



Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Attendees:

Andrew Butler
Jaime Carle
Erin Stanley
Mary Worth
Mallory Rodenhauser
Laura Singer
Christie Curtin
Mary Miller
Carol Letcher
Christie Sweeny
Katie Binzer

1. Opening Prayer

2. 2nd VP: Erin Stanley

- a. Teacher Spotlight
 - i. 4th grade
 - 1. working on the last state of nifty fifty
 - 2. Learned about the rosary.
 - ii. 2nd grade
 - 1. Fall writing is ready for grandparents day
 - 2. Adding some additional decorations for that day
 - 3. Reconciliation will be in Jan
 - 4. Students are excited that grandparents are going to take them home.

3. Administration Report

- a. Conferences are coming up.
- b. Mrs. Slomsky had her baby
- c. Grandparents day is coming up and RSVPs are coming in without any issues
- d. Cub Scouts – Someone reached out to try to get it going. We are going to try to get it going. Possibly a \$100 fee that they may come back to PTO about.
- e. iReady is working well. Data will be shared with parents during conferences.
- f. Learning.com- Online work at your own pace system. Some basics that the younger students are learning. Keyboarding is starting in 4th and 5th grade. Getting the kids acclimated to Microsoft programs.
- g. Sports innovation is doing some cool analytics. Just built a 3D model to help increase interest.

- h. School is getting a Canva account.

4. Committee Chair Guest – Shamrock-a-thon

- a. Looking forward to understanding how the money is used so that they can help promote for the next year.
- b. Sham-4-u kids could get pulled in to help with things like sweatshirt design.
- c. Shamrock-a-thon Teacher Opinion
 - i. Faculty wonders where the money is going.
 - ii. Would like to know if there is an opportunity for the money to go underdeveloped communities.
 - iii. Sometimes prizes are over the top. Could some of that money go somewhere else.
 - iv. Teachers are teaching gratitude and the other virtues.
 - v. Class walks for 30 minutes and the thought is that is not enough. In the past they had a longer path.
 - vi. Don't know if the kids understand the meaning behind the walkathon.
 - vii. PTO is not doing a good job of connecting the dots for kids and parents.
 - viii. Teachers are ok with the day taking more of the day.
 - ix. In the past rest of the day was a movie theater where teachers were showing different movies and PTO brought in popcorn.
 - x. Mission statement talks about how we are to serve others.
 - xi. Want to think about how the kids can be the ones to donate
 - xii. Could split activities for the day where some kids walk and then the other part of the day could be a service project. Mary's old school used to do something like that.
 - xiii. Could have kids walk with school families but families aren't assigned until later.
 - xiv. Wouldn't need the games since those were set up for Covid times
 - xv. We could also get small gatorades.
- d. High-level Money Goes
 - i. Field trips, class celebrations, field day, Shamrock Serves, Grandparents day, Teacher wish list, computers, kitchen renovation, Kindness day
- e. How should PTO promote?
 - i. Need to start putting 'Funded by PTO' at the end of all events
 - ii. PTO should also show the difference between PTO dues and fundraiser dollars
 - iii. It is mentioned during the Parent Appreciation Mass.
 - iv. We could send out a list out of all the things that were sponsored.
 - v. Students could write thank you notes to sponsors
 - vi. Could we do a robo call
 - vii. Could make an infographic to showcase what PTO has done
- f. Volunteers
 - i. Some parents complained that they would like to volunteer and didn't get the opportunity. Some people are rolling off and new people are starting to there should be some openings.

5. President Report: Jaime Carle

- a. A Wire Family – Tuesday, November 14
 - i. Speaking to parents that night and then will come speak to grades 5-8
 - ii. 45 minutes will be refreshments and mingling and the rest of the time will be the presentation.
- b. Cafeteria Tables – about \$30K
 - i. Tables are ok but cleaning services are not wanting to work with us because the tables are so cumbersome.
 - ii. Could donate the current tables to another school.
 - iii. **Email Vote: Yes to new tables.**

6. Treasurer's Report: Mary Worth

- a. Still collecting expenses.
- b. Will probably end up around \$63-64k net.
- c. Booster-a-thon: A company that will put together your walk-a-thon and conduct it. They come at a cost. Full service package is about \$24k. The fact that we have parent volunteers helping helps us keep the money in-house so every dollar we raise goes to our students.

7. 1st Vice President Report: Christy Curtin

- a. Mary McGee wants Scrips Gift Cards
 - i. They want to deposit directly to the account but we can't do that with the PTO account.
 - ii. Makes a decent amount of money if we can make it work.
 - iii. Christy can ask Micki about how it could work by using the parish account