

**MINUTES
GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PTO MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm**

The regular monthly meeting of the Good Shepherd Catholic School PTO was held on September 5, 2017.

President Carrie Allison called the meeting to order. Dr. Michele Ulrich, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School, opened the meeting with a prayer.

President Allison greeted all who were in attendance and thanked them for coming. The PTO officers introduced themselves and told everyone a little about themselves, Carrie Allison, President, Lindsey Fitzgerald, Vice President, Jamie Greer, Secretary, Tara Clark, Treasurer, Beth Weimer, Race for Education Coordinator and Dr. Michelle Ulrich, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School. She then asked that parents who were in attendance to a brief introduction and to tell everyone a little about themselves.

Tara Clark, PTO Board Treasurer, went over the PTO finances. She reported that the PTO budget had been approved by the council. She also pointed out that money from fundraiser had gone down in the last year.

President Allison discussed the upcoming Cookie Dough fundraiser. She reported that the board met with Dorothy Van Epps with Bumblebee, the company the PTO has dealt with in the past regarding the Cookie Dough fundraiser. Ms. Van Epps was extremely helpful and informative. She presented not only the Cookie Dough booklet, but also other fundraisers that Bumblebee offers. She informed the board that Good Shepherd receives 40% of the profits from sells of the fundraiser. During the meeting with Ms. Van Epps, the board discussed the delivery and pick up of the cookie dough. Ideas to make this easier and possibly promoting more sells are being discussed. Ms. Van Epps also brought to the board's attention that not only can items be purchased from the catalog, but they can purchase items on line. The board has decided to expand items sold with the cookie dough. This year not only to offer cookie dough, but pretzels, soup mixes, cheese ball mixes, and a few other items. The kick off for this fundraiser will be October the 27th, order due on November 10th, and delivery on December 16th. Parents and students are asked to urge not only catalog ordering, but also stress and urge on line ordering. Possible prizes for the students who sell certain number of fundraiser items were discussed. Dress down days, possible sundae on Dr. Ulrich or Father Charles, 10 minutes of extra recess, and \$50 Wal-Mart gift card where all suggested.

Dr. Ulrich delivered the Principal's Report. Wednesday, September 6th is picture day. Students should wear their uniforms. If they have gym that day, they can bring their gym clothes to school. Good Shepherd is up for accreditation this year. She is hoping to have it done by November. Fall Map testing will begin September. Enrollment is the same as last year.

Happy Jack's Night was discussed. This will be held on September 22nd from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The Maze, Pumpkin House, and Haunted Forest will be closed to us that evening. A free pumpkin and face painting will be available to each Good Shepherd student who attends. Volunteers will be asked to arrive at Happy Jack's at 5 the afternoon of September 22nd. Hopefully the 8th grade will be able to help with clean up. President Allison is going to send an email out to parent's who said they would help volunteer at Happy Jack's about set up and clean up that afternoon and evening. The PTO agreed to furnish hot dogs, buns, and drinks. Vice President Lindsey Fitzgerald volunteered to furnish the plates, utensils, and napkins. Discussion of assigning grades to bring the following items, chips, sides and desserts was had. Maybe grouping together a few grades with fewer students for some items would be a good item. President Allison would work on that and get that to Dr. Ulrich and Stephanie Sims for the newsletter and email soon.

Beth Weimer, Race for Education Director, reported that packets for the Race for Education went home with Good Shepherd students today, September 5th. Labels are due back to school on September 12th. Late turn in is September 15th. Prizes awarded to students will be the following: students who turn in 10 filled out labels gets a dress down day, for every 5 labels filled out and turned in, their name will be put in a drawing for a gift card, classes who have an average of five labels per student in that class gets an ice cream party, and the student who turns in the most names, per class, gets to have lunch with Dr. Ulrich. On September 20th, Beth and any volunteers will meet to fold, stamp, and tape the letters to possible sponsors. September 29th is the day of the race. Money raised from this year's Race for Education will help with the upgrade of the technology at school.

Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts and Lunches for the school year was discussed. This year instead of having a lunch every month, breakfast and lunch will alternate month to month. Starting in September, Teach Appreciation Breakfast will be held. Doughnuts, K-Cups, creamers, sweeteners, plates, and napkins were suggested to have for the staff in the Teachers' Lounge. Ginny Green volunteered to bring the doughnuts and Jamie Greer volunteered to bring the K-Cups. The date for the first breakfast was set for September 27th. October 18th, will be the first lunch. Ginny Green volunteered to provide chicken salad sandwiches on croissants. The idea of soups and sandwich was agreed on for this lunch. The date for the November breakfast was set for November 7th with a breakfast bar idea suggested and the December lunch will be on December 5th with a potato bar theme. An email will be sent out to parents asking for volunteers for bringing items in.

The date of the next PTO meeting was set for Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00 pm in the science lab.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded and submitted by:

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