



PTA Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, August 11th, 2015

Attendees: Tom Littlepage, Angie Reichtenbach, Becky Goudy, Becky Ogier, Jen Lederle, Mary Lisa Penilla, Emily Cullmann, Emily Schiltz, Julie Hesed, Mary Molitor, Meg Stoltar, Julie Sodey, Emily Edgell, Chelsea Dieters

Opening Prayer - created by the reflections from the June PTA meeting, assembled by Jen Lederle

Emily Straka will be unavailable for the first few meetings, Becky Goudy will be notetaking in her place.

President's Report - Emily Schiltz

- Call to recognize the importance that our positive (or negative) attitudes have on our community
- Parish working on new user friendly online payment system for all payments made to the parish - PTA to use same system over EZ roster because of its ease of use
 - PTA may be asked to help with rollout
 - PTA won't be accepting payments until January
 - Likely will start having families sign up for events before January to digitally track RSVPs
 - Thanks to committees for all their summer hard work - making a huge difference!
 - Outreach - PTA packet, fast direct tutorial
 - Welcoming/Mentoring committee
 - Plastic chairs will arrive soon
 - Teachers' fridge arriving this week
 - Upgrade for colored blacktop surface approved over the summer by PTA board- \$7005

Treasurers Report - Julie Sodey

- Balance on hand: still working on it (around \$25k - still need to pay for chairs, fridge, blacktop, etc)
- Completed projected budget
 - in coming years will operate much closer to 0 than have been in the past
 - call to think strategically about the coming year's goals and plan fundraisers accordingly; focus on higher revenue events/fundraisers
 - more transparency with events - what is the money going for?
 - goal for Sept 8 - board approve projected budget
- Review financial procedures - now documented because of audit
 - official ways to request funds/reimbursements, plan for handling cash
- Teacher Reimbursement Policy - Approved by board



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- PTA will provide all lead teachers (homeroom & specials) with a check for \$100, must turn in receipts or will get taxed at end of year
- Emily C to cover with teachers

Committee Reports

Welcome/Mentors - Angie

- 45 new families
- 2 playdates for preschool & kdg families in TGP (Aug)
- Needs help coordinating logistics for post first-day dropoff coffee event for Preschool & Kdg families - Becky O, Tom L, Meg S
- Needs contact info for many families

Outreach - Jen L

- Packets are done!
- Working on:
 - Fast direct orientation
 - people to welcome at back to school night
 - Branding - standardizing SMOS logo (lots out there) - coordinate with Chris Goudy - AA also doing this
 - Quarterly Bulletin Insert
 - Updating bulletin board
 - Lawn signs, welcome signs in school lobby
 - Facilitate teacher communication - needs

Facilities - John

- No report

Special Projects - Tom

- Packet day ice cream was success

New Business

Open Meetings - Emily Schiltz

- Some meetings will be open discussion, some will be closed working sessions
- Scheduling of open meetings: October (principal coffee talk), Feb, April

Monthly PTA Newsletter - Emily Schiltz

- Emailed out to parents monthly covering:
 - Upcoming events



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- Volunteer oppys

Special Projects

- Back to school BBQ
 - need activity ideas
 - working on flyer, volunteers
- Testing Week Pretzels - reminder to order/deliver

Pastoral Planning - Emily Schilz

- Parish would like to make teachers more visible to parishoners
- PTA to donate \$5/intention for each teacher held in intentions during sunday 10am mass
- Teachers invited/families in their class invited to mass

Fundraising - Elise via Emily

- Dining out night schedule for year

Misc

- Ask Tom L before you purchase anything - there is a ton of stuff in the PTA closet
- would be helpful to have checklist on PTA closet door so if you take/drop something you can mark the sheet
- Hooray to Tom for connecting PTA and local ice cream business
- people love grandparent tshirts - Becky O to coordinate tshirts with Ryan Kennedy (AA)
- PTA to buy base supplies to be used throughout the year for all: towels, forks, dawn, sponges
- Pizza Day supplies buy approved
- old PTA files have been found - lots of good info to go through!
- PTA to provide a professional development oppy for teachers on diversity - Stacey S coordinating

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 8th, 7:30pm @ School Cafeteria