

St. Bernadette PTO Meeting Minutes March 11, 2021; zoom meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. Officers present: President Jeni Fulton, Exiting President Kelly Brokamp, Treasurer Vanessa Hartman, Secretary Denise Byrum, Member at Large Julie Schultz, Member at Large Julie Tipton. Opening prayer led by Denise Byrum.

Updates:

- **Flying Pig Kids' Marathon (Jenn Pikal):** Weekend in spring is virtual only, information on the website; In person postponed until fall, October 29-31 coinciding with the Queen Bee Marathon. More information will be forthcoming because of the desire for it to be a safe event. Could St. B have a community event instead at a track?
- **Larosa's Night (Jenn Pikal):** February \$1075.17 sales for a \$215 donation and March \$1780.31 for a \$360 donation. April 1 will be the next pizza night. It has successfully raised \$1695 this school year.
- **School kits (Jennifer Harris):** In addition to the school supply kits, this year there will be a PPE kit available for students or to donate. If we have an increase in sales from the previous year, the school will get cash back.

New Business:

- **Social Events (Jeni Fulton):** Hopeful to have safe events as we get to the end of the school year. Movie showing outside on the big inflatable screen with popcorn and candy. Looking at Saturday in early May. Kona ice or ice cream truck?
- **Teacher Appreciation Week (Jeni Fulton):** May 3-7, looking at coffee truck and taco truck. Suggestion for a virtual raffle for the teachers to win prizes.
- **Walkathon (Jeni Fulton):** Hope to host in May; no one to run this year, but Beth Hoyt is willing to assist if there is a volunteer. The last time it was done through the fundraising company online and meant that there was less work.
- **PTO (Jeni Fulton):** At this point, Vice President is open and there are other options for those who wish to get involved. Social committee could use assistance. We are hoping for a full year of events in 2021-22. For those who want to volunteer, we have a need for help, especially with the social events.

Principal's Update (Mrs. Ingram):

COVID: found in-school spread to be very low because of the actions that are done to mitigate the spread including air filters, nightly disinfecting, handwashing and sanitizer. Hopeful but we still need to continue to be diligent in following the guidelines. We hope to have safe events in spring.

Registration: Online, tricky to manage the columns of data versus forms, but working on that. Roughly 174 registered, but a few families are waiting. This is ahead of where we would normally be at this time. Unsure of how covid guidelines will be in the fall (distancing/masks/sanitation), but it is expected to continue through midyear with the kindergarten remaining in the cafeteria.

Retirement: Miss Julie Selm is retiring at the end of the year. We would like to have a schoolwide celebration for her with former coworkers and students. Since she has led Field Day for so many years, that is one possible time to honor her.

Teacher Assignments: still in progress. At this point, no hiring due to the uneven population of the grades. Still determining which teachers will be switching grades with Miss Selm's retirement.

Grants: EANS (covid response) federal funds are available. Trying to determine what we can spend the funds for, including educational coaching, additional personnel, special programming, counselor, air purification. In process of applying.

Nurse Appreciation: May 6, want to honor those who volunteered all year, especially those on their day off.

Graduation: Still determining who can come and if mass will be on the same or a different day. May set up the gym as a worship space to allow for proper distancing and both events to occur at the same time. Trying to come up with ideas to celebrate the 8th graders. May continue the parade that was started last year as part of the celebration.

Meeting adjourned 7:58 pm. Minutes submitted by Denise Byrum.

The minutes from the January 2021 meeting were approved by the Board and have been posted on the PTO website.