

Little Flower School PTO Meeting  
September 13, 2017

The September PTO meeting was held in the LFS cafeteria at 5:30, with lunch provided. Co-presidents Karla Deplazes and Renae Arnston led the opening prayer and called the meeting to order.

New Business:

Finances were reviewed by treasurer Tonia Dosch. A PTO contribution was paid to the general school account as we usually do each year. Also PTO paid \$5000 toward the new tables for the cafeteria.

The PTO fund raiser committee lists were sent out. Please check the list for your committee. Also people are welcome to serve on more than one committee. If interested let the PTO officers know. Thank you.

The homecoming parade was cancelled. Parade candy for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade float was already purchased. Discussion was held for ideas for what to do with the candy.

The Worlds Finest Candy has been sent home to sell. A starter bag of \$100.00 worth has been sent home for each family to sell. If you need more candy to sell please contact Rita at the school office. Plans are to have candy available for sale at the Little Flower Parish Fall supper October 1, 2017.

Chrome books were discussed. They are not currently used at LFS, but are an option that other schools use in the classrooms including the Rugby Junior High School. Discussion was held about the potential benefits of using chrome books for the LFS 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade levels. A committee may be set up to further research and discuss this and to consider this technology.

The Day Campaign was discussed with ideas to help promote the event. Last year each family was given a packet.

The Dine and Bid is scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2017 at the Rugby Eagles. The committee will be meeting next week to discuss plans. The committee is considering moving up the deadline for auction items to have more time to promote and advertise for the auction.

The LFS raffle will consist of cash prizes this year with the drawing to be held during the LFS carnival. Tickets will be sent out in the next few weeks. Plans are to send 2 books for each family to sell. Please return any unsold tickets to the LFS office so they are accounted for.

A social media waiver form was discussed as the school has a face book page and website. It was determined this may be a good topic for the advisory board to discuss.

LFS handbooks were discussed and if any updates are needed. This is taken care of by administration. More handbooks will be checked into for giving out to new families.

A reminder of donation opportunities to LFS include Thrivent Dollars, and Amazon Smile are both additional ways to give back to LFS. If using Amazon Smile it is under Little Flower Church, Rugby. Also a reminder to continue to save Box Tops.

The year book committee would like pictures which can be shared on replay it, or school annual online. Photos can be shared on the year-book App ReplayIt app is available on smart phones, Image share on the school annual link, or another option is to share photos with Sr. Mary Ruth and she will send it.

<http://www.replayit.com>

<https://images.schoolannualonline.com/409153600>

The bulletin board near the music room is decorated about 4 times a year with changing seasons. If you are interested in helping or taking on the bulletin board project let Karla or Tonia know.

Plans for a teacher sub for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class was discussed. Nancy Graner is the main sub and Kaye Bednarz is the fill in sub.

Sr. Mary Ruth shared the online website for the Religious Ed. Curriculum "Alive in Christ". She also has been working on updating the LFS website, and has links for school annual photo sharing, Spelling City, Moby Max, Alive in Christ, and Formed available. She also mentioned the parish subscription to Formed with the parish code K72623. This is a great resource for online Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books, and vide based studies. 1. Log into FORMED.org, 2.Choose register, 3. Use Parish Code K72623

On Monday, September 25 there is a speaker coming to Little Flower Parish mission talk about the Boys Town Model of Education at 7:00 pm. The Parish Mission is Forming Saints and Citizens.

Fr. Tom mentioned the new tables will be arriving. They are more portable and easier to clean under. Will need to take the old tables out and will yet be determined where the old ones will be moved to. He also mentioned working on the budgets for available funds for field trips, graduations, etc.

The New Earth magazine had an article about rural Catholic schools with a photo of a LFS classroom on the front cover.

Congratulations to Sr. Mary Ruth on her receiving a Master of Arts Degree in Ministry and Graduate Certificate for Spiritual Direction from Creighton University, Omaha, NE.

Closing prayer was led by Sr. Mary Ruth.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Kraft

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