**PTO Meeting Minutes**

February 8th, 2018

McDonough Hall

*Present: Jennifer Fox, Grisel Robles-Schrader, Joanne Biemer, Kenna MacKinnon, Marta Stein, Elizabeth Cruz, Kristen Reale, Amy Crilly*

**Presidents’ Report (MacKinnon/Fox)**

Kenna shared the following updates:

* Open House went well
* 23 people registered as compared to 11 last year
* Positive feedback
* Thank you to Jenn Sabatino for the teacher lunches – all volunteer spots were filled.
* Thank you to Amy Crilly and Lisa Schrantz for organizing Buddy Lunches
* Thank you to Megan Patterson for organizing the entertainment for the week

**Brainstorming for Next Year**

* Idea to have a different grade stock the teacher lounges with drinks and snacks every month
* Questions about summer programs – should have all summer programs rolled out together

**Communications (Reale)**

* Feedback that enews is clunky and too long
* School Rush app being rolled out next year to communicate with parents
* Survey Monkey question – how would parents like to be informed about PTO events
* Live Calendar link – is the calendar on the school website a live link that can be updated? Kristen to check

**Treasurers’ Report (Crilly)**

* 14 enrichment programs running
* Plant Sale – proceeds goes towards outdoor classroom
* March Madness – proceeds go towards water fountain/bottle filler

**Committee Reports**

**Enrichment**

* Need a co-chair for this committee next year – break down responsibilities
* Encouraged to pay outstanding enrichment bills

**CSW**

* For next year – clearer delineation of what administration/staff are in charge of and what parent volunteers are in charge of

**Wellness**

* Cooking event – February 25th, 2:30 – 4:30, open to all St. Giles students and family members, $25/person
* Plant Sale – February 15th – March 12th, delivery pick up the Thursday/Friday before Mother’s Day. Ordering site will go live next week.
* Look for new date for Raising Digital Natives – conflict with a jazz band concert

**Fun Lunch**

* Need to review procedures and make sure volunteers are adhering to them

**Faith and Family**

* The personal invitations from the children for the 2nd/3rd/4th Great Grades Liturgy were very well received and there was much higher parental attendance. Thank you to Miss Gomez for organizing.
* Feedback that treats in the back of church created a feeling of being left out, suggestion to revisit this activity given the feedback

**Lenten Soup Supper**

* Looking for soup and bread donations
* Link to volunteer will be in enews

Other Discussion

**School Volunteering**

* Had long discussion about how to get more parents volunteering
* Idea for soft roll out for a volunteer requirement – perhaps have a reward
* Signup.com is a vehicle for tracking volunteer hours
* Kenna shared that Stacy McEnery would like to load all volunteer opportunities in Signup.com at beginning of year
* In Survey Monkey at end of year, ask questions about barriers to volunteering
* Idea to provide conference call meeting number or video conferencing number for PTO meetings

**March Madness**

* Thank you to Becky Mongiat for taking on the technology part of this fundraiser
* Games start 2 days after Gala
* Sell at bowling, Jam the Gym (February 27th), volleyball games
* Grisel’s husband Todd will help track games

**Misc**

* Question asked about why we don’t have a school nurse
* Look into what St. Luke’s or Ascension have

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Reale