

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

1:15 PM Tuesday, December 17, 2019

1. Call to Order: Wendy Roche, Dr. Fry, Belinda Leonen, Susan Hamann, and Dawn Mauro
2. Opening Prayer and Remarks:
3. Approval of last meeting's minutes: Approved
4. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer: Not updated since November. Chocolate sales continues. We received \$11,175 for chocolate buyouts (149 families). Total collected from chocolate sales to date is \$10,886.60 -- around 90 families. We still need to collect money from 28-38 families...just in, we have 9 families that paid online. Need to consider having Dr. Fry send an individual e-mail to each family asking for the funds to be returned. Need to look at the on-line payment program for our school. We are a check culture and do not want to pay fees for the service.
5. Committee and Event Reports/Old Business:
 - a. Athlete's Don't (Wendy Roche): Looking at a presentation of 1 hr. and 20 minutes in February or March. The middle school will attend.
 - b. Athletics Department Fundraisers (Susana Torres) have not moved on with vendors. Seems too expensive and would rather try Vista print. We have a few kids that already do graphics (they may have better software than me) and I would like to explore that next. The delta is 3x the profit! We are going to try to create our own logo.
 - c. Barnes & Noble Bookfair (Rosemary Brown) Sale closed on 12th. I do not have results yet. This is latest info/response: "I will not have your results for a couple of weeks. You had 5 days to earn, two weeks are allowed for returns then a check is issued. The numbers I see do not account for returns."
6. New Business:
 - a. Casino Night – 5/30 (Wendy Roche): Need to look at having a meeting in January to start with developing teams for food, silent auction items and the logistics of the room.
 - b. Box Tops (Wendy Roche): Wendy talked to the lady that used to run box tops and would continue to do this to help us. Will need to start scanning receipts in a then

link it to HCA. The lady said that the check we just got was about \$100. We get two checks a year. There is a significant decrease due to people are not scanning in their box tops.

- c. Spirit Rock (Wendy Roche): Wendy talked to Mrs. Rivera about the 8th grade wanting to take over the Spirit Rock. Mrs. Rivera stated she is not sure if the students have the time. She will re-visit it and if not...can we open it up to any classes. Wendy will reach out to the Art Teachers and see if each class wants to take turns decorating the rock.
 - d. Fundraisers – Holiday Gift Baskets, Monks Bread, Restaurant Nights, Grocery Store Promotions (Wendy Roche): There is over \$8,000 that needs to be removed from our budget as Giant no longer assists us. We need to start focusing on making up this difference. Wendy is working with the person that creates the Holiday Gift Baskets and she is willing to work with us over the course of the entire year. Monks Bread is affiliated with St. Mary's. They create biscotti, jams and bars. Something to consider for the Spring.
 - e. Academic Dinner – 1/30 (Wendy Roche) In the past we have had Aladdin and our contact. Wendy is looking at Mission Bar B Que this year.
 - f. Father Daughter Dance – 2/1 (Susana Torres): The biggest concern is balloons and roses. No balloons this year. Need to consider another type of centerpiece.
 - g. Lenten Soup Supper – 3/20 (Susan Hamann): The Confirmation Team will help. The Sunshine Committee will help. This takes place at St. Mary's.
 - h. Mother/Son Event: Wendy will talk to Lorie about this.
7. Around the Room: Looking at creating pictures of each 8th graduating class and hanging it in the Middle School hallway. A few pennants have been donated and purchased for the Middle School hallway. Looking at a few things to assist with the looks of the hallway.
- 8th Grade Carpool: They oversee documenting car pool numbers and safety for the overall car pool routine. A refresher is needed to remind them of the importance of carpool safety.
- 1 Hope Project: Bringing food for the poor to Mass. We do continue to do this. We need to remind the children to Mass on Fridays.
- Day of Giving: If we could have a running total throughout the day. Also consider if the donor's name would be listed.
- Military Children and Get Together: consider having this as a lunch bunch once a month.
- Next PTO meeting: Evening: We need to make clear what are role is currently.
- Ms. Tomayko is wrapping up our safety plan and we are working towards more details for our school. Our Deputy Sherriff comes in weekly to simply go over the school and know our school layout and the measures we have in place. A parent has reached out with expertise and is working with Dr. Fry to make sure we are doing what we can to enhance our safety measures.

In the new year, look at our Dress Code. Thoughts considered are does Kindergarten go to a Uniform and is our dress shoe the best for recess. Looking at a wrap around skirt also...like a kilt to consider. Simply looking at tweaking the dress codes.

8. Next Board Meeting and Adjournment Prayer: Once a trimester have an open PTO evening meeting that is open for all parents. Have a PowerPoint presentation.
Next Board Meeting: January 21st at 1:15 PM and PTO Open Night Meeting on 1.23.20 at 6:30 – 8PM.