

Mother Teresa Parent Council Meeting Minutes

January 8th, 2024

Meeting Called: 6:01pm

In Attendance: Aura Street, Cody Young, Andrea Rota, Sarah Franchetto, Jen Pinnel, Airana Lecorps, Sheri Gizen, Jen Ladouceur and Courtney Ritchie

Additions & Approval of Agenda: Approved with additions of February Food Drive, Ski Trip, St. Mary's Presentation and Gift Card, Bath Bomb, Argo's & Mr. Pretzel Fundraisers

Approval of Previous Minutes: Approved

Old Business:

Munch-a-Lunch: New dates and locations are posted for the remainder of the school year keeping in mind a few more will be added. All lunches are scheduled to be delivered to the school at 11:15.

Ornament Fundraiser: There was a total of 8 orders submitted with feedback that the marketing for the ornament was more like a business plug and not a fundraiser. We will take this as a learning curve and work on wording things differently next time.

Christmas Concert: There was a total of 660 tickets sold this year leaving only 36 seats available. The day the sales opened up there were a lot of phone calls to the school because the main floor sold out so quickly and the balcony was not available to purchase yet. Next year we will open the main floor and balcony at the same time to hopefully avoid miscommunication and panic for parents. By raising the seat sales to \$8 this year, we only owe the Esplanade \$423.78 + bussing fees. There was discussion about holding it at Holy Parish in future years because the venue would be free and there is double the seating capacity. Parent Council is firm on holding it at the Esplanade next year for the elevated experience with lights and sound equipment but open to discussion after that.

50/50 Raffle: The funds came in today to pay the winner, Sarah Rivard. It will be posted in the newsletter as well as a congratulations on our Facebook page. Sarah won just over \$900 and will be e-transferred after the meeting. Next year we could put up QR pages at the concert to direct people to the raffle in hopes of

more sales and ease of use. We will not be doing a second raffle this year unless our budget requires a little extra help.

Healthy Snack Workshop: Both workshops will be hosted at the school at 7pm on January 25 and February 27. Cost will be \$20 per person, per workshop attended and we will cap it at 25 spots per date. Aura will confirm we have enough room in our budget for 25 and we will adjust accordingly. January 25 will be Snack Attack and February 27 Around the World. We will send out a google form to parents with a deadline of January 18th to give Marla ample time to shop. On the form we will also have a disclaimer that if you register and do not attend, a mandatory \$20 will be attached to school cash for the cost of the workshop.

Gift Card Fundraiser: We made just shy of \$300 on this combo Gift Card fundraiser. Booster Juice had more sales coming in at \$176.25 take home however SixOneSix had a bigger return with a \$102 take home.

Bath Bomb Fundraiser: Sounds like everything was sorted from the missed order however Tiffany was not present at the meeting to confirm.

New Business:

Valentine's Day: School will be hosting a dance and teachers will do their own class activities. There was talk of us cashing in on the free popcorn from the Coop Place or Cineplex with a side of candy. Will discuss further at next meeting.

Shrove Tuesday: Pancake breakfast will be provided again this year.

February Food Drive: We will send out a generalized form for donations this year. Will also run the KD domino race for the whole month.

Ski Trip: Date is March 7 for the Grade 5 & 6 classes. There may be a snowshoe option again this year but not confirmed. More info will be available soon.

St. Mary's Presentation: Will be on March 6 for Grades 1-6 and the presentation is Finding Nemo.

Mr. Pretzel Fundraiser: We will start this one in the first week or 2 of March and it sounds like it will be a quick turnaround.

Argo's Fundraiser: For every bottle sold at \$6 each council will get back \$1.50. Will discuss further at next meeting.

Parent Association Report: Nothing to report.

Teacher Report: Old West did not receive payment for the Kindergarten trip to McCoy in December. There were two emails sent for reminders and now there is a late charge on the invoice.

Principal Report: Went over the Dance-a-Thon letter, looks good and will be sending it out shortly. Also, a reminder that bike helmets are not accepted to wear on ice for class skating.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:07pm

Next Meeting: February 5th, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Learning Commons