

MINUTES

St. Martha Catholic Parent Teacher Organization

December 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Mary Hays at 5:23pm

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Officer's Reports

- a. President's Report
 - i. Successes of the past month
 1. The Booster club has begun selling concessions at our home games.
 2. The wreath fundraiser exceeded its goal of 40 wreaths; we sold 58!
If you have ideas for future fundraisers, please email vicepresident@stmarthacs.org.
 3. The entire school sang "Happy Birthday" to Father Richard and gave him a gift basket of healthy treats and birthday cards. He was very surprised!
 4. Our home room parent coordinators have been organized and emails have gone out to all parents with information on the upcoming Christmas parties.
 5. We are planning to bring back the Crusader golf tournament. Dates are currently being discussed.
 - ii. Areas to work on
 1. All PTO officers and chairpersons are asked to continue to be welcoming to our school community.
 2. We are still working on ideas for how to best organize/utilize our volunteer base.
 3. All PTO chairpersons have access to their new gmail/flocknote accounts.
 - iii. All PTO Chair positions have been filled.
- b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Wreath Sales: We made \$460.41 from our wreath sale fundraiser.
 - ii. Booster Club concessions: After selling at 8 games, we have made \$590.90.
 - iii. Our fundraising goal for the 2017-2018 school year is \$214,600. This includes donations to our annual fund and the spring fundraiser. All money earned at PTO fundraisers goes to the general fund. If you would like to make donations to specific areas of the school, please donate to the Crusade for Excellence.

Committee Reports

- a. Development
 - i. Crusade for Excellence – Here is the link to donate to our annual fund:
[https://one.bidpal.net/smcscfe1718/browse/donation\(details:item/1\)](https://one.bidpal.net/smcscfe1718/browse/donation(details:item/1))
You can also access this link from the school website. Additionally, donation cards were mailed to our school families last week.
 - ii. Spring Fundraiser – Please let Kelly Chesnut and Jennifer Licono know before you ask our community for donations. They are keeping track of which businesses have been solicited, so that we do not overwhelm them.
Be on the lookout for additional information via Flocknotes on how you can volunteer for our spring fundraiser.
 - iii. Steps for Students – Register now! Use the following link to join our St. Martha team:
<https://steps4students.org/myfundraising/?kwofrid=FG4AG30>
- b. Vocations
 - i. Please use the following link to sign up for the Chalice for vocaitons:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a49a9ac2faa8-chalice>
 - ii. We will celebrate National Vocations awareness week during Catholic schools' week in January. This will be discussed in detail at the next PTO meeting.

- c. Recycled Uniforms – There will a recycled uniform sale on Thursday, January 18, in the FLC from 7:30-9:00am. You can also email recycleduniforms@stmarthacs.org and make an appointment.

Principal's Report

The uniform committee has been hard at work reviewing the selections offered by Lands End. They are currently reviewing the website for ordering and the handbook guidelines. We are hoping to open the website to all parents this week. The new Lands End uniforms may be worn to school beginning January 3, 2018.

Old Business

- a. Babysitting is now offered during PTO meetings. The total cost is \$60 for 2 hours, which is distributed among the parents that utilize the service. The PTO president will send out a sign-up email a week before the meeting.
- b. The PTO suggestion box is now located on the table next to the registrar's office.

New Business

- a. Upcoming events for the school include:
 - The spirit shop will tentatively be open December 12 and 14.
 - Crusader Strong t-shirts will be sent home early this week
 - We will have SMCS family social following the Christmas program on December 13.
 - Christmas parties for all grades will be December 14, at 2:00pm.
 - We will have a school wide pajama day on December 15.
- b. We are looking in to how to increase the school's presence on social media.
- c. The PTO officers are looking in to volunteer recognition program.
- d. It was decided that we will meet on January 4, 2018, to discuss the events for Catholic Schools Week.

Announcements/Q&A

- a. Questions
 - i. Yes, the middle school students can have a Valentine's Day party.
 - ii. We did not have a Christmas themed Family fun night, because St. Martha's MDO program was offering a breakfast with Santa.
 - iii. We have no plans to sell videotapes of the Christmas program. Instead, the administration will try to reinforce reverence among parents and families during the performances.
 - iv. We will be having a pajama day for the school on Friday, December 15.
 - v. We do have plans to celebrate our grandparents February 16. It had to be deferred due to Hurricane Harvey.
 - vi. We would like to offer "letters" to non-athletic teams, but it will require extensive planning.
- b. Suggestions
 - Offering a trip to Washington D.C. for our eighth graders is too costly right now. Perhaps we can offer more local trips.
- c. Questions to be addressed in January:
 - Can eighth grade go off campus for Fun Day?
 - Can we sell hard copies of the directory as a fundraiser?

Next Meeting

January 4, 2018 at 5:15pm in the Borski Room

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.