

PTO Minutes

September 23, 2020

Attendees:

- Amy Lantz
- Nancy Schrand-Ditrick
- Rebecca Gearing
- Erin Redleski
- Angie Lander
- Laura Mauller
- Jenn Fariello
- Stephanie Lonnemann
- Kristin Cartwright
- Emily Minardi
- Melissa Quant
- Stacey Moorehead

Opening Prayer

Principal's Report

- Continue to struggle with fund raising ideas during Covid. Objective is to get the community to stay involved and fellowship within the Parish.
 - Looking for new and creative ideas to involve the community

Committee Reports:

- Room Parents (Carlene Brungs)
 - We are still in need of room parents or homeroom helpers for the following grades:
 - K, 1st, 2nd, and 7th
- Christmas Market (Stacey Moorehead)
 - With Covid, we cannot have school volunteers coming in and out of school as we have had in year's past.
 - After discussing a number of options, it was decided to use the items that Katie McGonigal has purchased throughout the year. In other words, we will not be utilizing the vendor we have had in the past
 - We would like to use Give Smart to set up the shop (see below action item in New Items)
 - It was also discussed to create "bundles" of the items in attempt to alleviate the amount of effort required to get the purchased items to the students via Kidmail

- Eat Out Nights (Stacey Moorehead)
 - Several St Agnes eat out nights have been scheduled
 - Skyline will continue on the first Monday of every month (however, we are limited to 10% of the profits versus prior year's of 20%). First night is scheduled for October 5th, 2020
 - Stacey has been working with a number of restaurants to have for a second eat out night during the month
 - Buffalo Wings and Rings is scheduled for Thursday October 1st with 20% of the proceeds. (Any other eat out nights scheduled there will provide 15% of the proceeds).
 - Chick-Fil-A is tentatively scheduled for Thursday October 22nd with 15% proceeds (drive-thru only)
 - Guthrie's is tentatively scheduled for December with 20% of the proceeds
 - City Barbeque is tentatively scheduled in March and it is an all-day offer, however, need \$500 minimum in purchases. When date is set, we must ensure we effectively communicate this offer early and often; even within the parish
 - Raising Cane is tentative scheduled in May with 15% of proceed
 - **Action Items:**
 - **Rebecca** to forward Stacey the information from Chipotle to Stacey to schedule a date and location. This year they allow online orders to help with crowding
 - **Erin** to ask Father if we can begin to include eat out nights in the weekly parish bulletin to encourage other parishioners to participate
 - **Stacey** to reach out to Taste of Belgium, Sub Station II, Papa Johns, LaRosas, Snappys, Jet's, and Dewey's for possible contributions
 - A dessert option was also suggested. Maybe Cold Stone Creamery and/or Graeters?
- Labels for Education (Rachel Heberling)
 - It is important to ensure that Kroger and Remke cards are assigned to St Agnes in order to obtain a percentage of user's payments at these locations
- Spirit Wear (Stephanie Lonnemann)
 - Due to Covid, the Dioceses is not participating in recreational sports to date. However, numerous children are participating in other leagues but cannot wear anything with "St Agnes" on their sportswear.
 - As an alternative, Stephanie is working with our Spirit Wear vendor to create new items that may contain a paw print or just the name

“Wildcats”. This will adhere to the Dioceses’ instruction as well as allow the children to wear these items going forward when and if the Dioceses allow sport to continue

- An additional Spirit Wear sale will be added during the year (i.e., 3 sales vs 2) so parents can have the opportunity to purchase these new items
- **Action Item:**
 - **Stephanie to send Erin sweat pant options to wear on Spirit Wear days throughout the year. Erin will need to approve.**
- **BBB (Jennifer Fariello)**
 - How BBB will “look” this year is still uncertain. Unsure if it will be virtual again or somehow in person
 - Jennifer is currently confirming who will be back this year so she has time to fill empty positions
 - As of right now, it is known that we need to find replacements to head the silent auction. This is one of the biggest fundraising committees and requires extreme dedication; however, prior year committee heads are available to help and assist the new committee heads
 - The BBB Committee is looking for any and all volunteers in any capacity
 - **Action Item:**
 - **Jennifer to send Erin the large ticket items (i.e., most profitable) from last year**
- **Treasurer Report (Nancy Ditrack)**
 - PTO has a lot of unknowns in the budget due to Covid and the restrictions on fundraising.
 - Numerous items have been promised funding for the 2020-2021 school year by the PTO, however, we need to continue to keep at least \$50K in our reserves to ensure we can continue to help with the school’s operating budget for the 2021-2022 school year
- **POP Parties (Heather Teller & Jessica Nienaber)**
 - Currently not happening due to Covid
 - Will re-address in the future if something is to change
- **Product Survey**
 - Currently not happening due to Covid
 - Nothing to report; maybe readdress for next year

New Business

- **Poinsettia Sale – Nancy and Amy**
 - This is a new fundraising option for this year where we can sell Holiday-related plants (poinsettias, wreaths, etc.) as well as possibly hold a Spring flower sale (depending on how Holiday sales succeed)

- Numerous vendors were contacted and it seems we will be going with the Blue Ribbon Nursery and Landscaping company
 - They will offer us 50% of the profits
 - Numerous sizes and colors to choose from so as to meet any and all of the purchaser's needs
- **Action Items:**
 - It was decided to hold the sale prior to Thanksgiving
 - **Amy to call Blue Ribbon to determine dates to meet this deadline**
 - **Update – All products are to be delivered to Amy's house on 11/24.**
 - We want to use Give Smart to coordinate the selling of the items.
 - **Amy and Jennifer to speak with Ginny France and ask for help to set up the shop to purchase the items. (Note – They will also speak to Ginny about helping set up the Christmas Market sale as well)**
 - **Update – Give Smart is a-go for the sale and a sheet for the products should be headed out sometime next week.**
 - We determined that we will charge a \$5 delivery fee
 - Volunteers will be needed to coordinate and deliver items to families upon arrival
 - **Erin to ask Father if we can use this fundraiser to decorate the Church during the holidays**

Other Fundraising Options

- Cyclones Game family night (Amy Lantz)
 - The Cincinnati Cyclones would sell us tickets for \$12/each and we can charge up to \$20 and keep the proceeds.
 - Amy is thinking charging closer to \$15 per ticket
 - Possible date in March or April of 2021
 - Other incentives to purchase tickets include kids being allowed to get on the ice, show kids pictures on the jumbo tron, etc.
- Shopping Night Out
 - **Action Item:**
 - **Emily to contact potential businesses, such as Bunches of Bows and/or Leeta Ruth Boutique, for possible shopping nights where a percentage of the profits would go to the school**
 - **Update – Emily is posting an event which will be posted in tomorrow's newsletter (9/30/20)**

Volunteers Needed

- Room Mom's and Homeroom Helpers (see above)

- BBB Volunteers (see above)
- PTO
 - Nancy is retiring from her board position as PTO Treasurer at the end of the 2020-2021 school year
 - Amy would like to fulfill this role, however, we are in need of finding a Vice President ASAP so he or she can become President for the 2021-2022 school year

Communication

- Please contact Amy Lantz about any information herein or any questions/ideas you may have!
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Next meeting November 18th at 7:00pm (tentative – will be announced closer to date)