

St. John the Baptist PTC
Meeting
Thursday September 17, 2015 7:00 PM
St. John Junior High Building, Mrs. Metzger's Classroom

Minutes approved at the November 12, 2015 PTC meeting.

7:00 PM Meeting was called to order, followed by prayer led by Christine Barrow.

New Meeting Structure

Several changes are being made to the PTC meetings this year to hopefully make them more concise.

- Minutes As usual, the PTC minutes will be posted online prior to the next meeting. Minutes will no longer be printed out to be reviewed at the meeting. Meeting attendees are asked to review the minutes online before the meeting, make note of any issues, and come to the meeting prepared to vote on the minutes.
- Agenda The meeting agenda will also be posted online ahead of time. Anyone who has an item to be considered for the agenda is asked to fill out a PTC request form. The PTC request form can be found on the PTC webpage.
- Time structure In an effort to respect everyone's time, the PTC Board will assign a time structure for each agenda item to be discussed. Every effort will be made to keep meetings to one hour.

May Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the May 21, 2015 PTC meeting was made by Mindy Caldwell. Kelly Besl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A treasurer's report was not provided. Updated account balances will be available at the November meeting.

Report is included as Addendum 1 to the meeting minutes.

Principal's Report

Susan Meymann distributed an outline of the school year so far. Susan thanked the PTC for budgeting money for professional development; many teachers took advantage of it over the summer. An explanation of the faith formation team and education committee was provided. Susan announced that the Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is leaving; Susie Gibbons will be the interim Superintendent.

This concludes the Principal's Report.

Follow Up Business

Awning Susan Klare obtained a quote last school year for an awning over the exterior door at the far end of the elementary school building, however that company has been unreachable. A second quote from a local company, Frontier Signs, was obtained, but it is almost twice as much

as the original (\$1,410). Cindy Abrams will follow up with researching other possible companies such as BMBA Signs and Queen City Awning. The PTC has already approved \$900 to be spent on an awning.

Floor Scrubber The PTC has already approved \$3,000 to be spent on a floor scrubber. Mike Meyers will follow up with purchasing one.

Restaurant Fundraiser The PTC's first restaurant fundraiser of the school year was at Orange Leaf on September 7, 2015. Total sales from the fundraiser were \$300.70 from 26 transactions. PTC received 10% (\$30.07).

Current Business

Walk-A-Thon A total of \$5,450 has been collected so far, with \$1,610 of that coming from online donations. Kelly Besl is still looking for volunteers for various jobs; a sign-up genius link can be found on the PTC webpage. 8 t-shirt sponsors stepped up this year, which is more than ever before. Several suggestions were made for simplifying water and snack stations. Kelly will take all into consideration when making final plans.

Bench Project According to projections, enough plastic lids have been collected to purchase 2 benches for the parking lot. A bench costs \$115 for a green one and \$165 for a red one, plus lids. Diana Bley made a motion to approve \$400 for the benches. John Drees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Box-top War The first box-top war of the year will be September 28 – October 2; this includes box tops, Coke codes, Campbell's labels, etc. (see PTC webpage for full list). Sarah Hunter would like box-tops bundled into 50 points to make the job easier.

Rusty Ball The Rusty Ball is October 24, 2015. This is a fun night and St. John PTC gets a portion back from each admission ticket and raffle ticket sold. If you purchase tickets to attend the Rusty Ball, be sure to let Cindy Abrams know so she can include you in her transportation arrangements. Raffle tickets are for a cash prize of \$1,000 and cost \$5 each. Purchase them from Cindy or at the parish picnic on September 25, 2015 from Missy Rehn (she will be working the food booth to benefit the 8th grade). Cindy is putting together a basket of scratch-off lottery tickets to be raffled off at the Rusty Ball. If you would like to donate a dollar or two, please get it to Cindy before October 1.

Upcoming Restaurant Fundraiser The next PTC restaurant fundraiser will be held at the Harrison LaRosas in October. Exact date is to be determined.

Toy & Clothing Sale Jennifer Reis is the new Toy & Clothing Sale chairperson. The event will not be held in October this year. Watch for information on the spring sale.

Proposed Business

Buddy Bench The PTC Board recommends identifying one of the new playground benches as a "buddy bench". When a child is sad, lonely, or feeling left out, they sit on the bench. This

signals to the other children that this person needs a friend and should be invited and included. The students will have to be taught to reach out to anyone sitting on the buddy bench.

Lex Orandi Children's Catechist Michael Johnson sent a letter to the PTC requesting \$400 to support the children's catechist from the Lex Orandi program the parish is hosting. Michael was unable to attend the PTC meeting; the request letter was read aloud by Christine Barrow. Motion to approve the request was not made.

Miscellaneous

Trivia night is scheduled for March 12, 2016. Laura Roberts is looking for a co-chair for donations this year, with the intent for the co-chair to take over next year after Laura's daughter graduates from St. John. Tickets for Trivia Night are usually available in January.

Catholic Schools Week will be January 31 – February 5, 2016. A large program is usually scheduled during that week; suggestions are being taken.

The next PTC meeting date has been changed to Wednesday November 18 (the third Wednesday instead of Thursday) due to parent teacher conferences.

Marilyn Walter is down to 40 pencil bags. Last time, the PTC purchased them in bulk and they were sold for \$6 each. Marilyn will research the cost and report back.

Diana Bley suggested holding a chili cook-off/cornhole fundraiser. She will put together a proposal.

8:04 PM Motion to adjourn the PTC meeting was made by Marilyn Walter. Missy Rehn seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Attendance for September 17, 2015 PTC meeting was 18 people.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Barrow, Secretary
St. John PTC

Next scheduled meeting

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