

## St. Bernadette PTO Meeting Minutes April 10, 2024; School Cafeteria

---

Meeting called to order at 6:34 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):**

**Enrollment:** 189 students for next year (205 this year) with 19 in kindergarten. Kindergarten will be capped at 24. Most from the preschool are not coming to the elementary school. EdChoice renewals in progress.

**Staffing:** Jennifer Duffey will be returning to teach 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Jennifer Carnes will teach K. Open roles for grades 2, 3, STEM or 6, music, and gym. Robert Row will be full time facilities manager. Teachers are getting new contracts with a long overdue raise to meet the lowest salary scale for the Archdiocese, thanks to support from Father Tim. Committee is meeting to hire the principal replacement.

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

**Walkathon (Patti and Kristie):** Theme is Great Sabre Quest for AC. There are local sponsors offering cash donations to pay for prizes and treats so that 100% of the money collected goes to the fundraising needs. DJ for \$350 coming and volunteer photographer. School goal was to be \$15,000, but the cost may be greater in order to include the hallways and other electrical/infrastructure prep work. Obstacles were found by just including the classrooms and not the hallways to keep the exchange due to the opening of doors. It would be best to include the hallways to guarantee more longevity of the units. It was discussed and agreed that the more realistic goal of the fundraising be \$25,000. It would be best to have full transparency on the cost, and maybe it will need to be done in a few stages. Market this with a poster that includes a picture of an iceberg or mountain climber to show progress to the AC goal and on social media. Zeffy or Cash/check (held in safe, want a memo to state student name and walkathon). Using social media posts to market. What happens if we don't reach the goal? Still able to do something at the \$15,000 goal and have the \$25,000 super goal. PTO and class parents to push this. Trying to get mascots to come as well and make the walkathon a fun day with treat stations and prizes. Asked about putting in the bulletin any sponsor for advertising, and there is a possibility of using the half page area for St. Bernadette school as an area to give that marketing to corporate donors since the summer is not using.

**School Supply Kits (Annie):** Not a fundraiser, just a courtesy to parents. Using a new company & is a smoother process.

**Next PTO meeting:** offsite or onsite with food. Hard to have a real meeting when there is a lot of conversation and in the type of environment as last year. Jimmy B's, Don Rigos, Country Inn? Need to RSVP, Tentatively May 22 as a celebration only.

### **New Business/Community Input:**

**Audiology Equipment:** Came in and Nurse Diane Brunner is excited to use. Old equipment was no longer in service, but was from 1980s.

**Skating Parties (Jennifer):** Jennifer will continue to plan these and wants to book next year. Invite St Thomas More? May be too crowded with extras. Allowed to bring outside guests.

**Running Club:** Starting tomorrow

**PTO Election:** only one person nominated for each role, unanimous change in officers. The new officers will be:

President: Margaret Bedilion

Vice President: Sarah Kramer

Secretary: Heather Staples

Treasurer: Tiffany Sentman (Returning)

Social Committee Chair: Patti Stiger-Roeckner

Members at Large: Sophia Goepfert and Annie Antle

**Next PTO meeting:** Tentatively May 22, location TBD.

**Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm. Minutes submitted by Denise Byrum. Sophia G won the gift card. Students represented by someone who attended the meeting will receive an out of uniform day pass for April 17, next Thursday.**