

St. Mark Catholic School
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2016

Call to Order/Welcome Prayer: The meeting was called to order at 8:17 am by Trish Ziermann

Attendance: Trish Ziermann, Jessica Spencer, Cindy Worden, Cameron Moran, Margaret Kirchoff, Gina Gilb, Kellie Vaughn, Carolyn Landenberg, Erin Snyder, Mary Myers, Maria Sommer, Melissa Quaranto, Ellen Garrett, Michele Stoneman and Crystal McMillon

Approval of Minutes: February minutes were approved. Motion by Cindy Worden and seconded by Trish Ziermann.

Church Business: Kelly Vaughn

International Food Festival is April 23 and they are collecting items now. Mrs. Myers has approved for the school to contribute a basket. Margaret Kirchoff will coordinate a basket from the school. Cameron will donate an Irish themed basket so that will be a total of 2 baskets.

Positalia Restaurant will have a food booth at the festival. Donut Inn will also have a make your own donut booth as well as gift cards, prizes and raffles.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Mary Myers

Kindergarten screening will take place this week.

Over 90 families have applied for school next year in all grades.

April 12 and 13 – the Accreditation team will be on site. The team is made up of 4 people – 2 from Catholic schools and 2 from public schools. This is a new kind of accreditation and team members will visit each classroom and also speak to students. Mrs. Myers would like to ask the PTO to provide a nice hospitality room for them to use while they are here. Would also like to have baskets with snacks, waters, coffees, etc. We also will find out the best way to feed them during the days. She would also like to do something nice for the teachers on the 13th after the accreditation is complete. Parent interviews will be held on Wednesday at 1 pm and that is the last step in the process.

New Uniforms will be introduced next year. Most changes are with the girls uniforms. All girls skirts will have shorts underneath and longer hem lengths for taller girls.

Playground turf: The cost is \$130,000 to finish the entire area of turf. We can back off on technology a little bit and dip into savings to pay for it. She is open to suggestions for how to enhance the back parking lot. Maybe paint 4 squares and hopscotch paths on the blacktop and we also need more balls.

Mrs. Kidney's 3rd grade is a pilot classroom for the remainder of the year using exercise balls instead of chairs. Will see if it helps some of the wiggly kids stay more focused.

Treasurer's Report: Gina Gilb

See attached reports

If PTO can contribute towards the turf fund that would be great.

Margaret asked if we can rename the line item "SM debt reduction" to something that specifies this is gym debt reduction.

Church Business: Melissa Quaranto

Thanked PTO for letting her sell coffee at Bingo.

The 7th grade retreat is March 16th.

The youth group will provide babysitting for the night of the Spring Event from 6-10pm in Parrish Hall. Donations accepted and appreciated.

President's Report: Trish Ziermann

All of the Fall Festival stuff is at the storage facility now. She just found out that the donor who has been paying for the storage unit is no longer donating that to us. We will need a new sponsor or we will have to pay the monthly rent ourselves.

8th graders are looking to have a small storage area built to store all of the 8th grade items.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is this Saturday downtown. We are in need of a big truck or a trailer to let kids ride on. Parade is 10:30 -12.

Vice President's Report: Jessica Spencer

Uniform Spot will have a sale this Thursday at 9 am. All items are \$3.

Yearbook: the first 48 pages of the yearbook are done. Going forward we will try to incorporate the cost of a yearbook into tuition so that every child gets a yearbook and its already paid up front.

Spring Dinner: Sponsorships are going well so far. There is no student art this year.

There are 10 baskets to raffle off. PTO will once again provide a spirits basket. Please give your donation to Jessica by March 30th.

Tickets will be \$60 each and \$40 for teachers.

Budweiser is donating all the beer.

The school broke even with Marion Lazan's Holicast presentation. Mr. Sudduth video- taped the presentation.

SMCS Spirit Wear will be still be available but we will have a new vendor.

Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Worden

Grand Parent's Day: Please encourage rsvp's for an accurate head count. Carolyn is working on getting coupons/discounts at several local restaurants for lunch afterwards. The 8th graders are available to help in any way needed that day.

Teacher Appreciation Week – schedule to come out soon – please let Cindy know if you would like to help

Bingo update: Bingo made roughly \$470. Maybe next year we can invite all new families to attend the last Bingo of the year.

Nominating Committee: Ellen Garrett

The Nominating committee is pleased to announce the following PTO positions for 2016-17 school year.

President: Cindy Worden

Vice President: Cameron Moran

Treasurer: TBA

Recording Secretary: Crystal McMillon

Corresponding Secretary: TBA

Passive Income: Maria Sommer

No update of Boxtops

Campbells labels is discontinuing its program at the end of June.

Would like to put a recap in the April newsletter so that parents know what we get from boxtops, labels, etc that they send in.

She continues to look for new fundraisers and any ideas are welcomed.

Bike to School: Cameron Moran

Bike to School day is May 6th. We will start at Mayfaire and ride to school.

Mary's Meals: Michele Stoneman

We are on track to meet the goal of \$10,400. Current total raised is \$5400.

Spring Pictures: information will go home soon. All classes will take casual spring pictures but 8th graders will take cap & gown pictures only.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 am.

Respectfully submitted by Crystal McMillon.