

PTO Meeting September 25, 2013

The Little Flower School September PTO meeting was held in music room at 5:30 with an open house beginning at 5:00. Lunch was provided. Sr. Jean Louise led the opening prayer.

PTO president Christie Jaeger led the meeting. She announced that the PTO president position is now open. If you are interested, please contact one of the board members if you are interested.

Mr. Knutson, the new principal, and teacher aide, Miss Yri were introduced and welcomed at the meeting. The 1st and 2nd grade teaching position is open. The position is being advertised on the Job Service website, local newspapers, and by other means. Sr. Jean Louise suggested including this prayer request in the Novena to St. Terese. There have been substitute teachers taking the class in the mean time. Thank you for all your hard work.

The treasurer report was given by Char Hartl. Income and expenses for the end of the 2013 school year fund raisers were discussed. Catholic Financial Life provided matching funds for the LFS carnival 2013. A thank you will be sent. It was mentioned that it would be simpler to keep the carnival as the matching funds event instead of rotating to a different fund raiser. The amount raised for the bike marathon was down a little from recent previous years. A few ideas to increase fund raising efforts for the marathon were discussed. The money the students donated back to the school will be used to make a storage area for the playground and recess equipment. Thank you to all the students who gave their earned marathon cash award back to the school.

Little Flower School was represented by the 6th grade float in the RHS homecoming parade on September 20. The float looked great with a beach theme, very colorful and fun. Thanks to Mrs. Mosher, the 6th graders, parents, and all who participated to make such a great float again this year.

The candy fund raiser has begun as candy was sent home this month. The World's Finest Chocolate is a popular item and is generally easy to sell. Parents may contact the LFS office if you would like more candy to sell. Please turn in money before you order additional candy, then the students may take the order home with them.

The Silent Auction and Theresa's chicken supper is being planned and for Friday, November 15. It will be at the Rugby Eagles. Volunteers are needed to help peel potatoes and work the event. A letter will be sent home with more information and ideas for auction items and volunteer sign-up sheets will be available.

Mrs. Swanson reports the preschool has a larger morning class with 18 students and 12 students in the afternoon session. Sr. Mary Ruth is helping Mrs. Swanson during the morning session. They both report things are going well and that the students have a lot of energy. The idea was discussed that it would be nice to inform the preschool families that they are welcome to participate in any of the fund raisers that are held for the school if they choose.

The raffle committee is coming up with ideas for prizes this year. They plan to have the tickets ready soon. This is a good fund raiser for our school as other past smaller fund raisers have been cut down. Please take time to sell the raffle tickets sent home as this helps our school.

Sr. Jean Louise reports she is planning 2 book fairs in November. One will be a Scholastic Book Fair and the other will have Hurley's religious books will be available. She reports more information to follow with specific dates and times to be announced.

Other parent and teacher discussion included ideas for a potential after school program to allow students to have a time for homework assistance. Another item discussed was teacher meetings between other Rugby school teachers for communication of education plans and goals.

The next PT O meeting will be planned for November. President Christie Jaeger led the closing prayer with meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Thank you for all you do for Little Flower School!

Respectfully submitted,

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PTO secretary