

## St. Jude PTO Meeting

April 22, 2016

Noon, St. Theresa's Room

In attendance: Cynthia Cross, Danelle Urban, Lisa Russell, Jamie Rodriguez, Joan Sisler, Angela Riggs, Karen Dao, J.J. Sorochty, Molly Fox, Brian Maschino.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Cynthia Cross. Opening prayer was offered by Danelle Urban, principal.

### Security System Update

It was reported that the system has been installed and that we are only awaiting the fire marshall to come inspect the system before it will be fully up and running.

### Financial Update

Treasurer Lisa Russell brought members up to date on account balances. It was noted that in the past month, PTO has paid for a bus for the 8th grade field trip to Oklahoma City, for the 8th grade purity retreat, and for the 2nd grade's Seder meal. Lisa noted that the teachers have done a great job this year of requesting funds to be used for classroom improvements. Other recent payments made by PTO include assistance with the 3rd-5th grade field trips to Tanganyika Wildlife Park, payment for the 1st half of the security system, locks on 7 doors and new glass on an outside door. Mrs. Urban announced that the school will not need to pay for the Study Island subscription next year.

### Event Dates Scheduled

It was noted that dates for a few major events at the school have been scheduled. Feb 25, 2017 will be the date for the annual wine tasting fundraiser. Also, Fall Festival has been moved from its usual late-October date to Oct. 15.

### Committee Updates

#### Fundraising

Molly Fox reported that she is awaiting the final totals for money raised from the recent skating fundraiser at Carousel Skate Center, and thanked the many St. Jude families who came out to support

the event. It was suggested that the school schedule more skating fundraisers for next year. Molly also announced two upcoming "eat-out" fundraisers in the final weeks of the school year: one on April 27 at Buffalo Wild Wings (with 10% of sales going to St. Jude), and another at Granite City on May 13 (with 20% of sales forwarded to St. Jude). If anyone would like to assist Molly Fox with fundraising opportunities next year, please contact her or Mrs. Urban to indicate your interest.

### Teacher Appreciation Week

Karen Dao informed those present of activities scheduled for the week, slated for May 2-6. The Dr. Seuss theme is titled "Hats Off to Our Teachers," and will begin Monday by having St. Jude parents bring in breakfast for our teachers to enjoy before they hold parent-teacher conferences. On Tuesday students will return a "Hats Off" form that allows them to create a thank-you card for their teacher, and teachers will receive a special treat from PTO. On Wednesday students and families are asked to either buy a gift card for teachers to use to help with supplies in their rooms, or make a contribution toward PTO's purchase of a gift card. Teachers will enjoy a "Hop on Popcorn" popcorn bar in the teachers' lounge. On Thursday students are asked to offer up prayer and praises for our teachers and all the hard work they do. On Friday teachers will enjoy a lunch together provided by PTO, with St. Jude families providing coverage in their classroom to allow the teachers time for fellowship together.

### Field Day

The date for Field Day this year is Tuesday, May 24. It was announced that parent/guardian help will be needed before 9 a.m. to help set up the events. There will be eight activity stations, which the 8th grade students will man with adult help. Students may either buy one of the Field Day shirts or wear a different spirit shirt. 8th graders will have their own separate class shirt which commemorates their final year at St. Jude. Mrs. Urban will meet with STUCO representatives soon to decide on the lunch menu. It was announced that Joan Sisler and J.J. Sorochty will be in charge of the food arrangements.

### 2016-2017 PTO Leadership

Cynthia Cross announced that she will be moving to another parish soon, leaving her position as president open next year. The position will be discussed further at the May PTO meeting. Anyone interested in the position next year is encouraged to attend.

### School Supplies

Mrs. Urban announced that she was recently approached by a company which offers school supplies as a bundle for each grade level. She asked the group if those present thought parents would be interested in purchasing school supplies in this manner. Molly Fox volunteered to contact the company to see what kind of monetary return the school could expect for participating, and to see what level of time commitment would be required of PTO. She will report back on the matter at the May PTO meeting.

## 2015-2016 Goals/Needs List

Items remaining on the list include:

New lighting in four classrooms (grades 5, 6, 7 and 8) at an estimated cost of \$8,000.00

Four new Riccar commercial vacuums, at a cost of \$341.82 each

New/repair blinds in the classrooms, at an estimated cost of \$4,000.00

New AC in the gym, at estimated cost of \$20,000.00

It was recommended that the school begin to move forward on items 1 and 2 on the list with the funds we currently have available.

## Old Business

There was no old business brought forward for discussion.

## Announcements

It was announced that the next meeting will be held May 11, at 5:30 p.m.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. by Cynthia Cross.