

St. Agnes Virtual PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. via Zoom
Attended by 27 families/teachers

OPENING PRAYER by Father Benz

MEETING RULES - Welcome to our May PTO meeting for the 2019/2020 School Year

- If you need to be added to the Agenda, email the PTO officers via email by the Sunday prior to the meeting. Agenda will be posted to the St Agnes web site the Friday prior to the meeting and will be updated on the Monday the week of the PTO meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS Introduction of Executive Committee Members

PTO President – Alyssa Schwent 573-883-6256 aschwent@sgdragons.org

PTO Vice-President - Eric Emmett 314-413-1582 emmett.eric@gmail.com

PTO Treasurer – Adrienne Griffard 636-209-2360 agriffard@sjparish.org

PTO Secretary – Debbie Varga 314-322-8404 debbievarga1@gmail.com

St. Agnes Principal - Ms. Erin O'Driscoll 573-483-2506 principal@stagneselementary.org

St. Agnes Pastor - Fr. Michael Benz frmichaelbenz@yahoo.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- End of year thanks and quick announcements
 - Parents & Teachers - for such a great year, especially with the challenges faced due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
 - Mrs. Francis & Sr. Fran, Ms O'Driscoll who are leaving the school - thank you!
 - Mrs Meyer - who will be leaving after 30 years of service to St.Agnes - A big shout out for all your years teaching our children!
 - Be sure to check out social media for PTO President to deliver special gifts of appreciation to both Mrs. Meyer and Ms. O'Driscoll.
 - A special thank you to the two families who are graduating their final children from St. Agnes: Melanie & Brian Bauman who are graduating Emma Christine, and Clayton & Gina Blum who are graduating Kelsey Blum. PTO will be presenting gifts of thanks to these two families at the Drive-Thru Graduation Day.
 - The drawings for the 2 PTO Scholarships for the graduating 8th graders who are attending a Catholic HS will be drawn on Drive-Thru Graduation Day.
 - Sister Fran's thank you note shared on screen for all to see/read

WORDS FROM FATHER BENZ

- Prospects for Principal - Debra Klaus will be Interim Principal for one year, will continue to teach 3rd grade as well. Father will also be helping with Administrative duties.
- Good candidates have been interviewed for open positions
- Father Benz and the Finance Committee have determined that the teachers at St. Agnes will have increases over the next two years to be brought to the same level of pay as the Archdiocese recommendations.
- Thank you to the teachers, especially to our outgoing teachers, and principal
- Thank you to the Marketing Team and to Chris Hoog

WORDS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

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- Project Lead the Way Grant - STREAM grant for K-8 was awarded to St. Agnes
- Grant from Knights of Columbus for special seasons
- The American Heart Association event will be done in the fall and will allow St. Agnes to apply for any of their grants.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Adrienne Griffard, PTO Treasurer

- **balance reported = \$94,885.55**
- Teachers please turn in receipts ASAP so you can be reimbursed
- 8th grade will still be spending their allotted money for Graduation, Trip, Confirmation even after the end of the budget year; same for 2nd grade for 1st Communion.
- 2020-2021 Budget - budget is a little slimmer than prior years
- Books have been excluded due to possibility to be paid by BCF, but there may be more from PTO even with a grant from BCF. Will not know until after June 30th if the BCF will have funds available. Per Erin and Father, most book bills are due in early August.
- Next year is still a little fluid, so there may need to be changes to the budget.
- Todd Donze asked about the Retention Scholarships for the families who had an 8th grader graduate, and are keeping their younger children at St. Agnes. This was done 2 school years ago, and approved only for that year (graduating class of 2018). Todd reported that the Marketing Committee has also asked BCF for additional funding.
- Eric Emmett added that there could still be a vote early in the school year 2020/2021 to add to the budget d/t the pandemic.
- Proposed budget for the 2020/2021 school year will be pending until after June 30th to wait for possible BCF grants for books, etc.
- Budget will be sent out via email after June 30, 2020

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of February PTO Meeting Minutes - Motioned by Alyssa, 2nd by Debbie Varga, approved
- Marketing Committee News and Updates
- Trivia - Wrap Up - Sara Taylor
 - Trivia Committee will need a volunteer for the Bank position for next year
 - Profit from Trivia Night was \$7134.33 and that was without the raffle
 - May increase the price of the meal tickets next year

NEW BUSINESS

- **ELECTIONS**
 - Vote on Vice President candidate Jennifer Herzog was motioned by Alyssa, 2nd by Adrienne Griffard - passed unanimously
 - Vote on Secretary candidate Michelle Grither was motioned by Alyssa, 2nd by Lisa Braun - passed unanimously
- Sausage Breakfast - Cancelled by Covid-19 pandemic. There were two donations from two parishioners for the sausage breakfast who said the PTO could keep those donations with the PTO.
- Alumni Drive - Todd Donze, Lauren Lester
 - Survey of Alumni sent out via FaceBook, emails
 - Have received about 50 back so far of a variety of age groups

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- PTO Fees for next school year - all PTO families will pay one \$50 fee . This \$50 PTO Fee will replace the former \$120 Scrip fee, and the \$10 PTO Family Fee (used for teacher's birthday gifts).
 - Scrip program will not be continued next year due to not meeting standards by ArchDiocese, and lack of interest in enough volunteers to effectively run the program.

COMMITTEE LEADS/UPDATES

- **Playground Committee** - Dave & Michelle Grither
 - Dave & Michelle Grither will continue - if you have older children who would like to help out over the summer, please let them know.
 - Key for the lock on the playground was requested by Michelle. Mr. Figge will have it ready to pick up at office on Friday 5/15/20

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2019-2020 Officers:

President - Nick Rayoum

Vice President - Joe Lester

Secretary - Cathy Rozier

Treasurer - Jennifer Herzog

2020-2021 Sports Reps

Soccer Rep - Sarah Wolk

Volleyball Rep - Karyn Bauman

Basketball Rep - Adrienne Griffard

FALL SPORTS

Registrations need to be submitted to your VB and Soccer reps

Volleyball - Karyn has enough for one A team and one B team for the 2020/2021 school year.

Soccer - Sarah has gotten 31 families submitted already, and a few PSR families have asked if their kids can play for the 2020/2021 school year.

Basketball - Adrienne - A team Girls were undefeated and won their tournament; all teams played their hearts out this year

Have a Great Summer!!

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

CLOSING PRAYER by Father Benz