

Parent Association- St. Matthew's

Meeting Date: 11-19-2018

Number of Parents Present: 19

Welcome and Opening Prayer: PA President, Shannon Wood welcomed parents to the PA meeting and the group read the Opening Prayer. Introductions were done as well.

Treasurer's Report: Marla Tursi, PA Treasurer distributed the budget in paper form on the back of the agenda. She high-lighted that the PA budget received the parent fees that amounted to \$2270. Some disbursements were made for Music Student of the Month and Red Ribbon Week. We are still waiting for the Grandparents Day bill. It was also discussed that PA paid for paint but had not received it yet.

New Business:

Gift for Mrs. Williams: We discussed an alternative gift for Mrs. Williams instead of flowers since that is something that she would not care for. After some discussion, we decided that getting her something off her wish list for equipment might be good. It was decided that getting her a \$50 gift card from West Music was best. It was moved, seconded, and all approved to spend up to \$75 for the \$50 gift card and an aloe plant (also her preference) for her gift.

Discussion:

Teacher Christmas Giving Tree: Shannon announced that we would be needing volunteers to help set up the tree.

More Fund-raisers: A couple more ideas were brought up to do additional fund-raising. AirFX was considered as well as the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. Also discussed was the book sale we have during the Sock Hop. St. Matt's receives both books and funds from this. More information will be forth-coming.

Catholic Schools Week: The d.j. is booked for the event; the group recalls previous feedback on this event to lower the sound.

Sock Hop: Parents were reminded that when we meet again in January to be ready to be recruited for volunteering for the Sock Hop. Socks will be donated again as part of "admission" to the event. Scott and Emily agreed to deliver the socks to the agencies in need of them.

Mardi Gras Update: There will be an informational meeting on Monday, November 26 @ 6 p.m. in Kearn Hall . Please attend to find out how to get involved. They are looking for sponsorships. Let Laura know if you have any ideas for this.

You can make bids online and on your phone for auction items. The committee is also piloting a process called "Matt's Many Hands" for volunteer sign-up for Mardi Gras. It was discussed that two other significant events (Pius Pride and Xavier Extravaganza, a show choir event) will be

held the same night as Mardi Gras. It was discussed that due to how these events are scheduled, it will happen infrequently but that this is the year it happened.

School Board Update: Amy T. provided an update; they are looking for keyboards so they can do the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. They are looking into whether to look into getting them from Apple or a conversion.

Junior Kindergarten: An exploratory committee is being set up to explore beginning a junior kindergarten. 9 people are interested in being on the committee.

Catholic Worker House: Catholic Worker House shelter is finishing up some renovations to start a family shelter. They will be needing donations of furniture and other furnishings to complete the project.

Interested in 'shadowing' the president? Shannon encouraged parents interested in finding out more about her PA position to shadow her for the year.

Pancake Breakfast update: Shannon said that over \$6000 has been raised in the fund-raiser for Trudy and Jan. Way to go!!!!

Advent Retreat: The Advent Retreat is coming up! It is scheduled on December 8 and 15. You can just pick one, not both as they will have the same format. Check the website for times and other details.

Upcoming Events:

Zio John's Marion Fund-raiser, Tuesday, November 27th

Barnes and Noble Book Fair- Friday, November 30.

Mardi Gras- March 2, 2019

St. Matthew's Day at the Kernels: May 5th, 2019

Shannon adjourned the meeting at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted;

Scott Riesenbergh, Secretary