

## PTO Meeting March 12, 2014

The Little Flower School February PTO meeting was held in music room at 5:30. Lunch was provided. Sr. Jean Louise led the opening prayer.

PTO president Christie Jaeger led the meeting. The PTO president position is still open. If you are interested, please contact one of the board members.

Treasurer Char Hartl reviewed the treasurer report and noted the income and expenses for the fundraisers. The carnival and raffle both had a profit. Thank you to all who attended and helped sell and bought raffle tickets!

Catholic Schools week went well and there were many fun events planned including themed dress up days, ice skating or sledding, LFS open house, Cookies for a Cause, and a dance. Thank you to all who helped with and put this fun week together.

The Carnival went well and there was a nice profit this year. Although there were no inflatables, and the weather there were many good comments. People enjoyed the new games, and that it was a little quieter without the inflatables. Catholic Financial had a booth there and provided \$500.00 matching funds for the carnival. The LFS students will provide a thank you for the matching funds for the school.

The yearbook committee recommends training for the new committee members as Miss Dobitz will not be here next year. It was agreed that the price of \$15.00 is still appropriate for next year's annual.

The LFS marathon committee is preparing for the LFS bike marathon the first week of May. Ideas were discussed for incentives to bring in more addresses, and to keep track of laps during the marathon. Students will receive 10% return for dollars raised and there also will be prizes for sales again this year. Watch for upcoming newsletters to be sent home.

There are ideas to order pens for LFS to be used at various events. Tonia Dosch is checking into prices and designs.

Miss Dobitz reports there is a Kindergarten open house planned for Thursday March 27 at 5:30-6:30 at LFS. Please let prospective families know so they can stop in and visit with Miss Dobitz and see the classroom and school. Also there will be Kindergarten registration March 31<sup>st</sup> -April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the school office.

The teachers report how much they appreciate having Miss Yri, the teachers' aide in the school and that it is working very well.

There will be preschool registration this month for LFS. Please see the newsletter, church bulletin, or call the school for any questions you may have.

It was discussed that the Blue Jay newsletter could become an additional committee as it is a great opportunity to keep LFS alumni informed of the school events. Karla Deplazes and Renae Arnston are currently working on a newsletter.

The school is in need of 3 teachers for the next school year for Kindergarten, combined 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.

The afterschool homework program continues to be available a few days a week after school Miss Yri has been assisting students during this time. Thank you to Miss Yri! Some ideas were discussed to compensate her for her time and are yet to be determined.

Sr. Jean Louise introduced Sr. Beate, a Franciscan Sister from Germany, and is spending the next 3 months with the sisters. She will be offering German classes at the Heart of America Public Library on Tuesdays. She also will help with translating such as letters or small documents. If interested contact the sisters at the convent or the school.

Sr. Beate led the closing prayer in German.

Thank you for all that you do for the Little Flower School.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Kraft, LFS PTO secretary