

Little Flower School PTO MEETING
Wednesday, September 14, 2016

The PTO meeting was held at the LFS music room at 5:30 pm with a subway lunch provided. Fr. Tom led the opening prayer. The meeting was conducted by co-presidents Karla Deplazes and Renae Arnston.

Tonia Dosch reviewed the treasurer's report. Note thank you to all who helped with last years fund raising efforts and income and expenses. Thank you to all who helped last year as about \$48,000 was raised through the various fundraising efforts.

The school improvements were discussed. The school looks great with the fresh pain and new stalls in the bathroom.

There are LFS stickers that are available and the PTO will use them as thank yous to donors and other things that come up.

Irene Hager had donated the funds from her Estate/Rummage sale to LFS. She is a past educator of LFS. A thank you will be sent to her.

Committees were discussed. A welcome back to school letter packet was sent home with reminders of upcoming events and activities. If you are able and interested consider being on more than 1 committee. You may contact the PTO officers or the committee to let them know you are willing to help. Thank you to all who give their time and talents.

The Yearbook committee chair may be open for next year. There is an APP available to upload photos to submit for the yearbook called "Replay It". More information is available on the LFS website. Please send any photos you would like to share. Last years can be sent in until about November.

The What A Difference A Day Makes Campaign will be held again this year. Students and staff pray for intentions for the date requested. It will essentially be about the same method as last year but the dates will be reversed. For example December 31 will be \$1 and January 1 will be \$365 donation/sponsorship. Last year there were about 100 days that were requested with a good donation response. It was decided to continue this again this year. There is a sign up sheet to volunteer for after the masses.

The Little Flower Parish Fall Supper is coming up on Sunday September 24 from 4-7. Sign ups are available to help make turkeys, prepare the meal and for clean-up. Sign up is also available online.

The Worlds Finest Chocolate fundraiser will begin this week as the candy will be sent home.

The LFS Dine and Bid is being planned and will be held Friday November 18, 2016 at the Rugby Eagles. Each family is asked to donate an item. Last year this event went well with many items donated.

Mrs. Mosher said the 6th graders are planning the Homecoming float. The class decided on a theme and will be meeting this Friday after school to work on it.

A shoe fund raiser was discussed. It involves collecting gently used shoes for an organization that has provided job opportunity and trained people. There is a rate per pound of shoes that is donated and

would plan to be given to the school. Once started the shoes would need to be collected in a certain time frame and in the meantime stored somewhere. Karla plans to find out more details about the fundraiser before a decision is made.

Last year families completed a survey regarding the fundraisers completed by the PTO. The least favorite is the raffle. Discussion was held and it was decided to continue with the raffle again this year to compare to other fundraisers being done and to see if it is able to be eliminated in the future. The permit was applied for in the event it was decided to continue. Also the prizes will be cash this year.

Ideas were discussed such as donating a food item, or completing a kind deed. This was discussed to possibly incorporate it into the bike marathon or another school event.

Mrs. Mosher mentioned that the results of the state assessment will be mailed out soon.

Fr. Tom is checking into the Dakota Medical Foundation for the "Giving Hearts Day". This could be another type of fundraiser available to the school. It would involve some training and further information is being researched.

A reminder that the Amazon SMILE is available when ordering items through Amazon online. You can select Little Flower Church and a small portion of your purchase goes to the charity you choose.

The LFS has a great school website and Facebook page available. Grades can be monitored and checked by parents, upcoming events, class activities, & school photos are some of the information available. Thank you to Sr. Mary Ruth for your work on the school website.

Mr. Knutson mentioned that they would like a few volunteer for every other week for late start Wednesday from 8:00-8:45 AM. If you would like to volunteer please contact LFS office.

Karla Deplazes led closing prayer.

Thank you for all your support of Little Flower School.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Kraft
PTO secretary