

PTO Minutes
January 6, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Katie Perry. There were 16 teachers and parents in attendance

1. Secretaries Report: Reviewed, Brenda Davis motioned to approve, Karla Kleve 2nd. (approved)
2. Treasurers Report: Balance in checking is \$10,080.08, savings \$5001.75 for total of \$15,081.83. Discussion held regarding raffle, some questions on whether this is still a profitable thing for us. Have some questions for Catholic Order of Foresters. Will look into having someone speak at a meeting to answer questions. Brenda motions to approve, Jolene Jensen 2nd. (approved)
3. Principal's Report:
 - Honesty is the January Gospel value
 - PreK Registration is January 11 6:30-8pm
 - Great response to advertising so far
 - 4yr old in lunchroom
 - 3yr old in preschool room
 - Daycare will also be there to answer questions
 - January 18 - Professional Development on Coding - help teachers understand how it works and how it can be used in curriculum
 - January 15 - end of Semester. Report cards to go out January 21
 - Catholic Schools Week - January 31-February 6
 - Children's Mass on January 31
 - Pancake Breakfast January 31
 - Honors Breakfast February 8 - Grades 6-8 from 8:30-9
 - Netbooks did not work - Batteries were dead. New batteries were purchased and now working GREAT!
 - Possible uses for \$5000 Catholic Foresters/Raffle funds
 - Smartboard for Mrs. Hare
 - Robots for coding
 - 3D printer
 - New computer monitors for PC lab
4. Marketing Report - none
5. **Old Business**
 - Bazaar - Profit of almost \$8000. Anee Freidoff (chair) wanted to thank the SJS Family for their support and patronage at the bazaar. Good turnout despite poor weather (snowstorm). Typical profit from years past. Also made \$93 from selling bazaar items at Christmas concert.
 - Suggestions for next year
 - Get rid of old items (several years)
 - 2 crafts per family instead of 2 per child
 - suggestions for extended family help
 - Booth for kid ornaments instead of setting out (monitored)
 - Text pushes (like OneCall) for information

- Driveway - Discussion of what PTO should contribute. Father asked school for \$12,000, but PTO would like to contribute ½ of that. Brenda motions to give \$6000. Lisa 2nd. (approved)

6. New Business

- Catholic Schools Week - January 31 - February 6
 - Jan 31 - Student led Mass and 7/8 Breakfast
 - Haiti Raffle - Student participate in a raffle - 4 tickets/\$1 - of donated items small and large. All proceeds benefit St. Anne's, our sister parish in Haiti
 - Parents and parishioners are encouraged to donate prizes, Jolene motions to donate \$100 scrip, Shelly Reed 2nd (approved).
 - Sheila Kruger and Stephanie Berns have volunteered to donate a staff breakfast on Jan 31 at 7:45 to show appreciation
- Spring Fling
 - Donations committee has started to collect prizes and donations.
 - Contact Katie Perry, Cassie Schmitt, or Maggie McGarvey if you can help out or have ideas for donations/sources
- Gift for Staff Member family passing - Brenda motions PTO will give \$25 scrip for the passing of parents, in-laws, siblings, or children. Scrip will be given as an option to memorialize the individual through classroom tools, books, etc. Jenna 2nd (approved).
- Dollars for Scholars - changes made this year. We lose option to choose. In order for the organization to keep non-profit status they must make all choices. The committee must still follow all of our qualifications in selection. A better, fairer system for us given our low population. Shelly motions to continue with Dollars for Scholars program and allow them to select a winning recipient for the scholarship. Karla 2nd (approved).

7. Jim thanked all of those who helped with the archery tournaments. Both have been a huge success, thanks to the volunteers who participated!

Patti Kuennen motions to adjourn, Brenda Davis 2nd (approved)