

## **Holy Family PTO Meeting Minutes September 9, 2015**

### **PTO Board Members Present:**

Brett Bosworth  
Todd Hardie  
Bonnie Mullahy  
John Burnett  
Rachel Jenkins  
Christina Brownell  
Kathy Devine  
Pam Kaye  
Frances Lawler  
Mrs. Dineen  
Mr. De Maio

### **PTO Board Members Not Present:**

Gena Schley  
Leanne Hartle

### **PTO Members Present:**

Scott Allen  
Alexander Wills  
Amy Fountain  
Jessica Fuentes  
Leslie Brown  
Catherine Frey  
Tim Stickelmaier

*Brett started the meeting at 7:35 am with an opening prayer.*

### **Secretary's Report: Pam Kaye**

- The minutes from the August closed PTO meeting were reviewed via email and approved at the meeting.

### **President's Report: Brett Bosworth**

- Brett thanked everyone for coming and emphasized it is important to volunteer and support the school through the PTO.

### **Principal's Report: Mr. De Maio**

- Our school theme this year is "Model the Joy of the Lord, it is our Strength." The theme came from recommendations from our students and we're very proud of this tradition.
- We have five new teachers this year: two in first grade, one in media, one in music, and one in mathematics.

- Construction continues ahead of schedule but it also changes day-to-day due to the weather. The workers are very receptive to our safety needs. Parish offices should be complete in the next eight weeks. We will then to coordinate where our school staff offices will be.
- We continue to work on improving our carline. We will be challenged in the afternoon due to construction. The scanning technology is still being evaluated. Anyone who has new ideas or feedback, please see Mr. De Maio.
- The parent information night for our “Created for Greatness” program was September 10th at 7:00 pm. This is not a “family life” replacement program, but it focuses on respect and recognizing Christ in others. This is a program for our 7th and 8th graders. A portion of the program will separate the boys and girls for gender appropriate conversation.

#### **Teacher’s Report: Frances Lawler**

- Thank you to the PTO for the wonderful teacher breakfast to start off the year.
- The school year is going well. Teacher professional development has now moved on-line.
- Our AR reading program has changed so students are now encouraged to have their own reading choices and keep track of their own reading. AR will no longer be a part of the final grade. There was a request from the teachers to use some PTO budget to buy prizes for students who meet AR goals. The idea is for one student from 1st - 4th grade and one student from 5th - 8th grade be awarded a prize at a monthly Monday morning assembly. There can also be smaller donations to use for weekly incentives.
- The teachers continue to think of new ideas to incentive students to read.
- The teachers would like to know early if they should plan for volunteer time at the annual Fall Festival.

#### **Fundraising Report: Christina Brownell**

- There is a Jersey Mike’s Subs Spirit Night on Wednesday, September 16th from 2 pm to 8 pm. A portion of the proceeds will go to Holy Family.
- Our label / box top redemption program is coming up and parents should plan for October 12th - 23rd. Start collecting now! More information to come in the daily email blast.
- We still need a chair for our Mega Money Raffle fundraiser. If interested please contact Christina or Brett Bosworth. *\*Note: Since the PTO meeting, Josh Stanley has been appointed Mega Money Raffle chair. Thank you for your service, Josh.*

#### **Vice President’s Report: Todd Hardie**

- Todd will work with Ryan Slater to start the Classroom Spotlight program using video elements.
- The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge was Sunday, September 12th at San Jose Catholic School.
- Volunteers are needed for our sports programs to take video footage or photos to use to highlight our games via social media.

**Treasurer's Report: Kathy Devine**

- Please see our attached financial statement from 2014 and the proposed allocations for the new 2015-16 school year. Our job as PTO is to add funds to the school in order to increase academic and social experiences for our students. Technology has been a large part of how we better our school.
- PTO can move funds where most needed and we were able to upgrade our sports field this year. We continue to have a "New School Efforts" budget line and that money is used as needed from input from the PTO.
- Parents are encouraged to volunteer their time and efforts to help with our school fundraising including participating in our label and gift card programs or donating special talents to help with fundraising.
- The gift card program has a deficit due to advance orders for a parish charity program and those cards should be sold this year so we do not foresee an issue.

**Social Report: Rachel Jenkins**

- Thank you to everyone who helped with the Boo-Hoo Breakfasts.
- Movie Night was Friday, September 11th at 6:30pm in the school gym and the movie was "Home."
- The annual Fall Festival is Friday, October 23rd. Please volunteer your time if you are available. We need many volunteers. Check the daily email blast on how you can sign up and volunteer.

**Volunteer Report: Bonnie Mullahy**

- There was a good response at Back-to-School Night for all of our volunteer sign-up sheets.
- A volunteer survey went out via the daily email. It closed Friday, September 11th.
- We currently have four open chairs: Concessions, Mega Money Raffle, Sports Banquet, and Grandparents Day. Please see Bonnie if interested.

**Sports Report: John Burnett**

- Basketball home openers were filled with spirit and heartbreaking finishes. We are so proud of our students for their efforts.
- Concessions made a profit at the first games so we are very excited about that.
- The daily email blast will continue to announce our basketball game schedules.
- Many children have joined the new Holy Family Running Club / Cross Country Team. Meets have been scheduled and begin Saturday, September 12th. Full team meets start September 16th. Parent volunteers will be need to help at each club meet.
- Our goal is to set up a JV basketball club for our 5th and 6th graders by next year.
- Tennis is still a possibility as a club sport for the spring. Stay tuned for more information.

**Communications: Gena Schley**

- No Report

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 AM.*