

PTO Meeting May 6, 2015

The Little Flower School PTO meeting was held in the music room at 5:30 with pizza lunch provided. Opening prayer was led by Father Tom. The meeting was led by co-presidents, Karla Deplazes and Renae Arnston. Tonia Dosch reviewed the treasurer's report, noting income and expenses for the various fundraisers and events. She discussed the LFS brochure is being updated and that a few items have been provided from the classroom wish lists.

Old Business:

The LFS Marathon was Friday May 1. The weather was nice and the event raised \$14,000. All those that attended had a good time. Ideas were discussed of ways to continue to improve the marathon event including the letters and thank you notes. There will be a fun day with water balloons and prizes will be issued on Friday May 8.

LFS envelopes are available to make a donation in memory or in honor of someone. They are available at the funeral homes and at the school.

There have been 2 successful BoxTops drives this year with a nice increase in the amount collected. This is a great way for the school to generate extra income. Keep saving over the summer. A reminder that other brands also can be collected including Campbells, Our Family bar codes, and My Coke Rewards. It is planned to have 4 drives next year.

New Business:

The committee sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting. If you are interested in a specific committee let one of the officers know, otherwise those that do not sign up will be assigned to one. Next year a new committee will be "What A Difference A Day Makes". This fundraiser is an opportunity for an individual to buy a day on the calendar in honor or in memory of someone, such as a birthday or anniversary. More details will follow. It was discussed to consider taking part in a larger scale raffle with tickets being \$5 each through Catholic United Financial including states in the upper Midwest.

Upcoming Kindergarten and 6th grade graduations are being planned for LFS. Teachers will let PTO if they need anything for these graduation days.

Interactive Flat Panels were discussed such as a SMART Board as LFS does not currently use them. The benefit of using them was discussed by those in attendance. PTO presidents have been researching the available sizes, the cost, and needs to be able to get one for the school. They will have a telephone conference in the next few days to get more information as a potential option to enhance teaching and learning opportunities at LFS.

The Kindergarten teacher position is open. Thank you to Miss Critser for her year of teaching at LFS. We appreciate all that you have done for our students and school! She attended a career fair promoting LFS. No applications have been received at this point.

The End of the year picnic is on Thursday May 21 on the last day of school. There will be hotdogs, burgers, chips and watermelon. A sign-up sheet will be sent home for RSVP and to bring something to share.

There was a short discussion of the preschool as the public preschool is possibly increasing the days and times.

The School Board has sent out a survey for Little Flower School. Please take time to fill it out. There is also an online option if you would rather complete it using the computer.

The LFS Silent Auction date has been set in November and will be held at the Eagles next fall. Further details will follow with newsletters next fall.

Kris Blessum led the closing prayer.

Thank you for all that you do for Little Flower School!

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Kraft, LFS PTO Secretary

