple families. Leann Hochevar suggested putting together a FAQ sheet together.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7:49pm.

Submitted by:

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Recording Secretary