

## St. Joseph PTO Minutes

October 22, 2015

President Julie Piscitello called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer. She welcomed our second grade teachers and parents. Thank you to the hostesses of the Euchre Party. Great time was had by all.

**Secretary's Report:** Tracie Orth. Members read minutes from the September meeting. Kate Beck made a motion to accept the secretary's report and Erin Benke seconded the motion; all were in favor and the minutes were approved. We will need to resend the minutes the day of meeting to ensure that everyone is receiving them.

**Treasurer's Report:** Emily Shewmaker and Kate Beck presented the profit and loss statement and asked for any questions.

**Vice President's Report:** Hollie Lusby. Read thank you notes from Mrs. Bailey on behalf of the nurse's office and Sr. Denise for the spirit-wear donated for the walk-a-thon.

**Principal's Report:** Mrs. Holzmacher.

- The National Theatre for Children came today and presented "The Conservation Crew" to the students in grades 5 - 8. This is sponsored by Duke Energy. Last Tuesday, the group came to perform "Space Station Conservation" for students in grades K - 4. Although the shows are different the message is still the same: 1) What is energy, 2) The uses of energy, 3) How is energy wasted, and 4) What you can do to conserve energy. Students are encouraged to have their parents sign up for a free energy kit. For each 75 free energy kits requested we get a chance to win \$10,000.
- Red Ribbon Week is the last week in October. The focus will be on decision making – saying no to drugs and bullies.
- We have another exciting opportunity for students in grades 4 - 8 on Tuesday, October 27. The Kentucky Historical Society's History Mobile Travelling Exhibition will be here thanks to a very generous donation. "Torn Within and Threatened Without: Kentuckians in the Civil War Era," is a History Mobile exhibition developed by the Kentucky Historical Society with support from the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, the Pilot Corporation, the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and the Kroger Foundation. For more information visit online at [www.history.ky.gov](http://www.history.ky.gov). Our teachers will be preparing the students in grades 4 – 8 for their classroom visit to the History Mobile on Tuesday.
- Our fifth graders will be performing Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 pm in Memorial Hall. The name of their show is, "Long Live Rock and Roll." I think it is going to be a very entertaining show.
- Upcoming field trips- Kindergarten will be trick or treating at Bishop Brossart High School. Second graders will be traveling to the California Nature Preserve.

- We will have private transportation on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Our Book Fair is Thursday, November 5 – November 11<sup>th</sup>. Family Night is Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Special Guests:** Helen Bailey on behalf of Family Promise. Family Promise of Northern Kentucky is a ministry serving children and their families who are experiencing temporary homelessness. Helen is the FP coordinator for St. Joseph Church and has been involved with this ministry for 10 years. St Joseph Church has been a host church for 4 years. In April, 2014, FPK closed due to financial reasons. Father Reinersman and Helen are working with a large group of people from Northern Kentucky to reopen FPNK. In April of this year, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had a yard sale to raise money for FP. They donated \$762.50. The church matched that amount. The plan is for FPNK to open again in 2016. When they open, they will be asking for volunteers to help with their ministry. Volunteers would come to our convent the week that we host and serve meals, play with the children, offer homework help, and many other volunteer opportunities that are too numerous to list. This ministry is a great experience for families and a way for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students to earn service hours. Please pray for children and their families who are homeless.

### **Committee Reports**

**Back-To-School Packs** Anita Neufelder no report

**Bluejay Ball** Shannon Schumacher Jamie Parks on behalf of decorating committee is looking for decorations that are derby themed. Please send anything you may have related her way.

**Carnival** Patty Goering, Erin Benke, Mary Anne Smith no report

**Christmas Bingo** Amie Jacoby no report

**Christmas Sock Hop** Theresa Snodgrass, Anita Neufelder no report

**Confirmation Reception** Beth Prather April 11<sup>th</sup> not February 11<sup>th</sup> will be updated on next agenda

**Craft Show** Melissa Kevill (November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm) Venders are almost full. Need workers to help. Sign-up sheet was sent around.

**Eighth Grade Graduation** Amy Hatfield, Tracie Orth no report

**Finance** Kate Beck no report

**First Reconciliation Breakfast** Jaime Chirumbolo no report

**Flower Sale** Kelly Greene no report

**Golf Outing** Robyn Schroeder Jennifer Callahan on behalf of Robyn Schroeder. We were able to meet with Terry Jolly before Fall Break. Good news, we have a date confirmed for the golf outing- Saturday, September 10, 2016. We know there is some concern about soccer on Saturday, but we will work with Campbell County North Soccer to get the St. Joe games moved to early in the morning that

week. Our next step will be sending out post cards to last year's sponsors. These will be used as a "thank you" for last year's support, as well as "save the date" for the new date in the fall.

**Just Crop**      **Jennifer Batshoun Member Support Kate Beck**      no report

**New Events**      **Hollie Lusby**      Continue to send ideas to Hollie.

**Poster Parties** **Melissa Kevill & Jaime Chirumbolo**      Made about \$1800 on last two parties. Please honor commitment if you sign up. Deadlines for payment will need to be set in order to collect payment and hold your spot for the party. Wine poster will be available for sign-ups at the next meeting. Mommy and Me poster is available tonight to generate interest.

**Prayer Chain**      **Erin Benke**      Not a lot of requests have been made for prayer. Please send email to PTO if you or someone you know is in need of prayer and Erin will send out an email to requests prayers.

**Refunding** **Angela Murphy**      Julie on behalf of Angela. Please continue to send in Box Tops.

**Rewards Program** **Janet Beckmeyer**      BW3's will be having a fundraiser night for St. Joes on December 7<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming.

**Room Parents**      **Missy Hickman**      no report

**Scripts Program** **Patty Goering, Beth Prather**      Profit for October so far is \$88. To generate more interest there will be a contest in November. Top seller of gift cards will earn 4 front row tickets to first and second grade musical or the third and fourth grade musical.

**Spiritwear**      **Sherry Connor, Gina Combs**      Tonight's sale is half price socks. Basketball slides are available for \$20 tonight. Will have a booth at the craft show. Dry fit shirts are available for \$20, both boys and girls. Christmas sales from now until noon on November 13. Under Armor items are taking longer to get in.

**Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**      **Jennifer Batshoun**      no report

### Old Business

Memorial Hall beautification update: Working with Drama club, getting blinds and painting estimates in order to put a proposal together to present to building committee.

Reminder for the hockey game being organized by boosters on January 29th

### New Business

Father/Daughter event still needs a chair.

Yearbook has two interested people to take over.

Trunk or Treat is tomorrow night. PTO is funding candy and children's drinks.

**Hospitality/PR/Alumni Committee** **Ketti Obert Amy Menner, Danielle Prost**      44 people in attendance. 1A and 2B are the classroom winners.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lori Cook and seconded by Missy Hickman. Julie closed with a prayer.

Respected submitted by Tracie Orth.