

Columbus Catholic Schools Parent Association Meeting Minutes

Feb. 12, 2020
CCHS/MS Cafeteria



Attendance: Teri Wilczek, Kris Nielson, Mike Lambrecht, Shirley Heise, Megan Kinning, Michelle Maurer, Emily Callaghan, Jen Mueller

Opening prayer - Teri

Treasurer's Report - Michelle

There was no updated report. Michelle mentioned that she normally gets the financial reports towards the middle of the month. She noted that we have a deposit of \$496 from the latest 50/50 raffle, which will be earmarked for the 4th grade trip to Madison's busing costs.

Secretary's Report - Jen

There were no changes to the minutes.

Follow-Up

PA notecards and postcards: Angie has approved the design, so Michelle will complete a purchase order and order them from Heinzen ASAP.

PA Structure & School Communication

There were several thank yous from the staff and faculty with regard to Catholic Schools Week treats for the teachers. Teri noted that several parents came to help package up snacks and healthy items for distribution to all three schools.

Kris noted that all minutes should be sent directly to her for inclusion on the Friday weekly updates.

Promotion & Membership

We discussed changing our meeting structure to have 2-3 larger meetings during the year rather than monthly meetings. Several people noted that if we have a big meeting in the fall, perhaps then people could volunteer for one of the activities/events that we plan and then smaller groups could meet as needed. Having a PA calendar would also help with this.

Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation week is the first week in May. When asked, Shirley noted that something the teachers might really appreciate is to have parents that are Safe Environment approved to cover recess at SJBP and OLP buildings. This would allow many to have time to eat lunch! Mike noted that lunch duty isn't quite a need the same way it is in the younger grades. He noted that

the teachers really liked the large quantity and vast assortment of things that were provided during Catholic Schools Week and suggested something like that again. He said that with the large number of staff and faculty, many times food items don't last until lunchtime before they are gone.

Milestone staff appreciation - Teri contacted Jen Edwards for a list and we discussed options for recognizing these individuals. Perhaps at the end of the school year mass? This year, we have 13 celebrating a one year anniversary, five celebrating a five year anniversary, and one each celebrating 15, 20, and 25 years.

It was suggested that we give a small gift commensurate to the amount of years, and that all staff or faculty over 25 years get some sort of recognition each year.

Fundraising

McTeacher night is set for Feb. 25. We are waiting on McDonalds' for the handouts to go home. It will also be promoted on the website, Facebook, and in school announcements. Shirley noted that the teachers are very anxious to raise some money for a working laminator machine.

Teri stated that she would try to get us on the schedule for one more 50/50 raffle.

Michelle stated that the contract for the Maple Fall Fest breakfast is up next year (it's a four year contract currently held by Youth Football & Cheer) and that perhaps that would be something the PA might be interested in doing. Kris mentioned that with that event being so close to Alpine, it might be a conflict in getting volunteers.

Distribution of Funds

All current efforts are being set aside for the 4th grade field trip to Madison's busing expenses.

Recruitment and Retention

Shirley mentioned that there are plans to hold a 4k/5k dinner as a way for families to meet and encourage retention in those grades. This would be planned early in the fall.

Next meeting scheduled for April 1 at 6:30 pm, CCHS/MS cafeteria. There is no March meeting!

Meeting closed at 7:20 pm.