

Holy Name of Jesus School

PTO Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2022

- **Welcome/ Opening Prayer**

Principal's Remarks/Introductions

- Sister once again thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and expressed her appreciation for all of the continued parent involvement
- Jen Jablonski (President) apologized for the rescheduling of the meeting and announced that going forward meetings would be held on Tuesday nights in the Cafeteria
- All of the PTO officers and meeting attendees introduced themselves again since there were a lot of new faces at the meeting

3. Financial Update

- Treasurer Cara Kolibab presented the financial update for the month of September. The expenses were as follows: \$10.00 Credit Card Machine, \$50.00 Cash Calendar Sale, \$683.00 in Supplies, \$650.00 Fall Festival. The total expenses for the month were \$1393.47. The ending balance in the checking account for the month is \$1825.34 and the ending balance in the savings account is \$44,709.96

4. Updates

- **Teacher Appreciation**

Teacher Appreciation Dates- Kate O'leary announced the plans for October 6th and November 11th teachers appreciation days

Specials Teachers- The PTO is still deciding how this will be handled and what grades/classes will be responsible for providing Specials Teachers gifts

- **Weis Rewards Program**

The PTO received a check from Weis Store for the 2021-2022 school year for \$1246.54. It is encouraged that all parents apply for/register their Weis Card with the Holy Name of Jesus School. A flyer will be sent home with students to explain the process.

- **Spirit Wear**

Cara K. announced that the new spirit wear website is up and running. The new website is through Travel Champs and spirit wear items can now be ordered throughout the year at your own convenience. Some new items have been added and it is encouraged to let the PTO know if there are any additional items parents/students would like added to the list. There will no longer be a spirit wear "Sale." The website will be live this week on the Holy Name Website and an email blast will be sent home to parents.

- **Trunk or Treat**

Trunk or Treat will be held on Tuesday, October 25th from 6:30-7:30 pm. Food Trucks will be available from 6-8pm. The food trucks that will be available as of now are The PA Milkshake Truck, Auntie Anne's Pretzels, and The Kitchen Table. Tara is hoping to get one more food truck. A flyer will be sent home for sign up by the end of this week. We are hoping to get another candy donation from Hershey this year and the PTO is asking that all families participating donate a bag of candy.

- **Cash Calendar Sale**

Jenn Weiss announced that the Cash Calendar sale is now running through the 26th of October. Winners will be selected during the month of November. An announcement will also be put in the Church Bulletin. Jenn Still needs volunteers to sell Cash Calendars before and after Mass on Sunday, October 16th. An email will be sent out to parents.

- **Chicken BBQ**

The PTO has motioned to cancel the Chicken BBQ sale. The prices of dinners have gone up and we would not be making as much as a profit from the sales.

- **Yard Signs for 8th Grade Students**

The PTO will be purchasing Graduation Yard Signs for the 8th Grade Students this year. The cost of these signs will be \$675. The PTO is still in the process of putting together a committee to distribute the signs in student's lawns.

- **Cotton Candy and Popcorn Machines**

The PTO has purchased a new cotton candy machine for \$317 and a new popcorn machine for \$529 to be used at future HNJ School events

- **Fall Festival**

The Fall Festival will be held in the HNJ Gym on Friday, October 21st. Jen J. announced that she still needs someone to volunteer to take over this event next year, as well as volunteers to help run the kitchen for this event. A Signup Genius has also been sent out to parents asking for volunteers/donations for all aspects of this event. This year's event will include food and drinks, DJ, crafts, games, face painting, basket raffles, family photo ops, balloon twister, airbrush tattoos, game truck, and book fair. It was also reminded to make sure you vote for your student's class Scarecrow/Pumpkin projects inside the connector at the Fall Festival as all proceeds from these votes goes to the Student Council.

- **K-4th Grade Dance**

Three parents have signed up for this event. They will be getting together to discuss options and present ideas. The event needs to be different from the 5th-8th grade dance and must be held in the afternoon, preferably sometime in January. The event does not need to be a "dance." An idea that was mentioned was a possible Roller Skating Party. The cost of the party would be \$200 for the rink rental with a \$75 deposit to secure the space at the time of booking. Skate rentals would be between \$2-\$3. Sister Rita announced that this can not be a "student drop-off" and that parents would have to stay for the duration of the event.

- **Sign-Up Sheets for Events**

Sign up sheets for all events are available at each PTO meeting. It is encouraged that PTO members/Parents sign up for events in order to ensure we have enough volunteers to host each event.

- **Breakfast With Santa**

Breakfast with Santa will be returning this year and will be taken over by the PTO instead of the cheerleaders who have hosted it in previous years. This event will take place on Saturday, December 3rd. Tickets will be \$5 in advance, as well as at the door. This year's format will be more of a "grab and go" continental style breakfast (coffee, juice, hot cocoa, muffins, pastries, donuts, fruit, yogurts). There will be pictures with Santa as well as crafts. PTO members/Parents are encouraged to sign up for this event. There will also be 8th Grade volunteers.

- **Basketball Hoops**

An update was provided on replacing the 3 Basketball Hoop systems. Because the poles are greater than 10 years old, both the poles and the backboards must be replaced. If purchased through Dick's Sporting Goods, pole replacements will be \$395 per pole and \$360 to install. The PTO will be further researching this project.

- **Miscellaneous**

Different Dates for School Fundraising Nights- It was suggested that when planning fundraising nights the PTO tries its best to schedule these on rotating nights (for example: not just Thursday nights) so that families with extracurriculars on certain nights have a chance to participate in these events.

Amazon Smile- Jenn Weiss announced that if we would like to participate in this fundraiser we will need the school's EIN# to register. Amazon Smile provides .5% for purchases made and not all items are eligible.

