

Mother Teresa Parent Council Meeting Minutes

September 11th, 2023

AGM Elections:

Chair: Sarah Franchetto

Vice Chair: Jen Ladouceur

Secretary: Sheri Gizen

Treasurer: Courtney Ritchie

Fundraising: Tiffany Bosner

Hot Lunch/Snack Day: Jay & Jen Pinnel

Parent Association Rep: Jodi Breitreuz

Meeting Called: 6:15pm

In Attendance: Aura Street, Cody Young, Andrea Rota, Sarah Franchetto, Jay Pinnel, Jen Pinnel, Sheri Gizen, Tina Dukeshire, Airana Lecorps, Shaela Knight, Jen Ladouceur, Jodi Breitreuz, Courtney Ritchie and Tiffany Vossler

Additions & Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Previous Minutes: N/A

Budget Meeting: Jay & Courtney are going to work together while she transitions into the role. Last school year we came out at a loss of \$545, while in previous years it was the -\$1000's. However, we still have a healthy account to absorb these rollercoasters. Bussing seems to be the most expensive culprit to our budget. Jay will put together a budget for October meeting for this school year.

Signing Officers: Sarah made the motion to have signing authorities as follows:

Treasurer – Courtney Ritchie

Chair – Sarah Franchetto

Co-Chair – Jen Ladouceur

Hot Lunch/Snack Day – Jay Pinnel

Sheri seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Old Business:

Raffle Box: The last raffle at the end of the school year did not perform well however it is easy to setup so we will promote one at the Christmas concert again this year.

Healthy Snack Workshop: Moved to October when we will hopefully know if the funds have been moved over to this school year or not.

End of Year BBQ: Just a note to provide more chips/treats this year as we ran out. All in all it was a success.

New Business:

Munch-a-Lunch: Our vision is to provide Munch-a-Lunch every 3 weeks while working around pizza day that the school sets up for the library. It is getting difficult to line up some restaurants that are affordable so Jen L will be sourcing some new ones out for us and we will try to book them all for the whole school year right away. Mrs. Lang has requested an email once confirmed so she can announce them in the newsletter. She also would like to request a print out the day prior which Jay and Jen P said they will handle.

Halloween Dance: Halloween falls on a Tuesday this year and the school will be taking charge of activities for the day.

Fundraising Ideas (past & new):

- Kernels: Orders seem to always come in wrong and it takes a lot of man power to organize. We will pass this year.
- Little Caesars: Skipped last year and will skip again this year. In lieu we will add in Mr. Pretzel! Every kit is \$20 and we would receive \$6 from that.
- Silent Auction (Christmas): Moved to October meeting with the thoughts of raffle baskets and tickets to make it easier.
- Art Auction/Gala: Teachers are eager to hop on board since the break last year. There is a fundraiser called Created by Kids that turns art into other household items that we might collaborate with and use for Mother's Day, Father's Day or Catholic Education Week. June was successful in past year.
- MHMT: This was a great fundraiser for us last year and we will do it again. We get to keep 50% of every item sold.
- Paint Night: This idea morphed into a sign night that we can bring our kids to. Jen L has lots of ideas for future events with her business which includes but is not limited to vinyl, engraving, lasers etc. Another idea was also Mother Teresa swag such as Christmas ornaments, bookmarks, etc.

However, she may need some help to complete orders which she had support from many council members.

- Charity mini golf tournament (Hooplas): We will get more info for this one and book in the spring.
- Donations/Optional School Cash Payment: Aura will look to see if it's an option to have a donation tab for Parent Council on Student Cash.
- Plant Fundraiser: We will look into doing this closer to Mother's Day.
- Booster Juice: Great healthier option for fundraiser to go with the new Wellness portion of FIT Friday.
- Cookbook: Jen L will look into this idea for us.
- Maverick Tickets: Jay will look into this for us around Father's Day.
- Glitter Tattoos/Face paint: An option for dances to make some extra funds.
- Nutters Christmas Tray: Costs around \$15-80 per platter, not sure the percentage we would get but potentially a nice new idea.
- Epicure: Didn't go overly well last year.
- Camp Ice Cream: Not a huge seller and issues with pickup day mix up.
- Perogies & Sausage: Kindergarten will be doing this one again and they keep all funds for their classroom.
- School is doing a marshmallow guess to help raise funds for FIT Friday.

Parent Association Report: N/A

Teacher Report:

Teacher Allotment: We will be passing the budget for this year's teacher allotment next month. Teachers can assume it will be the same as last year.

Camp McCoy: Last year Knights of Columbus and the Education Foundation paid for the rental and Parent Council paid \$50 per student to help with food and bussing. This year there will be 35 kids, we will make a motion next meeting to confirm that we are willing to pay \$50 per student again.

Field Trips: As of right now it looks like they will be staying the same however we will confirm once budget is passed next meeting.

Principal Report:

- By Law and Constitution Review: Aura will create more binders for council next meeting so everyone can review.

- Annual Reporting Instructions: Sarah is working on the email and is almost complete for the due date of October 15.
- Nutrition AP & Nutrition Guidelines Document: This information is accessible in the binder that will be provided next meeting. Fundraisers are to be mostly healthy with the exception of 1 unhealthy one per year.
- Fundraiser Opportunities: The school is working on ideas to help fund the new FIT Friday program.
- Health and Wellness Initiative Update: Good reviews so far, the kids adjusted better than expected and everyone seems to love the community it is creating in the school with the mixed grades.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:26pm

Next Meeting: October 2nd, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Learning Commons.