

St. Bernadette PTO Meeting Minutes January 13, 2022; zoom meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm. Officers present: President Jeni Fulton, Vice President Annie Antle, Treasurer Vanessa Hartman, Secretary Denise Byrum, Member at Large Jessica Benkelmann, Social Event Coordinator Jennifer Harris. Opening prayer led by Denise Byrum.

Principal's Update (Mrs. Ingram):

Registrations for 2023-24 school year: See newsletter for instructions to apply for financial aid options and further information about cost of tuition for participating parishioner and outside of parish.

Catholic Schools Week: packet was sent home outlining events of the week. Reintroducing special person to lunch day—all students together and use gym on Monday because that is easier to keep other schedules intact. Class officer 8th graders to go to cathedral Mass, and Joe Hammond will serve. Requesting volunteers for cleaning at the luncheon and to help distribute pizza at the bowling field trip.

Open House: for new families only, using Signup genius for an appointment, but not required—using to have enough tour guides. Button to this signup genius on the St. Bernadette website. This will mostly be students entering preschool or Kindergarten. Decided to start and end tours in the gym with a few tables to represent Boosters, Boosters spiritwear sale table, other activities, such as scouts and latchkey. Heather Proffitt looking through supply closet to see what supplies are available. Decorations like a balloon arch create a welcoming environment. PTO single flyer to show those activities. In the past, ended at the school office so that families could complete registration, but we will have chromebooks ready to register at the end of the tour. Cookies and water available. Marketing of the Open House will be through the yard signs. Did not yet purchase time on a billboard or do a mailer. Feedback has always been that word of mouth was the way that individuals found St. Bernadette. Suggestion to create a visually pleasing social media screenshot for Instagram and Facebook to share on the St Bernadette Facebook page and with Mom's groups/friends. St Mary's in Bethel and St Peter in New Richmond get in-parish rate, will see about St Thomas More due to the Beacons of Light/family of parishes.

House system: Trying to insert this into what we do and get banners or flags.

Accreditation: ongoing this year. Final stages of planning.

Open Position: 5th grade teacher Mrs. Megan Mattei will be leaving for St. Dominic at the end of the year. The position has been posted with the Archdiocese for next school year.

Updates and New Business:

Family skating Beechmont Rollerena (Jennifer Harris): March 21; fundraiser option, \$4 admission, \$3 skate rental, no admission for non-skating parents. \$1 to the school. If we have over 150, \$1.25 to the school. 6:30-8:30.

Mother Son Event being planned.

Father Daughter Dance: team of 5 helping to plan this for March 4.

Flying Pig children's program (Jenn Pikal): May 5-7 (NOT same weekend as First Communion). Sara Kramer will co chair this. Info coming soon. Hope to bring back the running club even if it is just a few weeknights. Pep rally with the mascot at school.

Walkathon (Jessica Benkelmann): in contact with the group in March to help with the planning. Partnering with the company brought in \$20,000 at St Veronica, guarantee that we will make what we made last year. Color run this year to be different than previous years.

Christmas gifts: Teachers received a luncheon, small gift and reimbursements of \$75.

Uniforms: Issues with the current vendor of shirts, delivery and responsiveness. Want to look into Allstar, across from STM. Allstar will embroider any shirt for \$10. They currently do our house and class shirts. Committee to look into this for uniform shirts, including Jen Gregory and Vanessa Hartman.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 pm. Minutes submitted by Denise Byrum.

The minutes from the November 2022 meeting were approved by the Board and have been posted on the PTO website.