



Parents' Club Meeting
Wednesday, April 6th, 2022
St. Mark Room 6pm

Attendees:

Mike & Kara Ruffatto, Mike & Alyssa Elliott, Chad & Casey Sedalak, Tony & Bessie Wesselman, Jacque Schweighart, Celeste Olsen, Lisa Crawford, Cortney Vuglar, Jami Tanner, Joanna Yallaly

- I. Call to Order/Opening Prayer
- II. Approve March 2022 Minutes - Approved
- III. Principal's Report (Not present)
- IV. Pastor's Report (Not present)
- V. President's Report
 - A. Exec Board Planning for next year
 1. Committee Positions-
 - a) Needed: Box Tops Chair, Lost and Found Chair, Large Fundraiser Chair, Catholic Schools Week Chair (new)
 - b) Will send emails after Easter to recruit to those positions
 2. Executive Officer positions
 - B. Teacher Appreciation Week in May (Cortney)
 1. Luncheon May 5th (**Alyssa**) Do we want to move this date since it is hot lunch day? *Moving to Friday, May 6th*
 2. Exploring daily gifts: Donuts, self care kit, potted flower, cookies. Teachers like a mix of food & gifts. Will not do yard signs this year due to cost. Will explore having room parents decorate teacher's doors & social media options like having past students send a shout-out.
 3. Teachers enjoyed having students meet them in their car to help carry things into the classroom. Ice cream sundae bar, yogurt parfait bar, Margs after school, coffee bar all explored.
 4. Email Cortney with any budget friendly ideas.
 - C. End of School Celebration
 1. Scheduled for May 24th.
 2. In the planning phase
 3. Kara has created a sign up genius for the PreK-3rd grade Carnival and will work on one for 4th-7th when details are given for the event
 4. Parent club will pay for the inflatables (hoping 4-7 grades could use inflatables at their lunchtime?)
 5. **Mrs. Crawford** to double check on power source options (will need extension cords coming from classrooms - any issues with SmartBoards)

The mission of Parents' Club is to enhance the school environment by supporting the educational, spiritual, and social experiences of students, staff, and families of St. Matthew; encouraging communication, volunteerism, fundraising, and fellowship.

6. **Mrs. Crawford/Kara** to check if there is enough room in the back of school for 3 inflatables.
 - D. 8th Grade Graduation Signs
 1. Kara will be ordering these and recruiting help to get them put in yards.
 2. **Tony/Bessie** Will need to add to the budget for next year (>\$500)
 - E. Make-up Hot Lunch day for missed days due to snow. The plan is to reschedule for May 16th or 17th so the 8th graders will not miss out. A second day was missed as well but the funds from this can go towards the End of Year Celebrations-Kona Ice for 4th-7th and Inflatables for PreK-3rd
 - F. Apparel Update (Emily)
 1. Weiskamp: Overall it was a better option but still isn't perfect. She is looking for input before she starts choosing items and building a store. There are minimums for orders and no tumblers, umbrellas, bows, bags.
 2. Parent Club has had challenges with inventory in the past due to minimums. Do not want to hold inventory and have to sell it. Drains budget.
 3. *Could explore language in disclaimer that if there is not enough interest, purchase cannot be made to avoid inventory & minimum purchase issues.*
- VI. Vice President's Report
- A. Dine and Donate at Coldstone Creamery on April 18th
 - B. **Jacque** to check on JJ fundraiser.
 - C. Need to discuss best options for continuing Dine and Donate. We explored once a quarter and making it a bigger push with restaurants that donate a larger amount back? We want to continue doing it.
 1. Chipotle, Portillos, Monicals are all higher earners
 2. Looking for a quick grab and go options for May with baseball games starting up.
 - D. Begin marketing Parents retreat after Holy Week
 1. Schweighart's meeting with Katie Race to iron out details
 2. Exploring childcare options
- VII. Treasurer's Report
- A. Sister's Beds fundraiser has raised almost \$3,000 and will run for one more week!
- VIII. New Business
- A. Exploring new fundraisers:
 1. Super Bowl Squares or March Madness raffle (\$100 license required)
 2. Kids Run-a-thon in gym or 5K (Looking for a way to involve kids)
 - B. STM Vision Planning Process
 1. STM is looking for future students' families to help shape the vision for the school. *Contact Anthony Corapi if you would like to get involved!*
 - C. To explore a gift for Fran for her retirement
 - D. Kara to follow up on St. Francis award with Jacque
 - E. Stephanie is aware of missing award plaques in school