

Catholic Parent Teacher Organization (CPTO) Meeting Notes:

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Out of uniform pass for Thursday, January 25, 2018 for students who have parent/caregiver in attendance this evening.

Committee Review:

Social Committee: 5th-8th graders "Get Air" event went very well with 30 students in attendance. Minimal volunteers needed, agreement to continue this event for next year. Junior Trivia scheduled for February 3 (evening) with pizza and ice cream. CPTO voted and approved \$350 for cost of food/supplies. Adult Trivia is now considered a "social event" rather than fundraiser. Still considering an upcoming date and venue. Shamrock Shuffle is also considered a social event with date undetermined and several volunteers are needed. February 24 (time to be determined) hosting a preschool-4th grade event at College Square Cinema to watch "Peter Rabbit." CPTO agreed and voted to approve funding for students whom are in attendance. Parents/caregivers will be encouraged to attend with their 2nd grade and younger children. But, families are welcome!

Fundraising Committee: "The Main Event: Charging Forward" Sarah provided update. RSVP's are coming in with numbers at 192 currently. Price increase for reservations will start after Catholic Schools week so this has been extended from original listed date. 40 tickets left to purchase. Annual appeal = \$37,370 and Sarah is hopeful this will increase and has expectations for funds raised night of the event d/t great auction items. She has been busy organizing various student art projects for silent auctioning. She is needing a 2 minute video presentation about St. Patrick School if a volunteer is interested in putting this together for the evening. ***Fundraising chair is also open for next school term, please see Sarah if you have interest or questions pertaining to her role.

St. Nick's event was well received by parents/students. Teacher input suggested perhaps not during school hours as it served as a distraction and was disruptive to parts of the day. Additionally, some students didn't have funds to participate.

Marketing Committee: K-8 Open House scheduled for February 8 and February 22 Kindergarten meeting. Discussion regarding St. Patrick School's continued participation in Waterloo Bucks game during the summer. Consensus was to continue this, and a weeknight game seems preferable. St. Patrick's School had a readiness check for Leader in Me program done by authorized coaches. Their input was "we are ready!"

Volunteer Committee: Art Show approaching on April 17, and volunteers needed. Suzie has names of volunteers. The volunteer coordinator role will be open next school year. Some discussion how this role could be further minimized and/or combined with secretarial roles.

Bev Mach: no updates.

Financials reviewed: \$17,000 balance. Strong discussion regarding potential areas to focus spending. Emphasis was on teacher education.

Teachers present: Mrs. Sink and Mrs. Luders. Continued emphasis on teacher needs, and they were encouraged to utilize the teacher grant program.

Teacher request by Mrs. Dean for Starfall education resource \$70, CPTO voted and approved.

Old Business: Giving/Wish Tree and Christmas Book projects went well. Some discussion how the Giving/Wish Tree could be better utilized systematically for next year to ensure all teachers' wishes are granted equally.

Next CPTO Meeting: February 8