

Little Flower School PTO Meeting
December 14, 2016

The PTO meeting was held in the music room at 5:30 with pizza lunch provided. The meeting had been rescheduled due to inclement weather. Opening prayer was led by Karla Deplazes. The meeting was conducted by co-presidents Renae Arnston and Karla Deplazes.

Tonia Dosch reviewed the treasurer's report with income and expenses noted.

Old Business:

The candy sales are going well. There is still candy available for sale. Please contact Rita in the office if you would like more candy to sell.

The Veterans Dinner went very well. Desserts were provided by room parents and the cooks also made dessert. The Veterans enjoy this event and there was a segment on the Minot KX news. Thank you to Mrs. Mosher and her class that make this a special event for the veterans.

The Dine and Bid was a successful event this year raising more than last year! The supper was delicious and overall the Live auction, reverse auction and silent auction went well. Ideas were discussed for next years dine and bid.

The Day Campaign for What a Difference a Day Makes was discussed. The 2016 year went well and was successful being the first year. The 2017 year is upcoming and this will be a reverse calendar year. A packet was sent home at the beginning of the school year with information and forms provided to each LFS family. Spread the word to friends and family who may be interested and this also makes a wonderful gift!

The Box Tops drive was completed in November with the 3rd and 4th grade turning in the most Box Tops. They will receive a treat for their efforts. Please keep in mind when saving labels that the Box Tops and My Coke Rewards are currently the ones to look to save for LFS as the Campbell's and Our Family are not currently available as they were in the past.

New Business:

The raffle tickets have been sent with each family receiving 2 books to sell. They are easy to sell and have all cash prizes this year. Keep trying to sell them as the drawing is held at the LFS carnival the end of January 2017.

The carnival committee reports they are working on getting things organized. The carnival will be held on January 29 starting out Catholic Schools Week. Posters are being hung around town and displayed on the LFS facebook page. Many volunteers are needed for the various games and for the setup and take down.

The Catholic Schools Week Committee is planning to meet after Christmas and will make decisions at that time. This is a fun week for the students, staff and their families.

The LFS Christmas program went really well. Mrs. Mack was pleased with the performance especially due to inclement weather and less available practice time. Thank you to all those that make this such a special program and for the lunch served afterward. In addition, the Little Flower Parish Christmas Eve mass is December 24. A letter was sent home and contact Angel Hoffert if you are interested in your children participating.

It was discussed if additional equipment was needed for the playground and for phy. ed. It was discussed that an inventory of current items may need to be planned then will be discuss further. Also discussed is the use of sleds on the playground. The children enjoy them and ideas are to check into foam style sled to try as the plastic ones seem to break easily.

The teachers report that they are interested in equipment such as a document camera for use with the current smart boards. Discussion was made regarding funds and possible grant application to put toward the cameras.

The yearbook committee reports that they have been able to work with the current yearbook company to use and work on the photos of the current events for the school yearbook. Photos can be uploaded using the app. Yearbook order forms will be sent out.

Decals were ordered to promote LFS and to be given to families and those that donate.

It was noted that the religious education board met and that the Catholic United Financial has grants available to put toward the religious education programs. In addition, Catholic United Financial has a letter and card available to report volunteer hours since the 2016 school year began. The information is due January 4, 2017 at the school office.

Closing prayer was led by Laura Swanson.

Thank you for all you do for LFS!

Respectfully submitted,
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PTO secretary

