

Charger Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

- Opening Prayer
- Introductions and out of uniform pass
 - Meeting attendees introduced themselves.
 - Out of uniform passes were distributed for Thursday, October 17.
- Budget Review (Zak Montgomery)
 - More teachers have started submitting their request for classroom set-up reimbursement.
- Committee Updates
 - St. Nick's Shop (Chris Kettman)
 - This event is a chance to students to purchase low cost gifts for family and friends. They get the opportunity to pick out their own gifts and experience the joy of giving.
 - This will be the third year for this event. It is held in the MPR at the beginning of December. All gifts cost \$2 and are gift wrapped. This event is not a fundraiser, occasionally a small profit is returned to CPTO for use on events and teacher funds.
 - Over 800 gifts were sold last year. Gifts have been purchased for this year and some items are leftover from last year. Volunteers are needed to staff the event, help kids shop, and wrap gifts.
 - Social Committee (Caroline Erhardt & Meagan Slee)
 - Halloween party
 - Sunday, Oct. 27 from 3:00 – 4:30 for preschool – 4th grade. A flyer went home. Volunteers are needed.
 - Additional upcoming events
 - Looking into scheduling a Ninja U event for 5-8th grade at the beginning of November.
 - Welcome Committee (Keaghan Bruncheon)
 - Contacting transfer and kindergarten families
 - All kindergarten and new/transfer families were sent an email. About ½ responded. Overall a positive activity.
 - Leader in Me (Laura Dobson)
 - Wednesday mornings have been set aside as We Lead Wednesdays – talking about leaders and service.
 - Staff felt that the program is going smoother this year having gotten into the rhythm of things.

- Volunteer Committee (Katie Lyons) – lots of opportunities
 - Book Fair
 - Will be held during conferences, volunteers needed.
 - Giving Tree
 - This is a tree with teacher wish list items. It will be set-up again this year. Lisa Ahern is leading.
 - All teachers select items that will be useful for their classrooms to list on the tree. The tree is set-up at events such as the Christmas concerts and also available in the church/gym hallways for families who wish to purchase a gift(s) to choose an item.
 - Christmas Book
 - This is an annual Scrip gift for St. Pat's staff that CPTO leads. Families can give any amount that they wish to the fund. The money is then divided to give a Scrip gift certificate to all St. Pat's teachers and staff for a Christmas present. This allows families to give a Christmas gift without missing anyone. A flyer will be sent home later.
 - A volunteer puts together a book of ornaments that families color when submitting their gift/contribution. This book is then available for the staff to view to see who contributed. Examples of books from past years were passed around.
- Fundraising
 - Update on the Main Event (Zak gave on behalf of Lisa Strei)
 - This annual event will be held on Feb. 15. It will have heavy appetizers and music in addition to live and silent auctions.
 - Student artwork for the auction is being finalized. The Annual Appeal is going out soon. The Main Event mailer will be sent in early December. Help is still needed with Annual Appeal follow-up with past donors.
 - Contact Laura Dobson or Lisa Strei with auction donations or ideas. February 1 is the ticket and auction item deadline.
 - If the school gets 70 volunteers for the Food Bank volunteer nights in Oct. & Nov., they will get Disney Rewards Program Park Hopper tickets (over \$100 value each) for the Main Event auction. (Volunteer names are needed for Disney records.)
- Playground Rubber Chips (Katie Boaldin)
 - Katie brought up that she is investing replacing the playground rubber chips with solid rubber matting. A preliminary quote was \$67,000. Contact Katie with any ideas. Additional research is being done. It was suggested that UNI has a playground consultant that may be able to help. Possible fundraising options were also mentioned including next year's Football Bash, a brick sale, and Main Event stand-ups.

- Report from the principal (Lynette Hackett)
 - Leader in Me update – The kids have been notified of their jobs. Over 100 students have been given jobs. All were interviewed before positions were decided.
 - Continuing to call Football Bash winners. It has been good.
 - Lego League & Lego League Jr. – Five total teams are going on this fall. They will all be taking part in an Expo on Saturday, December 7. It is at Peer Jr. High and open to the public. Additional teams will be in the spring. A coach is still needed – contact Janet Willett if interested.
 - School safety was briefly discussed after a question.
 - In response to a recent incident involving a woman seeking assistance around the end of the school day, Circle of Care students were brought inside out of caution while the police were called to assist the woman.
 - It was reminded that school doors are kept locked during the school day.
 - The possibility of fully fencing the playground was brought up. This idea was referred to the school board for discussion and potential review with the parish (which is in charge of building and grounds).
- Teacher professional development grant requests
 - \$3,000 is allocated annually by CPTO to fund teacher professional development. Staff is eligible for up to \$750 per request.
 - Requests were reviewed for Jessica Hass and Beth Gronewold to attend the Project Lead the Way conference. A grant is paying for their conference registration; the requests submitted were for transportation, food, and lodging. Approved.
 - A request was submitted for Kristine Smith to attend the Iowa Music Educators Conference. Approved.
- Nominating teachers to local awards
 - There are many awards available in the community. It would be nice to recognize some of our teachers. A list will be put together and emailed. Some awards include: Gold Star, Lions Club, KWWL, 93.5.

Next Meeting: Nov. 14, childcare available until/unless further notice