

Minutes

Attendees (remotely because of cold weather): Anna Nagorney, Susan Worth, Kelly Foyle, Karla Ahern, Kelly Whelan, Sabrina Townsend, Jen Lunt, Betsi Burns.

Opening Prayer/Welcome

- Anna led the opening prayer and noted that Laura Gilbert was out of town so she would be leading the meeting
- Laura is looking for volunteers to pick up food as well as set up and clean up food for science fair judges on Thursday, February 1st.
- Laura was looking for volunteers to organize/stock Teacher's Lounge but Betsi Burns noted that she and a couple other parents have volunteered to do so and have already started working
 - Ms. Foyle noted that some food may be stored in cabinets and brought out later in the month so food supplies are not drained at the beginning

Administration

- Huge thank you from teachers and staff for Parent Gift Fund checks!
- Catholic Schools Week is Sunday, January 28th - Friday, February 2nd
 - This year focus is on service and living out faith by serving others
 - One buddy activity will be making care bags for homeless veterans
 - 9am mass on 1/28 will have children's choir then Open House
 - New and current families welcome
 - Please register for Open House - children must be with parents
 - Do we want to have PSO table at Open House?
 - On Friday will celebrate students and teachers
 - Will have dance parties in the gym
 - Would like to celebrate teachers on Friday
 - Maybe have parents supervise dear time and teachers get break?
 - Younger classes have different schedule
 - Maybe provide breakfast burritos from Ovo Frito or lunch?
 - Would like to give allergy friendly treat to students

- Oreos or Rice Krispies?

Completed Events and Projects

- Wreath sales - Did well by earning \$2,000
- Santa Breakfast - Fun community day
- Parent Gift Fund - Collected \$32,000 and gave each full time teacher/staff \$900
- Teacher Christmas Luncheon - Fun tradition that will be held at Silvia Vettese Nafe's house next year

Candlelight Pizza Fundraiser

- Will check with Sarah McDermott about possible heart shaped pizza fundraiser near Valentine's Day

Rummage Sale

- Sabrina Townsend, Emily Nash, Betsi Burns and Andrea Reinhart leading sale this year
- Start collecting items to be dropped off beginning Sunday, April 14th
- Want to involve the Parish more through volunteering and attending sale
- Since sale is a service to community, Father Anderson will reach out to Father Hernan to see if any persons could use free shopping
- Have secured tent through House of Rental
- Will start seeking volunteers after Irish Fest

Budget

- Reminder that what we fundraise this year informs next year's budget
- Fundraising events have gone well and also received a donation so budget on track
- Field Trip budget on track - Unit A going to Legoland, 8th grade going to Holocaust museum
- Line item for School Supplies
 - If office supply, then Judy should handle
 - If request beyond office supply, Anna should handle
- \$400 budgeted for Catholic Schools Week
 - Can some of that money be used to order King Cakes?

- Agreed that students like the King Cake tradition on Mardi Gras. This year class Valentine parties are being celebrated on February 13th (Mardi Gras) because of Ash Wednesday. May use King Cakes as Valentine party classroom treat? Anna can order King Cakes

Room Parent

- Trying to secure grade level volunteers to lead 1st Communion and Confirmation receptions
 - Volunteers usually donate food and time so PSO has minimal costs
 - Since sacraments combined with the Academy at SJA, would like to move towards Parish hosting receptions
 - Does anyone know contact at the Academy for sacrament receptions?
 - Does Parish order/pay for 1st Communion cookies - Katie O'Connor did in the past
- Starbucks gift cards for teacher's birthdays are not working
 - Room parents may purchase new card and be reimbursed from PSO
 - Non working cards may be returned to Kelly Whelan

Next Meeting - February 20th @ 8:30am in Cafeteria