



Holy Cross Elementary PTO

February 2016 General Meeting Minutes

Holy Cross Elementary PTO Second Term 2016 Meeting

February 16, 2016 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Attendance:

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

TEACHERS:

PARENTS: Angie Pratt, Lisa Wilson, Erin McHenry, Lori Boerger, Tricia Allen, Rachel Heidenreich, Kevin Dallas, Heather Singleton, Molly McGlothlin, Marita Lovett, David Sterling, Ben Huber

Guests: Mary Gayle Taney and Mr. Stan Nassano from St. Vincent DePaul Society

Opening Prayer & Welcome:

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

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

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

Budget Report: Report not reviewed at the February 2016 meeting, 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

St. Vincent DePaul: Guests Mary Gayle Taney and Stan Nassano

Guests from our parish conference of St. Vincent DePaul joined us to engage and partner in serving our schools, parish and Latonia community. They are in dire need of volunteers to serve the poor of our community. They would like to service Monday through Saturday, but membership has dwindled and they are unable to meet that goal. All they ask is that people attend their meetings which are held on the first Monday of each month at 7pm in the activity room in the basement of the rectory.

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

- **Quarter Auction:** Chair Kim Amlung has confirmed several dates with the Latonia VFW and her associates for monthly Quarter Auctions.
Dates for 2016:
 - Saturday, February 27, 2016Additional information:
 - ✓ Donations for raffle are requested: gift baskets, gift cards, split the pot.
 - ✓ The average profit to the school each auction has been \$300 - \$450.
 - ✓ Bring friends, family, neighbors...all are Welcome!
 - ✓ Profits: November \$285, December \$388, January \$570.
 - ✓ The VFW graciously donates usage of the hall (\$400 rental cost)
 - ✓ Partnering with another organization at each event to bring in more people.
- **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.
- **Kroger Partnership:** Amy Stapleton has worked with the manager to negotiation several donations from the Latonia Kroger. They donated plastic bags for Santa Shop, Ice Cream for Catholic Schools Week, Gift cards for Walkathon.
- **Kroger Community Rewards:** More information to follow once Holy Cross Elementary is setup as the recipient.
- **Lazer Craze Family Night:** Liz Rudd is confirming a date for a family night at Lazer Craze. Will be a Thursday night, 4 – 8pm, and \$2 per game.
- **Skating Parties:** Mrs. Thomas contacting Lloyd's about a party in **2016**.
- **Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels:** Brittany Stahl took over responsibility from Lori Boerger. They have been working together on this transition. Boxtops are collected twice a year in October and February. Next turn in date is **Friday, February 26, 2016**.
- **World's Finest Chocolate.** PTO is gathering information about fundraisers with this new relationship.

Volunteer Hours: given by Liz Rudd

Catholic Schools Week: Thank you to all that worked together to make this a wonderful week!

- Out to lunch with family,
- PTO treat of a Sundae Bar: Thank you Amy Stapleton and Liz Rudd for securing donations & setup
- Spirit Day, Pajama Day, and 80's Throwback Day
- All school BINGO,
- Teacher vs 8th Grade Volleyball Game,
- Dance Party with special guest DJ, Ms. Alexis!
- Collected donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, etc. for Cincy Smiles Foundation
- Day off given by the Bishop to be used in February 2016.

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, February 27th from 7-9pm, doors open 6 pm
- Skyline Night, (ongoing) second Wednesday each month, 4-8pm
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Muffins with Mom
- Donuts with Dad

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 a new laminator for the school, estimated cost is \$1,200.
- Motion was unanimously approved.
- Molly McGlothlin inquired about a Bowling League for students. Locations: Walt's, LaRue, Superbowl.
- Perhaps a ski team next winter could be discussed as well.
- PTO officer elections will be held at next meeting, April 19, 2016.

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.
- From 11/2015 meeting: 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.

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: April 19, 2016, 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at: 7:45 PM

Minutes compiled by: Emily Crail, Secretary