



Holy Cross Elementary PTO

November 2015 General Meeting Minutes

Holy Cross Elementary PTO Second Term 2015 Meeting

November 17, 2015, 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Attendance:

OFFICERS: Liz Rudd, Tricia Thomas, Emily Crail. Not in attendance: Mary Ellen Matts and Kim Amlung

TEACHERS: Ms. Julie Brinkley, Ms. Jenny Eilers, Mrs. Jean Meier

PARENTS: Nicole Gibbs, Peggy & Alan Rowekamp, Angie Pratt, Lisa Wilson, Rachel Brock, Brenda Levan, Giulia DiMenna, Erin McHenry, Lori Boerger, Jennifer Pangallo, Traci Baker, Brittany Tooson-Stahl, Tricia Allen, Alan Rowekamp, Danisha Anderson, Ben & Ashley Reinersman, Rachel Heidenreich, Margaret & Randy Wiggins, Kevin Dallas

Opening Prayer & Welcome:

- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- Brief Introduction of all Teachers, PTO Officers, and Parents

Minutes: The minutes of the September 2015 meeting were accepted.

Officers' Reports: *(Name of speaker, summary of business discussed)*

Budget Report: Given by Mrs. Thomas & Liz Rudd. Handout was distributed and is available upon request.

Current Expenses:

- Walkathon: Still have to organize Top Flight and Skating Party
- Field Trips: Fort Ancient, Children's Theatre, Gas for bus services
- Lego Program: Entrance fee for competition
- Computer Expenses: Chromebooks for Junior High, Licenses, Computer lab repairs
- Girls Volleyball: Fees
- Teacher start-up: Installment #2

Income:

- Walkathon
- Skyline
- Quarter Auction

HCE Projected PTO expenses 2015-2016:

- Catholic Charities (counselor)
- Teacher start-up funds
- Field Trips
- Two \$500 Scholarships
- Music Department
- 8th Grade class trip
- Technology Updates
- Catholic Schools week, Teacher Appreciation, Student Rewards

Fundraising Opportunities (current and ongoing): given by Liz Rudd

- **World's Finest Chocolate.** PTO is gathering information about fundraisers with this new relationship.
- **Kroger Community Rewards:** Kroger generously donated gift cards to the PTO for the walkathon. They also shared information about the Community Rewards Program. More information to follow once Holy Cross Elementary is setup as the recipient.
- **Quarter Auction:** Chair Kim Amlung has confirmed several dates with the Latonia VFW and her associates for monthly Quarter Auctions.
Dates for the remainder of 2015:
 - Saturday, December 5, 2015Additional information:
 - ✓ Donations for raffle are requested, gift baskets can be raffled as well.
 - ✓ The average profit to the school each auction has been \$300 - \$450.
 - ✓ Bring friends, family, neighbors...all are Welcome!
- **Skyline Nights** are scheduled for the **second Wednesday each month** at the Taylor Mill location. Dine-in, Carry-out, Drive-thru and mention Holy Cross Elementary when paying your bill.
- **Skating Parties:** Mrs. Thomas contacting Lloyd's about a party in **early 2016**.
- **Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels:** Lori Boerger is stepping off this duty. It is open for any parent(s) that are interested. Great for service hours and for those that are not Virtus Trained. Boxtops are collected twice a year in October and February. Next turn in date is **February 2016**.
- Previous discussions around additional Fund Raising Options: Wreath Sale, Scrip Fundraising, Reds or Bengals Game Concessions, Consignment Sale (see more under Budget Report).

Volunteer Hours: given by Liz Rudd

Family Service Projects:

- Discussion continued around Service Projects and accountability.
- List compiled and distributed detailing jobs/opportunities for Virtus Trained, Non-Virtus Trained Volunteers / Families at HCE.
- Post on the school website, Facebook, and Connection any upcoming & ongoing volunteer opportunities.
- Volunteer Hours are being tracked and a sheet came home for submission at year-end.
 - Two parent families = 15 hours
 - Single parent families = 12 hours
- Room parents that have signed up must be Virtus trained.
- Weekly there are many opportunities available to log hours.
Discussion about some of the ways included:
 - Crossing guard after school (10 minutes per day for a week = 1 hour)
 - Playground/recess supervisors (10-12 pm daily)
 - After school program helpers for Mrs. Reynolds
 - Cafeteria helpers
 - Family envelope stuffers on Fridays
 - Handyman jobs
 - Running copies for the office

Upcoming Events

- Children's Mass (ongoing), Sundays at 10:30 am
- Quarter Auctions is Saturday, 12/5/2015 7-9pm, doors open 6 pm
- Skyline Night, (ongoing) second Wednesday each month, 4-8pm
- Joseph Beth Book Fair, December 2nd, 3rd, 4th Volunteers needed to assist grades K-2 shopping.
- Santa Shop, Setup December 14th. Shopping December 15th & 16th, 8-12pm
- Christmas Eve Mass, the choir has been practicing and will be participating.

Committee Reports:

Santa Shop

- Chair: Emily Crail (emilycrail@gmail.com)
- Volunteers: Liz Rudd, Amy Stapleton, Heather Beil, Nicole Stacey, Kelly Moore
- Monday, 12/14 setup, Tuesday, 12/15 from 8-12pm, Wednesday, 12/16 from 8-12pm
- Organization meeting: Emily Crail & Liz Rudd, 11/24
- Shopping for items: Saturday, 11/28

Old and New Business:

New business:

- Motion made to purchase 25 Chromebooks for the first floor. Initial purchase would be for 8 and the cost is estimated at \$2,480. Unanimous approval, motion passed.
- Second floor now has 28 Chromebooks.
- Lori Boerger brought up discussion about recess. Proposed updating the parking lot/playground with freshly painted Hopscotch and Four Square games. Perhaps additional basketball hoops and basketballs. PTO will discuss further with Ms. Matts and see about approaching Father Barnes.
- Additional discussion about the green space next to the Indian Hut and supervised recess time at that location. Actively recruit parents to assist in supervision. Recess is typically 10:40 am – 11:55 am.

Ongoing business:

- Teacher's wishlists: Parents have requested that we keep a current listing of items needed on the school website, Facebook, and in the Connection. This will be an ongoing effort, we request that teachers get in touch with us as needs or ideas arise.
- Tissues, classroom supplies, playground equipment, etc.

Reminder to check the school's website for all current events, links to all the Connection documents, PTO updates and current calendar information. <http://holycrosselem.com/>

Also, please "like" us on Facebook!! Just search, "**Holy Cross Elementary School**"

Next meeting date is: February 16, 2016, 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at: 7:45 PM

Minutes compiled by: Emily Crail, Secretary