

PTO Meeting Minutes October 17, 2018

Executive Board Meeting Update

- The Executive Board has decided to change the Executive Board meeting to be the hour before the monthly PTO meeting. This will cut down on the number of days during the month that the Executive Board has to meet.

Budget update

- Revenue Stream for Sept. 13,463 in, deposit for magazine sales
- Expenses - \$7,300 for teacher allowances and project fund for muse machine and STEM books
- Nicole will send the budget information to Susie Litke to be recorded in the minutes

Update on Trivia Night

- Trivia Night was a success, we had a lot of people come out and have fun.
- The PTO made \$845 total profit after expenses.
- 119 people attended and there were 16 teams.
- We are hopeful that the next trivia night will be bigger.
- Many people are requesting that we hold another trivia night this year, but our concerns with doing it again are that it may take away from Fish Fry attendance. We are considering maybe April or May if we did it again.
- Some ideas for the next one are to auction off a table at the Fish Fry for Spring Trivia Night, and make the event more cut competitive.

Skateworld Event

- The night at Skateworld for the school has been solidified. It will be held on January 24th from 6pm-8pm. The facility is reserved 100% for St. Charles. Attendees will be charged \$4 for skate rental, which includes the Softplay area, skatemates are available, and for \$5 attendees can get "all you can eat" pizza.

Community Event/Fundraiser

- The PTO is considering coordinating a Family Game Night at school.
- Gamewright is the name of the company who we would work with for this event. We can contact the company a few weeks before our event and they ship 2 to 3 copies of 30 different games to us, including posters and fliers for advertising. We would need enough volunteers for the event, with at least 1 volunteer per table to monitor the games. Then the games are for sale that night if people want to purchase them, and any profits from this are split 50/50 between Gamewright and St. Charles. Then we can ship anything back to them for a flat shipping rate.
- Other schools have made a couple hundred to a thousand dollars for their schools. Some proceeds have been used to purchase games for the classrooms.
- We will look at scheduling this event for February, as this is a slow time of year and families are looking for activities.

Fish 'N Chips

- We need to identify where the proceeds from Fish 'N Chips (FNC) can go.
- In the past the proceeds for FNC have covered chrome books, desks and chairs, funding for both playgrounds, STEM kits, white boards in classrooms, projectors and stage lights.
- Current ideas are:

- Water bottle fillers at water fountains. However, Maggie Collins brought up the point that this could fall under the “Facilities” umbrella, and may be paid for by the parish for Facilities Improvements.
- Update the current Wifi. This would be \$25,000, and in the past state and federal funds have been used for something like this.
- Mrs. Henry asked for some art gel printing plates that are \$500. We are going to cover that out of our existing funds.
- We could put the money into STEM or, STEAM (adding Art).
- We could also consider putting the money towards a better sound system in the PAC. One quote has said the cost for a new sound system would be \$50,000. We will seek other quotes from other companies.
- Other ideas?
 - More shade on the playground
 - Securing ceiling fans for safety
 - Sinks in the bathroom that are automatic troughs instead of individual sinks with handles.
- Any additional ideas should be brought in now so the Executive Board can vote at their meeting in November.

New Business

- PTO is paying for the new Faith Family Shirts; excess funds are used to pay for these.
- Kristen Lasley brought up the issue that Fourth Grade parents are complaining about kids struggling with Math and are asking for some Math help. They are requesting volunteer organized help, a study group, or tutoring. Maybe Alter students could come over after school and get service hours for tutoring. Maybe UD students could come in to help. Multiple PTO representatives suggested that the parents first approach the fourth grade teachers to see what additional learning opportunities could be.
- Kathy Taylor mentioned that the FNC Art Catalog will go out this week to the teachers. She wants projects well underway or finished by Christmas Break. Kathy will have Susie send the catalog out to the PTO representatives as well. We also have a new parent, Tiffany Best, who is helping and will take over next year.
- Kathy Taylor also mentioned that the Junior High Dance is coming up on November 10th. A flyer is going out for all the schools. Kathy Taylor is sending out the volunteer list, and is going to ask 7th and 8th grade parents to help. Volunteers will need to be VIRTUS trained.
- Maggie Collins brought up an idea for teacher Christmas gifts. She has reached out to all the teachers and asked them to complete a “favorite things” list. This “favorite things” email will go out to the PTO representative for gift ideas for the teachers.
- Chris Bigelow stated the Garden Dedication is Oct 25th, from 5:30pm-7:00pm, and will be in the back parking lot weather permitting. The event will be held in the cafeteria if needed. Dayton Metro Parks will be bringing their animal ambassadors. We will have a PowerPoint slide show of all the pictures taken over the last year for the garden and sensory garden. There will be a rock painting booth and food will be offered. The food will be provided by Dave Bogle. Tricia Egan will also have a STEM table set up. We have asked teachers to submit their favorite recipes using vegetables from the garden and the kids can make recipe books of recipes that interest them. Father Dan will come and give a blessing for the garden as well.
- Kristen Lasley brought up the Lukemia Lymphoma Society (LLS) Light the Night walk which will be Thursday, October 18th. St. Charles has a group walking in the event. Their group is called “St. Charles Friends” and they are walking in honor of Henry Kaufman. Anyone can donate to the LLS

through the link. The group that is walking will be meeting in the Southeast corner of the Fairmont parking lot at 5:30pm on October 18th. Registration starts at 5:30pm and the walk starts at 7:00pm.