

St. Patrick Catholic School

Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Agenda (with notes)

Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM

- Opening prayer
- Introductions
 - See separate spreadsheet for the sign in sheet
 - Attendees asked to share what they liked about St. Pat's
 - Small class size
 - Sense of family
 - Social skills & manners
 - Quality of the education
 - Everyone knows you
 - Calm and focused atmosphere
 - Wednesday mass
 - Friendships made amongst the students and parents
- Out of uniform passes
 - Unfortunately we did not have enough to go around
 - Chell will follow up with an email to those who attended
 - More will be made for future meetings
- Goals for 2018-2019
 - Increase fundraising
 - Expand community engagement
 - Improve curriculum
 - Teacher support
- Budget review
 - Reviewed 2017-2018 annual report (there were no questions)
 - New reimbursement form
 - Some feedback & minor changes suggested
 - Chell or Zak will need to review and approve all requests
 - Paper or electronic submissions of the form and receipts are acceptable
 - Please complete and submit all requests in a timely manner
 - It is the responsibility of the president to track the CPTO finances. This year Greg Greazel has agreed to assist the president.
 - Track expenses month to month and year to year
- Committee updates
 - Social Committee
 - Welcome signs and bags (Chell)

- Chell encouraged everyone to sign up. It was a lot of fun!
 - The Kindergarten picnic in the gym had a good turnout and positive feedback
 - Orientation night
 - Everyone thought it was well organized
 - It was good to have it in the gym
 - BooHoo WooHoo breakfast (Abby/Chell)
 - 5 dozen cinnamon rolls made
 - 1.5 dozen left over
 - Good turnout (~30)
 - Abby would like to hand this off to someone else
 - Upcoming events
 - Halloween party October 28th, 3:00-4:30 in the gym
 - Preschool – 4th grade can attend
 - 5th – 8th grade volunteer to help
 - Parents of preschool students must stay
 - K-4 parents can drop their kids off
 - A list of volunteers will be sent to the coordinator
 - A Girl Scout troop is being formed (Keaghan B. and Ginger)
 - “Daisies” troop 2644
 - Will meet the first Friday of every month
 - \$25 registration + \$15 local dues + \$30 for uniform
 - Looking for parents to help. Sign up through the scouts website - GirlScoutsToday.org
- Marketing Committee (Laura Dobson)
- Leader in Me / Lighthouse School
 - Setting goals (X to Y by when)
 - We are proud of our Lighthouse School status and want to keep it up
 - Job applications are going out to the students. Encourage your student to apply.
- Volunteer Committee (vacant, Tim Wilson covering for now)
 - Fall Festival is October 7th, please volunteer!
 - Costume sale is run by the CPTO and the proceeds are given to the church
 - The church heavily subsidizes the school. They deserve our donations for everything they do.
 - Auction item baskets rely on donations from the parents. Send items to school with your child.
- Fundraising
 - Update on the Main Event (Lisa Strei)

- This is THE fundraiser for the school year. PLEASE COME!
 - Will be at the UNI ballroom on February 16, 2019
 - \$75,000 fundraising goal
 - Funds go to the booster club, CPTO, and school board
 - Laura Schaefer has been soliciting donations from local businesses
 - Anyone is welcome to ask their friends/colleagues for donations
 - Looking for ideas for auction items
 - Need help hand writing the invitations and thank you notes
 - It makes a big difference. People notice that.
 - For John Deere employees
 - Extra matching of employee donations by Deere the Monday after Thanksgiving
 - Review of how SCRIP works for the new parents
- Report from the principal (Lynette Hackett)
 - Clover Patch playground improvements are almost complete
 - Teacher requests (\$3000 budgeted for the year)
 - \$1180.77 was approved to send Sheena Bahr and Sandra Steinfadt to the ITEC (Iowa Teachers and Education Connection) Conference October 15th and 16th.
 - “Battle of the Books” reading contest
 - \$214 for books (approved)
 - Discussion regarding how to use the school’s technology to its full potential
- Renaming CPTO
 - Drop the “C” and make it “St. Patrick PTO”
 - Do not change it to PTA (legal/tax reasons)
 - Bring ideas to the next meeting
- 2018-2019 Meeting Schedule
 - September 13
 - October 11
 - November 8
 - January 10
 - February 12
 - April 4
 - May 9