ptl minutes

St Johns Lutheran School

Sept 6th 2023 4:15pm

# In Attendance

Ellie Shepherd, Samara Bohmbach , Matt Denkert, Morgan Denkert, Jenny Graff,

Kim Gruetzmacher, Mary Heimerl, Sam Bucholz, Tiffany Remic, Kim Krings

# Taken By

Sarah School

# Old Business

Grandparents Day was so great! We served 186 people and kids. We will try for 2 Thrivent cards next year. One for the “Musical” and one for the “Luncheon”. Vanessa still needs to be reimbursed $250.00 for teacher appreciation gifts and Tiffany $47.24 for food. Group that worked it donated all décor and grandparents’ gifts.

We talked a lot about how to get more families involved with working the children’s events. Each family is required (as if it is a hot lunch) to work, help, plan, one event a year.) If we can’t get the parents involved more some of these events may need to be cancelled. We really don’t want that to happen so we will work harder on making new families feel more welcome. We can start this by keeping them more informed.

Teacher rededication used to be a welcome new family’s type event. Some were not aware that is what that was. We are going to host a welcome new families spaghetti supper on October 10th. At 6:00pm. It will follow our 4:15pm PTL meeting moved to that day. We will invite the new families by September 15th to RSVP count by September 22nd. Matt applied for a Thrivent card to help with this. Hoping to have PTL officers, possibly school board members teachers and Pastor there to answer questions get to know them and hook them up with a “Mentor” family if they wish. It would be great to make stronger connections and create a sense of belonging that we may be missing with new families. There are just too many great things about our School and Church to cover in a rushed back to school night!

Fun Run brought in $9,883.00. This year the funds were to be dedicated to an updated or new sound system with mics for the gym, internet and instruments needed. Matt and Morgan reached out to Greg Jaeger and he will graciously help them get a list together of what we need and a price. After speaking with him a while back it sounds like we just may need a new sound board, the speaker system is in great shape. We have money from last year’s fun run available to be used for this and also a family wanting to help purchase this so we should be covered and able to make this happen!

Kim G also noted we would need 2 Thrivent cards for the Fun Run. It is largely attended with the parents being invited to lunch, which is great! One would be for the “event”, and one for the “luncheon”.

# New Business

Hot Lunch menu and some of the forms need to be updated. New ones will be sent out soon. We need to be sure and include the menu, guidelines and noted Nut Allergy every year. The guidelines are very helpful if you are new. We can also use the welcome new family’s spaghetti night to go over these forms.

Ellie applied for a Thrivent card for Carnival Day and will be reaching out to Group 2 organizing this. Katie Clark will be taken off lunches this year but may still be willing to help with Carnival Day?

Movie “Morning” will be November 4th at the Shawano Cinema. We will assign who calls and pick movie at the next PTL meeting on October 10th. RSVPs will also be required for this so we will get dates/slips figured out then too. Parents will need to transport AND stay with their child during the movie.

Matt presented an internet proposal to go with a new company, Starlink. The equipment and data package we have with Bertram is not adequate to keep up with the number of kids in the school and all the Chromebooks. Yearly cost of Bertram Wireless (current provider is $2528.04. Yearly cost with Starlink would be $3000.00. There is a $2,500.00 hardware fee, shipping and additional routers that need to be purchased bringing the first-year total to $5985.00. Once our equipment is purchased and up and running it will only be $471.96 more per year than what we have now. It will fit the need of our school much better. Kim G motioned for this to pass, I seconded. Matt will be contacting Starlink to go forward with this. We have funds in the Fun Run account designated for internet and still have enough left for the sound system. There is also money in the Fun Run from last year dedicated to these two items, but we did not have that total. There is that family interested in helping out with the sound system so once we get a price Matt and Morgan will reach out to them, so they know where we are at.

Reimbursements from PTL will require filling out a form with your receipts attached. Kim G has these, and Kim K also has them in the office. All PTL event food should be covered by Thrivent Cards and the PTL fund. When your event comes up and need reimbursement, please let Kim G know.

Apparel sale this year. It was brought up to switch to a local company. TAGZ was mentioned. We will be starting from scratch with TAGZ so a logo will need to be designed by someone since TAGZ does not offer this. Screen-print can be ordered and payment accepted online (like RBS which Vanessa always handled). If we want anything embroidered (stocking caps or polos like last year) those would need to have payment collected. No one really wanted to take this on, but I’ll try my best and have Georgia and Ginger help with designing the logo. We need to get working on it if we want them here by Christmas. I mentioned trying it for a year and if it doesn’t go well, could Vanessa please do this again with RBS.

Reading Incentive’s had some confusion this past year. The timber rattler game did not take the place of the end of year bowling party but by the time the staff realized this it was too late to plan. Kids that met their goals last year will receive a $5 Nifty Cone Gift Certificate since they missed out on the party and some just don’t travel down to use their ticket they earned for the game. (Timber rattler program does not cost the school anything and some kids/families love it so the staff will keep offering this). Thank you, Morgan, for setting that all up. Nifty Cone gift certificates will come out of the PTL fund.

# Budget/Funds

Funds were not gone over at this meeting.

# Thrivent Card Info

Anyone willing and able to share a Thrivent card with us please reach out to any staff member. We hope to use 2 more this year than we have in the past.

# Upcoming Events

Carnival Day

# Announcements

# Next Meeting

Next meeting date is Tuesday October 10th 4:15pm followed with the Welcome New Family Dinner at 6:00pm.

Meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.