

St. Columbkille PTU Meeting

January 9, 2018

Opening: Brenna Mazanek began the meeting at 7:00pm with a prayer. This meeting was held in the Parish Center. There were 23 members present.

Gift Card Program: Update given by Father Suso. After this school year is over, the gift card program will need to run differently to comply with IRS laws. Per the IRS - Gift card purchases cannot be required for reduced tuition costs, and it must be a volunteer run program. Starting next school year, there will no longer be a provision in the tuition policy requiring the purchase of gift cards. The gift card program currently is primarily run out of the rectory but would need to change over to volunteers. Father Suso would like to keep the gift card program but just run it properly. Therefore, he would like ideas and input on how to restructure the gift card program. It was suggested to have a separate meeting about gift cards and have someone speak who has a good working knowledge of the current program. Father Suso mentioned the possibility of having someone speak from another parish about how they run their program (possibly St. Alberts).

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

Treasurer's Report: Update given by Marge Toth. The total funds available are \$18,408.33. The Pixie Shop made a profit of \$441.03. The Breakfast with Santa made a profit of \$1,508.71. Marge received the check for the closed account at the St. Columbkille Credit Union. Unfortunately the check bounced because it was stale dated. Marge will contact the credit union for a new check. PTU has one outstanding check for Noreen Sussman that has not been cashed. If anyone knows Noreen, please give her contact information to Marge so she can inquire about the check.

Correspondence: Update given by Becky Bryda. There was a poster from the 3rd Grade thanking PTU for the Science Assembly.

Science Assembly: Update given by Jill McAuley. The assembly was given in 2 sessions and it was fun for the students. This is something PTU enjoyed being able to provide to the students.

Breakfast with Santa: Update given by Sarah Krause. The event was good and the volunteers were great. The pancakes were from IHOP and they worked well. The one issue was that Santa arrived late. Nancy Messick asked if we could buy new costumes for the event. There were also suggestions that PTU may want to rent costumes, give the option to sponsor costumes, or request costumes for donation.

Pixie Shop: Update given by Becky Bryda. They sold 2,800 items at this Pixie Shop. The time blocked off for middle school worked well and they should do it again. There are already 1,500 items purchased for the next Pixie Shop.

VIP and Milestone Rewards: Update given by Jill McAuley. December rewards were distributed before break and included Pixie Shop & Breakfast with Santa. Points leaders are the following: Yvonne Chmielewski with 46 points, Debbie Weber with 33 points, Jenn Hesch with 30 points, and Carla Florio with 29 points.

\$50 Gift Card for Mrs. Schiavoni: Mrs. Schiavoni is having a baby. Jill McAuley suggested purchasing a \$50 gift card for Mrs. Schiavoni from PTU. A motion was made by Jenn Hesch to purchase a \$50 gift card. Debbie Webber seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Triathlon Fundraiser: Update given by Brenna Mazanek. The date of the fundraiser will be Friday, February 2nd. It will be an all day event that begins with mass. After mass, the Cleveland Cavs Scream Team will open the event. The students will then be broken into 3 groups by grade (Pre-K – 2nd, 3rd – 5th, 6th – 8th) to do different stations. The stations will be tied to Think (spelling bee), Move (activity stations), & Pray (prayer & reflection). The winners for the t-shirt contest were announced and the forms for purchasing them are due on Tuesday, January 16th. T-shirts will come home before the Triathlon so they can be worn at the event. The form for pledges is due on Friday, January 26th. All students participate in the Triathlon regardless of whether a t-shirt was purchased or a pledge was made.

Open House: Update given by Brenna Mazanek. The date will be Sunday, February 4th. PTU will have a table at this event. PTU was also asked to handle the refreshments for this event. There are forms at today's meeting for students to volunteer at this event.

Uniform Resale: Update given by Brenna Mazanek. This event is chaired by Stefanie Avery. The event will most likely take place on Saturday, February 10th.

Fish Fry: Update given by Brenna Mazanek. This event is chaired by Yvonne Chmielewski. Yvonne would like to purchase aprons and a new fryer for this year's fish fry. The PTU members would like more information (especially prices) about these items.

Teacher Appreciation: Update given by Brenna Mazanek. Chaired by Lisa Beilstein. They are going to have an entire week of appreciation instead of just one day. The dates will be May 7th – 11th. The tentative schedule is as follows: Money Monday (teachers and aids receive a monetary gift), Taco Tuesday (taco bar), Wednesday Wishes (students share appreciation), Thursday Treat (chair massages), and Friday Floats (Swensons & root beer floats).

Trivia Knight: Update given by Brenna Mazanek. Chaired by Lisa Beilstein. Event has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 14th due to Father Suso's installation. Committee has not been able to meet in full due to busy schedules. A donation letter is being drafted to solicit raffle prizes and will be ready by end of this week. Quotes are being obtained for a trivia provider and caterer. Food being considered is typical bar food. Also, checking on prices with Event Source regarding furnishings to lessen the work of setup/tear down. Exploring ideas to enhance this event such as wine tasting, dancing, or karaoke. In addition to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes, they may add a fun prize for the last place team. Idea to have PTU put together a Booze/Coping Wagon for \$5 per ticket as a contribution to Chinese raffle items.

Junior High Dance: Update given by Mrs. Bura. The dance was not held earlier in the school year due to low attendance numbers. Mrs. Bura will check into available dates and will probably schedule the dance in February. Marge Toth motioned to reimburse Mrs. Bura \$25 for refreshments for last school year's dance (the receipt is missing). Leeann Hochevar seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

PTU Board Positions: Update given by Brenna Mazanek. All board positions are open for people interested or nominees. At the next PTU meeting, we will attempt to fill each position. The current

board will remain until the end of the school year to train and assist the new board. Lauren Fox is interested in the Treasurer position.

School Supply Kits: Update given by Brenna Mazanek. Mrs. Cerny said this should be a school driven initiative.

Columbkill Cares & Parent Buddy Programs: Update given by Brenna Mazanek. Because the end of the year is so busy, Mrs. Cerny asked to discuss these programs at the beginning of the new year.

Open Floor Questions/Ideas: Mrs. Bura discussed the difficulty getting volunteers to sell gift cards after mass. When the gift card program is restructured, they need to figure out where to sell the gift cards. Members were wondering how much money the program actually makes for the school.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:05pm.

Submitted by:

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