

## St. Bernadette PTO Meeting Minutes January 16, 2025; School Cafeteria

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Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm. Officers present: President Ashley White, Vice President Annie Antle, Treasurer Tiffany Sentman, Secretary Denise Byrum, Social Event Coordinator Jennifer Harris. Opening prayer led by Denise Byrum.

### **Principal's Report (Mrs. Ingram):**

**After School Latchkey:** Jessica Benkelmann resigned so Miss Marianne will be taking over the latchkey for the rest of the year.

**A Wired Family presentation (with Stephanie Goehring):** Presentation to discuss social media issues with kids and inform parents of the risks of the internet. This is a great speaker, but the cost is \$1300 for student day sessions and evening parent session. Try to promote to the entire parish family. Cannot broadcast because it is a proprietary presentation. Students at our school are somewhat naive. Pto to sponsor? Concern about a tight timeline, but there is enough time to advertise.

**Procedure for funding:** Discussion on how to decide funding for events. Concern about funding events that do not get much attendance and that are representative of the whole student population. Looking at ways to allocate money per student. Methods to vote on how to spend the funds. PTO has approximately \$24,000, but some of those funds are allocated. Need to spend some by the end of the year or reallocate to the air conditioning fund.

**Reenrollment:** FACTS system to enroll; can do before the Open House. Some classes are at capacity already. Apply at the Open House with an application for new families. EdChoice becomes a balance of making sure that we can accept enough students who need extra help with an IEP. More students means more funding, but not extra for IEP or other intervention. We get public school services for that and cannot take Peterson money.

**Open House:** Jan 26, volunteers needed. Tours by appointment. Used uniforms, boosters, PTO, other booths there in the gym to highlight what our school has. Students to do the tours.

**Catholic Schools week:** week of Jan 26, need volunteers, fliers are going home with students. Need to get the bus for the bowling trip and pizza organized for lunch on Friday.

### **Updates/Volunteer Opportunities:**

#### **Social events:**

- Father Daughter Dance Feb 8. Signups on email, need volunteers, tight schedule for set up and clean up due to basketball games.
- Pottery Day Feb 23 using Starglazers again, light lunch, made it a family event as it had been just girls in the past.

**Next PTO meeting:** Feb 13 at 6:30.

**Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm. Minutes submitted by Denise Byrum. Sophia Goepfert won the gift card. Students represented by someone who attended the meeting will receive an out of uniform day pass for next Thursday.**