

St. Bernadette PTO Meeting Minutes March 13, 2025; School Cafeteria

Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm. Officers present: 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): Mrs. Ingram was out of town so her report was cancelled.

Updates/Volunteer Opportunities:

Festival Report (Samantha Compton): This is her 2nd year, with her focus on preparations, weather, safety. Festival theme: "Shining like a star." Need for a volunteer chair (last year Jennifer Harris) and Grand Raffle Chair (last year Diane Brunner). After spring break, they are planning a grand raffle competition with classes for the \$10,000 grand prize and 3 early bird drawings for \$100. Tickets are \$25 each. Sell 4 to get a T shirt. Classroom selling the most will get pizza party, 2nd place gets ice cream. T shirts will be \$15 or \$10 for volunteers (at cost). Half of the booth chairs are filled, but still looking for volunteers for that as well as workers. New ride company. New process for the gym to keep casino separate but basket raffle inside for safety. Shifting other booths around outside. Reminder that the festival supports the church and school with last year's profit around \$50,000. Festival email: festival@stbernadetteamelia.org.

Social events:

- Pottery Painting: Great turnout of 160+. Added more tables to accommodate. Pottery has already come back.
- Mother Son Dance: only about 20 families, look at other boy events?

New Business/Community Input:

Walkathon (Patti Stiger-Roeckner and Kristie Hensley): Walkathon will be on May 16. Patti and Kristie just took over this event, and are coming up with a theme. We are not using the outside vendor this year. Trying to find volunteers and sponsors, getting a t shirt.. Feedback was to make this a longer course and a longer event with more tables. Last year the course was far too short. Having a committee meeting soon.

Retirement Party (Annie Antle): To celebrate Liz Ingram, Mr. Reardon, Sister Judy on the last day of school which is a half day. In the gym, inviting past workers. Christine Seitz and Mrs. Roesel are planning in the gym with catering. May be set up from 8th grade graduation the night before. Will need volunteers.

PTO Officers: Several offices up for election. Deadline to nominate candidates for the April meeting for roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, Member at Large, and Social Event Coordinator. People have volunteered for each role, but may not have opposition.

Next PTO meeting: April 10, 6:30 in person. Final meeting usually at Don Rigos but that is difficult to have a real meeting there. Deciding whether to move and have food at the school? Or move to another quieter venue?

Meeting adjourned 7:42pm. Minutes submitted by Denise Byrum. Melissa Wright won the gift card. Students represented by someone who attended the meeting will receive an out of uniform day pass for next week.