

Meeting Minutes
Cure of Ars PTO Executive Board
Monday, September 11, 2017 6:30 pm School Library

Attendees - Michelle Hass, Tara Ammeen, Ashley Murphy, Mr. Legler, Maggie Goldsborough, Leann Gillespie, Christina Wright, Andrea Stverak, Lisa Zieren, Jennifer Burroughs, Marcelle Bruck

Guests: Jessica Fisher

I. Call to Order: Michelle Hass
Opening Prayer:

II. Secretary: Marcelle Bruck

- Approval of minutes from August 2017 meeting - Lisa Zieren made a motion, Tara Ammeen approved it. It passed.

III. Officers' Reports

President: Michelle Hass

- Welcome Back Day - Michelle shared that it seemed to go well. Mr. Legler said that people still appreciated the opportunity to come in and be able to ask questions face to face. Michelle had heard some feedback about some of the items that were paid online and the transfer of info. to the appropriate people (i.e. Battle of the Books, Birthday Books, etc.) was confusing. Maggie had an idea to have all tables on one side of the gym that you could have paid for online vs. the additional items you could select.
- Ice Cream Social - Tara Ammeen will reach out to Jeff at Foo's to see how much we owe him for ice cream from the ice cream social Marcelle - Please send Jeff at Foo's a thank you!
- First Day Coffee - Went well. Around 125 people attended. Joni Rauen did a great job with that. Obtaining volunteers was the most difficult part since it is the 1st day of school.
- Carnival Update: 9/15 Rainout Date: 10/27 - Online registration went well. They are still in need volunteers. They are submitting invoices for expenses.
- Teacher Appreciation Sign Ups - Tonia Nelsen said that signups are going well but she'll be sending another email out soon.

- Battle of the Books - 78 students have signed up so far. She still needs some leaders. Leah Devine is finishing up the reading list and things are going well.
- Walk to School Day - Sarah Parrish & Anne George are working on this. Oct. 4th is the upcoming Walk/Bike Day. Post signs, alert traffic, communicate in school newsletter and School Reach.
- Birthday Books: Susan Johnson-not in attendance

VP/President Elect: Leann Gillespie

- Fundraising Events- Pretzel Boys; Amerikick; Freezing Moo
- Amerikick: possible fundraising opportunity and safety/classroom presentations. Could this be a possible opportunity for our kids/parents? Mr. Legler has also been approached by self-defense companies and would prefer us not to work on this as a school event.
- Pretzel Boys: Lara Novotny's brother owns the restaurant and would like to partner with Cure' on a Wed/Thurs after school between 3-7 and donate 20% of all sales.
- Freezing Moo: approached as well for fundraiser would hold event all day, would have to have flyer and donate 30%. Decided to nix this event due to too many other events/fundraisers.
- Culver's night: October already scheduled
- Dewey's: We will have a Dewey's night in the spring.
- Open Meeting(s); survey? Dates?: Love and Logic for younger grades. For mid range kids, we thought about technology safety. For older children, it was suggested that we have a mental health or suicide prevention speaker (Possible speakers- Steve Arkin- local Neurologist, Joe Karlin- members at Holy Trinity), also for older students, maybe having the Ali Kemp Foundation come and talk about self defense. It was discussed that we have one presentation per year. We thought that maybe we rotate from year to year. One year we focus on the younger ones and the next we focus on older students.
- Landscaping- The church just hired someone to take care of landscaping for the parish and the school.
- Box Tops: 10/16 first week- Info about boxtops was in the newsletter last week. Envelopes are going out to each class so kids can bring the boxtops in early. We moved up the date so we can get them turned in on time.

Treasurer: Tara Ammeen

- Review of budget
- Monthly Financial Report
- As of 9/11/17: Total Revenue: \$3,002.83
 Total Expenses: \$17, 865.32
 Cash Balance: \$20, 464.32

Secretary: Marcelle Bruck

- Thank you notes and other correspondence - Carnival, Jeff from Foos for ice cream (being flexible because of the change in ice cream social)
- Todd Hall added a tab (drop down) on the website under PTO with the agenda and the minutes from our meetings.

Volunteer Coordinators: Lisa Zieren & Jennifer Burroughs

- Time to Sign up Volunteer Update- We still need some volunteers for Carnival, Teacher appreciation, lunchroom, library, and walk to school/bike day. Room Parent volunteers are all filled up.
- Room Parent meeting: 9/6- Already occurred and went well
- Teacher Sheets/Conferences- These are live.

Social Coordinators: Maggie Goldsborough

- Grade Level Events/Communication
- New family contacts
- Conferences Teacher Dinner: 10/25
- Trunk or Treat: 10/26
- Jessica Fischer came to the PTO meeting to discuss how we can help new families (that start Cure after preschool/kindergarten) acclimate to Cure of Ars, get their questions answered, etc.

Cultural Arts: Andrea Stverak

- Assemblies: 9/21: Skateboard Science 4-8th grade- Assembly next week. Contact Larry Fahlstrom, Barbie Richardson, and Jackie Busser and Todd hall
- Art Fair: any news?

IV. Principal's Report: Mr. Legler

- Back to School Night Feedback- There was positive feedback about separating the nights into 3 different groups. It was suggested that for the next year, the 8th grade parents should be

informed much earlier (ie. in the summer) before school starts about service hours. A lot of parents had questions about pick up and drop off. It was suggested that next year we send out a map showing the driving instructions so parents are prepared.

V. Unfinished Business

- Communication Updates: 1) website- Todd Hall added a link to PTO minutes and agenda on the PTO tab on the website 2) parent newsletter- Michelle is adding a little write up about what happened at our PTO meeting in the newsletter.
- Confirmation from Religious Ed re: needs/roles in confirmation

VI. New Business

Jessica Fischer had some questions to ask:

1) What is the purpose of the advisory council.

Mr. Legler explained that they are a council and not a board. Father Story asked that the people who were on the council last year stay on.

2) There are a lot of items that seem like they need to be thrown away, old desks etc in the northeast stairwell, can that be cleaned up? Can she rent a dumpster for it to be thrown away?

3) Is the depth of the mulch on the playground a safe depth for the students?

VII. Closing Comments

VIII. Closing Prayer- Our Father said by Michelle Hass

Next Meeting, October 16, 2017, 6:30 PM