

Saint Bridget PTO MINUTES
November 10, 2020 6:00

PRESENT: Dr. Cliff, Colleen Cook, Katie Ellington, Amanda Graziano, Angie Heyming, Mrs. McGee, Alice Mitchell, Amy Murphy, Cuong Nguyen, Jennie Shaw, Katie Sleeker, Shannon Weinstein, Missy Wood, Mrs. Hess, Laurie Oldiges, Laura Musick, Kathryn Greber

Opening Prayer: Missy Wood

School Leadership Report: Dr. Cliff

- School updates – Trunk or Treat was fantastic. Parish families were included which helps to build the connection between church and school.
- Veterans Prayer service by third grade. Available to watch
- Thanksgiving mass – Tuesday before thanksgiving. Will be live-streamed.
- Students will still go to mass virtually every week and will do so in-person every three weeks.
- Strategic plan – starting to develop. Leadership team is setting 1, 3, 5, and 10-year plans. PTO is $\frac{1}{4}$ of the team.
- CPR training – Dr. Cliff requested funds for training for the teachers
- Only a few children attending remotely

Admission & Development Director's Report: Mrs. McGee

- Handing out a list of pre-schools to encourage promoting SBS to preschools
- Virtual open house – on the web site
- Applications are coming in well already
- Dates for annual appeal – November 17-18
- Stem Quest and Catholic Schools week

Christmas Shop: Katie Ellington

- The shop is called Candy Cane Lane
- All gifts are \$3.50 an item. JK-5 welcome for 15 minutes, with time for disinfecting
- It will take place on 12/10 and 12/11 in MPH.

- Kids will address gift tags at home and be sent in with the appropriate amount of money. They will be distributed before the child shops
- Communication – Katie asked for feedback as we go through the process this year
- There are volunteer opportunities available

Teacher's Report: Mrs. Dingus (not present) Amanda presented

- Report from staff – everything is good with the “new normal.” She is gathering baby photos for the game station at Candy Cane Lane
- Teacher assigned times for Christmas shop – staff approved
- Thanks for lunch during conferences. They appreciate everything the PTO does.

Special Project: Katie Sleeker and Missy Wood

- Advent Wreaths – there will be orders online and in forms. Tommy's Garden is working with us. \$22.00. Orders due on 11/16. Will be distributed 11/24. This is a project to build community between school and church.
- Service team will help put the bags together.
- This is *not* a fundraiser.

Spiritual: Missy Wood

- Service Day – Missy is brainstorming with parents, church. Welcoming input for ideas that will be COVID-19-friendly.
- One idea was to reach out to organizations that we have helped in years past to see how we can help them in different ways this year.

President's Report: Amanda Graziano

- Boosterthon update – raised over \$44,000! Projecting only \$15,000
- Changes for next year: less involvement from the Boosterthon company, better communication from the beginning using our own flyers. SBS would make more money and have more control. Dr. Cliff said we could do most of this ourselves Instead of prizes for students, kids would raise money for the Heifer project – showing give/get idea.
- PTO thank you note- please sign if you have not already
- River city Roll event cancelled for November

Vice-President's Report: Angie Heyming

- Boosterthon - Friday, October 5th, 2021. Boosterthon still gets a cut but significantly less than this year

Used-Uniform- Erin Sedwick (not present) Angie reported

- We are not collecting uniforms now. There will be another sale in the spring. Private shopping is not sustainable. Last uniform was a success. We had great volunteers. Spirit wear store – we have not received money yet but will.

Secretary's Report: Jennie Shaw

- No report

Treasurer's Report: Susanna Burt (not present) Amanda reporting

- Reminder about reimbursements – she will process all requests during "office hours" on Friday

Volunteer Coordinator: Amy Murphy

- Update on volunteer tracking – quarterly forms. First one went out in October
- Three levels of reward: 1) free dress pass, 2) most hours gets a gift card, 3) end of year large prize drawing
- Need to figure out logistics of dress pass – Dr. Cliff says we will do it on an honor basis
- Amy will update communication to encourage parents to report any hours and/or bringing anything into school.
- All PTO Board members' children get dress passes but are excluded from the larger prizes
- One person had 20 hours of service so we need to get a gift card. Amanda will take care of this
- End of year/large prize will be decided later

Communications: Caryn Molands (not present) Amanda reported

- Email Caryn directly for anything that needs to be pushed out. Her email is dandme2@yahoo.com
- Big push on Facebook, tidbits, etc. for all the holiday happenings at Saint Bridget

Faculty Support: Alices Mitchell and Laurie Oldiges

- Christmas Purse: Letters will be sent home November 30. Purse will be due back by ___December 9_____

- *PTO president will send a note to room parents explaining Christmas purse in more detail*
- *Snacks will be delivered to the teachers lounge once a month by PTO*
- *Kilwins will provide a candy apple for summer/fall staff birthdays*

Fundraising: Colleen Cook

- Spring Fling will be two parts. A Bulldog blast during the day at the field and a 80s themed adult fundraiser that evening at gym. Date is April 24
- contracts are secured, but able to get out of them up to a week before the event

Community Outreach: Aaron Bumgarner (not present)

- Oyster Roast update -maybe seafood and hotdogs during day at spring fling or postpone oyster roast until next fall?
- Aaron will report back to PTO

Hospitality: Laura Musick

- Dr. Cliff mentioned that some of the parents new to the school and parents with kids in older grades feeling disconnected. Would like to find ways for them to be more connected to the school
- Was suggested to host grade level zoom happy hours as a way to allow new families to socialize (Laura will begin working on this)

Room Parent Coordinator: Shannon Weinsteih

- Shannon continues to keep room parents updated weekly of events happening at school

Spirit: Kathryn Greber

- Trunk or Treat was successful, and great that church members could join. May need more candy brought the night of the event or have a donation box outside of church to give opportunity for parishioners to donate
- The event has been so successful every year, that a parent from Saint Marys contacted Katie Payne to get ideas of how to run theirs
- Bingo Night updates- will wait to discuss with Dr. Cliff as get closer to date

Athletics: Cuong Nguyen

- Golf tournament - May 10

- successful fall sports and basketball under way. We are in the catholic school league

Service Team: Marie Swider (not present)

- No report

NEXT MEETING: [December 10, 2020 – 6 PM](#) location- TBD

(This meeting typically is a fun Christmas social with the PTO committee members. Maybe we can gather at someone house around a fire pit? Hmm....Any suggestions are appreciated!)