

Little Flower School PTO Meeting November 23, 2015

The PTO meeting was held in the LFS music room at 5:30 with lunch provided. The meeting was led by co-presidents Renae Arnston and Karla Deplazes. Opening prayer was led by Karla Deplazes. Tonia Dosch presented the treasurer report.

Old Business: The LFS rummage sale was successful with over \$900 raised. Items were donated by the Voeller family. Thank you to all who helped.

The World's Finest Chocolate is being sold. There is still candy available. Please contact Rita at the school office if you are able to sell more.

The Veterans' Dinner went very well. Mrs. Mosher reports that the Veterans appreciated the dinner, the time visiting with the student, and the program. Thank you to the students and all those that helped with the dinner.

The LFS Dine and Bid was held Friday November 13 at the Rugby Eagles with Teresa's chicken supper. Approximately \$10,000 was raised during the event and over 300 people were served. This year the silent auction was held along with a few items in a live auction, and an opportunity for a reverse auction. Thank you to all who donated items, worked, and those who cleaned up and those who supported the school through attending the supper and auction.

What A Difference A Day Makes campaign fundraiser is continuing through December. Plans are to have a table set up after the weekend masses for the month of December. The prayers will start January 2016. If interested in helping at a table after mass, let one of the PTO officers know.

The fall Box Tops drive is complete with the 1st and 2nd grade class winning as they collected the most Box Tops. Keep saving Campbell's soup labels, Box Tops, and My Coke Rewards.

Another opportunity to help LFS while you shop on Amazon is to use the Amazon Smile website. A small percentage will be donated to the school under Little Flower School.

The KC breakfast went well in October. Further plans will be made to work with the KC's for another breakfast. More information will be provided.

PTO is continuing to work on solutions for organizing and making the entry way storage closet more efficient. The door has been changed so it open outward and seems to be working better. Thank you Harold.

New Business: The Little Flower School Raffle has begun. Tickets have been sent home with families to sell. Plans are being made to have students sell raffle tickets around town with parent drivers/chaperones.

The Little Flower School Christmas program will be held Sunday December 13 at 2:00 at the Rugby High School, Tilman Hovland Auditorium. The 5th grade parents are planning the lunch that will be served after the program. LFS families will be contacted to bring 1-2 dozen treats or baked good for the lunch after the program.

The LFS carnival reports that the carnival is planned for January 31, 2016 at the armory. Many fun games and activities are being planned for the carnival. Please send in your sign up sheet and notify the committee if you are able to work or not. This helps reduce the amount of calls that need to be made. Volunteers are

needed to make this event a success. If you planned to work at the carnival but are unable to please find your own replacement.

Catholic Schools week will be the end of January. The committee is planning several activities. The memorial hall has been reserved for the LFS dance. More details will be sent home.

Playground equipment was discussed with ideas including new sleds and other things the children could play with on the playground.

A school improvement day was discussed with ideas for painting, and freshening up the school. It was recommended by Fr. Tom to create a list of things that is needed and it will be prioritized. Further information will be available as plans are made.

The Strategic Planning committee has been meeting and Fr. Tom reports that they are getting through the standards, bench marks, summarizing information. They plan to have a report available sometime in January and then will progress to the next phase.

Grants have been received with the latest for \$500 from the Catholic Financial to be used toward the smart boards. Two of the smart boards were purchased by the PTO last year. The 2 purchased this year were taken care of by the grants received.

The LFS yearbook is in progress and more photos are needed for the 2014-2015 school year. They can be uploaded with the link on the LFS website. Please contact Karleen Blessum or Miss Heilman if you need further information to submit photos.

Sister Mary Ruth mentioned that she continues to work on and updates the LFS website which is a great resource for school news, and checking grades and other school information.

Discussion was held regarding a school Christmas party or having individual classrooms each having their own. It was decided that each classroom would have their own as during Catholic schools week there are activities to enjoy as a larger group.

PTO storage was discussed and for now the PTO tote and file box will be located in the prior 3rd grade classroom upstairs of the school.

Some ideas for a "Chairity" event was discussed as there are donated chairs available in the school storage and may be a nice fundraiser having different chairs decorated.

Fr. Tom requested volunteers to assist him in entering the My Coke Rewards points. If interested let Fr. Tom know. He also handed out a PTO brochure from the National Catholic Ed. Association regarding PTO involvement.

A new cash box was ordered as the old one was no longer working properly.

Mrs. Mosher led the closing prayer.

Thank you for all you do for Little Flower School! May God bless you.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Kraft