

**PTO General Session Meeting
January 16, 2019
Amack's Well - Worship Side**

Attendees: 3 officers and 6 others were present

Natalie Wanstrath opened the meeting with prayer at 6:34 pm

Treasurer's Report – Jane Lieland reported deposits of \$2617. This included trash bags and dance ticket money. Expenses were \$2337 which was preschool t-shirts, St. Nick ornaments, nativity scene in front of school and field trips.

Secretary's Report –We will try to keep information limited to posting in the newsletter and save emails for times that need immediate attention or if it is missed in the newsletter. Jane will post things on FB as an extra attention-getter.

Committee Reports:

Boxtops/Coke Gives –Annette reported that she has an updated flyer for Box Tops. She is making a “trophy” box for the class that wins the contest. We are collecting dimes this time as well. She will put a poster in the cafeteria hallway to keep track of the progress for the kids to see.

Enrichment Programs- report emailed from Jenny Schebler

They decided not to go forth with the Discovery Factory. The Discovery Factory was not available on Sundays (like we discussed for Catholic Schools Week) and the other nights they were available were Fridays or nights the Activity Center was already booked with basketball games....it was just not coming together very easily so we put it on hold for possibly another time.

Currently scheduled enrichment classes are: Sewing, Paint on Canvas, Dance, Basic Car Maintenance, Skincare and Make-up, DIY - Lip Balm and Bath Balm, Wild Plant Education, and Cooking! They are looking to add one more class geared towards the littles - K-2nd grade All these classes are being scheduled for the last 2 weeks of February, Feb 21 - March 1 and will take place after school till 4:00.

Ideas were discussed for the K-2 kids...maybe slime again. It was stated that they would like any craft class. Cynthia Geisen offered to have a K-2 class like slime. She will contact Jenny. There was also discussion about cost for each class. There is currently no budget and have enrichment has been self sufficient, having the students pay for the classes. This year all classes are free except for two - Paint on Canvas and Cooking which will have fees to cover the supplies (around \$10.00). All other classes do not have a fee or the instructor is donating supplies. It was requested by the enrichment chair to get funds from PTO to cover the expenses and not collect money. In the past, enrichment has collected \$2 per class to cover snack and the gift cards that were given to the instructors as a "Thank you". It would cost around \$250 - \$350 to fund Enrichment. It was requested to put \$500 in the budget for future years knowing this amount will vary every year. If PTO can not fund it this year, they will charge \$2.00 for each class, except Paint on Canvas and Cooking which will be more (it is never more than \$10). Discussion was held about the expense this year which is not in the budget, and it was decided that they should collect money as they have in the past to cover the cost. It was also discussed whether or not PTO should put enrichment in the budget for next year. It was stated that PTO funds should be used for expenses that all children are able to benefit from. Since the classes are limited to a certain number and certain grades, it is not possible for all students to participate. Therefore, it was decided to continue having enrichment collect money to cover the cost.

Fundraising-The dance is this Saturday and will happen unless there is a red travel advisory. Jill Weberding is the contact, but all tickets are sold out. If people are not able to make it, they can contact Jill and you may be able to get tickets that way. Set-up will begin at noon on Saturday. Mrs. Brooks' room will be used as well. We will be using the tables that have legs that screw in...they are heavy! Sunday clean-up is 9:30-11:30 am. Jane got an amazing amount of raffle items for the dance.

Soup sale forms will be distributed on Tuesday. Orders and money are due together on Feb. 1. Soup is expected by Valentine's Day.

Candy sales really supports the 8th grade trips. Jr. high gets to keep the money that they make. PTO fronts the money but Susan and Jenny really take care of the actual sale. PTO makes about \$2000 from the sale. Sarah Tekulve has offered to ask Kroger about selling chocolate there and she would organize the sign up. Sarah will talk to Susan and Jenny about that. Chicken dinner is on 2/2. Natalie Wanstrath will send out the sign up genius for volunteers.

Hospitality: nothing to report from Rebecca. There is a new student that will be getting an SLS t-shirt. Sandi Hillenbrand said that people are not accepting meal trains. She suggested doing a basket or gift card for funeral, surgeries, etc. Discussion led to the decision that maybe we should be offering one meal instead of organizing a meal train. A meal train may seem overwhelming to people and there are families with allergies that cannot accept meals. In addition, doing a basket or gift card is an added expense which we want to try to prevent no to mention that it would be extremely difficult how to decide when to give the baskets and gift cards out.

In-Service –no report

K-3 Parties- Beth Weber reported that they are working on Valentine's party which will 2/15. They are working on the snack list and she will let the cafe managers know that they do not need to sweep that day.

Rummage Sale –

School Supplies –

Teacher Appreciation- Brooke Maple reported that she is working on the teacher appreciation for the end of January or beginning of February. They will avoid CSW because the teachers already have things planned for that week. Kathy Forbeck can be contacted about calendar regarding field trips and when teachers may be gone. Adam and Brooke provided coffee and donuts for the staff in December.

New Business : CSW-PTO provides donuts and drinks after mass that Sunday. Jane will be the contact for signing up.

Diane Dierkman (not present at the meeting) spoke with Jill Weberding regarding partnering with the PTO in order to raise funds from her business. She would like to form a list of contacts for focus groups that she has to gain marketing information. Parents would choose to sign up or not. No one would be forced to sign up. People that choose to provide their information may or may not be contacted depending on the types of products Diane is researching. If the contacts choose to participate after being contacted, the PTO would receive the funds that are usually paid to the individuals. There was discussion and it was decided that the PTO would need to have some type of guaranteed funds for gathering the information. Mr. Moeller would need to give the information and asked before anything can be discussed further.

Meeting concluded at 7:54 pm