

St. John the Baptist PTC
Meeting
Thursday March 19, 2015 7:00 PM
St. John Junior High Building, Mrs. Metzger's Classroom

Minutes to be approved at the April 16, 2015 PTC meeting

7:05 PM Meeting was called to order, followed by prayer.

Minutes of January 15, 2015 PTC meeting were reviewed. It was noted that a reminder had not been sent out regarding the creative play/'imagination box' needing additional items. A reminder will be sent. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Marilyn Walter. Kathy Dean seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes of February 26, 2015 PTC special meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mindy Caldwell. Stacie Combs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes will no longer be printed for meeting use, as they are posted online prior to meetings for review.

Treasurer's Report

Susan Klare presented the Treasurer's Report. There is \$50,215.79 to be spent. Approximately \$18,732 has been designated for other use, some of which we know will not be used such as Oktoberfest and back to school bash. This leaves \$31,382.70 available as excess. This does not include income from the Toy and Clothing Sale or Trivia Night.

The beginning budget for this year was \$33,610. The PTC Treasurers will work on a proposed budget to be presented at the April 16, 2015 PTC meeting. Any items recommended for inclusion should be brought forward.

Michelle Ehrhard suggested using PTC money to pay for volunteer background checks. Discussion ensued.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Michelle Ehrhard. Carrie Roesener seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Principal's Report

Susan Meymann reported that the school received 295 student registrations for next year, plus 33 for preschool. There is not a waiting list for any grade.

Special area teachers are working on offering electives for Junior High students (7th and 8th grade), such as photography for an art class.

Next year's school calendar has been approved. Important dates include:

8/12/15	meet the teacher night
8/18/15	1 st day of school, with a staggered Kindergarten start (Southwest starts 8/19/15. We will have bus service on the 18 th .)
5/26/16	last day of school

There will be early dismissals on the last day of each quarter, but no late starts. The Archdiocese is presenting blanket blizzard bags for make-up use.

This concludes the Principal's Report.

Current Business

Everybody Counts Michelle Ehrhard reported that a meeting for volunteers is scheduled for March 25, 2015. Volunteers have been recruited for every grade. Susan Klare and Tami Ludwig offered to help with other grades as needed as well as 8th grade. Michelle said there will be no expense to hold the program. There will not be speakers this year, but we could consider that for next year if this year's pilot is well received.

Painting A vote to paint the cafeteria over spring break and the gym over the summer as proposed at the February 26, 2015 PTC special meeting was taken. Results were unanimous in favor of painting.

Stage Curtains A vote to purchase the stage curtains as proposed at the February 26, 2015 PTC special meeting was taken. Results were unanimous in favor of purchasing the stage curtains and associated pieces.

Scripts Mindy Caldwell said we have around \$5,000-\$10,000 available from scripts for the parking lot. She will confirm the amount. Discussion turned to the parking lot. There is \$14,700 from lotto tickets. We could potentially set aside part of the new budget for the parking lot. It will cost approximately \$56,000-\$80,000 to get it done.

Tervis Tervis cups were for sale at Trivia Night, but none were purchased. John Drees thinks there are 51 left to sell.

Market Day Changes Tanner Cornett is stepping down as Market Day chair, as the chairperson is responsible for much more now. Gordon Food Service purchased Market Day and has made a lot of changes. 20%-30% of schools have already dropped Market Day as a fundraiser. "Market Day" products purchased at GFS will get 5% back to St. John, and all products purchased at GFS will get 1% back to St. John. The buyer just needs to mention St. John at the register. Profit from Market Day sales is about \$1,000 annually. GFS also offers online ordering with in-store pickup.

It was decided that Market Day will cease at the end of this school year. The PTC could potentially look into Schwann's, as they offer a similar program with home delivery.

John suggested streamlining fundraisers and focus only on the major money-makers. Further analysis of fundraisers like magazines and possible frozen food ordering is needed.

Ice Cream Social The ice cream social is scheduled for May 15, 2015. Kristy McGuane is the chair.

PTC Positions PTC Board positions of Treasurer and President Co-Chair are open for next school year. Nominations will be made at the April 16, 2015 PTC meeting, with elections to take place at the May 21 meeting.

Follow Up Business

Wobble Chairs The Wobble chairs purchased as a trial seem to be working well for the students so far. Additional Wobble chairs will be purchased. \$900 was approved to purchase Wobble chairs at the January 15, 2015 PTC meeting.

Trivia Night A total of \$7,196 was made from Trivia Night before expenses; breakdown of money netted is below.

Tables (41)	\$4,920
Raffles	\$1,036
Reds tickets	\$495
Split the pot	\$420
Heads/tails	\$325

Toy and Clothing Sale \$900 was made at the March Toy and Clothing sale. Mindy Caldwell and Stacie Combs are stepping down as co-chairs for the fundraiser. The fall date is set as October 10, 2015, should anyone want to volunteer to chair. An announcement will be made for a new chairperson. Mindy and Stacie will provide a PTC debrief form.

Miscellaneous

The website will continue to be pushed as the central communication channel.

Mindy noted that testing for next year should not take place in a classroom with only stools, as it is hard for the students to be comfortable enough to concentrate.

Michelle suggested setting up a mentor family program to match up “new” families with more experienced families. Mindy said Carrie Roell tried this several years ago. Mindy will dig out the old information.

Susan Klare suggested a mandatory parent’s night before school starts. We could potentially have PTC and Athletics there to recruit volunteers. A separate meeting with Susan Meymann will be made to discuss this.

Jenny Watson is looking for a volunteer to take over managing Promotions (Box Tops, labels, etc.). This would be a good program for a working parent to take over, as it can be done on your own timeline.

The book fair had sales of over \$3,900 in Scholastic dollars. Each teacher has \$87 to spend from this year's sales; many teachers still have not used their \$35 from last year.

The creative play/'imagination box' has been damaged. Motion to use \$200 for the purchase of a new bin was made by Kathy Dean. Marilyn Walter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following items will be purchased from Amazon (using scrips) after John speaks to Paul Roell about setting up a separate PTC Amazon Smile account: 3 Wobble chairs, bin, and lock.

At the next PTC meeting on April 16, 2015, a budget proposal will be presented. Voting will be tabled until meeting on May 21, 2015. Board nominations will also take place at the April meeting, with elections to be held at the May meeting.

8:53 PM Motion to adjourn the PTC meeting was made by Kathy Dean. Marilyn Walter seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Attendance for March 19, 2015 PTC meeting was 13 people.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Barrow, Secretary
St. John PTC

Next scheduled meeting
Thursday April 16, 2015
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Jr. High Building