

OLA PTO

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Prayer
3. Open Positions
 - a) Event Coordinators (Catholic Schools Week, Silent Auction Committee, Trivia Night, Internet Safety/Screenagers)
4. Recent Events
 - a) Middle School Dance
 - b) Trunk-or-Treat
5. Upcoming Events
 - a) Opera/Italian Consulate visit November 14th
 - b) Breakfast with Santa December 3rd**
 - c) Catholic Schools Week January 28-Feb 2
 - d) Internet Safety
6. Breakfast with Santa (Sean & Hilary Noel)
7. Check-in
 - a. Communications from PTO (how are we doing?)
 - b. Suggestions
8. Prayer, Adjourn

Attendees:

Andrea Larranaga, Ratna Bhojani, Rachel Sadkowski, Angela Dooley, Hilary Noel, Melissa Baptiste, Deb Kavey, Kate O'Brien, Jenna Erickson, Donna Canterra-Davis, Carolina Lara, Katie Magni, Monica Cuellar

- Open positions:
 - Rachel Sadkowski has volunteered to be acting secretary
 - Event coordinators are still needed for:
 - **Silent auction committee** (Breakfast with Santa)—getting donations from local businesses or online donations. We can give a letter with our Tax ID number. Kelly has a list of businesses from which we already have donations.
 - Wanted to look into area businesses since they see the students and families in the community.
 - **Catholic School's Week - Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.** January 28-February 2.
 - Events already scheduled, coordinator needs to organize volunteers for each event. Most are 2-3 hour time slots.
 - Assemblies:
 - Aquarium for the pre-k January 29th
 - K-Eighth Grades: K-4, 5-8—Corey the Dribbler (basketball)
 - Ice cream social (Deb Kavey offered to coordinate, shopping and volunteers)
 - Movie day (coordinator and volunteers the day of)
 - Crazy hat day (no volunteers needed)
 - Door Decorating for Pre-K through 4, Possible lip sync or parody competition for grades 5-8 (need to contact MS teachers and Mrs. Martocchia)
- Recent Events
 - Middle School Dance
 - 200 students, \$750 (not a fundraiser but this is really great!)
 - 27 chaperones, only 4 were males. In the future, would like to have more male chaperones.
 - Students are not allowed to leave the dance without students. What is the liability on this? Andrea will check.
 - Halloween
 - 178 kids plus 20 8th graders (~233 last year)
 - \$1507 raised on ticket/pizza sales
 - \$825 on food, prizes and goodie bags
 - \$340 on DJ
- New events—Winter/Spring
 - **Trivia night** (need someone to contact local companies and coordinate this event or we will not run this year)
 - Contact local law enforcement for **internet safety programs**
 - Contact computer teacher (Amali) to help coordinate for students
 - Outside program: Screenagers (appropriate for ages 10 and up)
 - Flat fee for the middle schoolers and their parents together. It could be in the gym on a large screen. PTO would provide funding and coordinate the event. Additionally, could have a screening during the day and at night (for parents and guardians)

- Another option is to approach the district attorney who ran a program in Weston recently
 - Spring Dance April 28th
- Breakfast with Santa (Hilary and Melissa): December 3, 9am – 12
 - Santa, carolers, and balloons booked
 - Going to try to get fruit display donated again this year
 - Sharon will get back about Confirmation kids to help the day of or with setup (Andrea contacted Felicia about this)
 - Will try to get middle schoolers to volunteer (through student council)
 - Work day before and day of; day of is much more helpful
 - Angela will buy prizes and record what was spent for the tree game to pass on to new parents for next year.
 - Sharon has a closet of prizes that we can look through and organize (free of cost!)
 - Mail letters to Santa (will bring the letters to Waltham Center). Student volunteers could staff this table.
 - May need someone to organize volunteers the day before and someone to bring food to the shelter, Kelly will contact Susan.
- Opera
 - Having non-CORI people in the building is a concern
 - Small reception for performers and consulate after the performance (PTO will provide refreshments, flowers and thank you card)
- Teachers (Donna Cantera-Davis and Jenna Erickson represent faculty concerns/questions):
 - Wanted to get started on Grandparent's Day and food. Donna Allan can meet with PTO. Donna also wants to know who coordinates with the PTO.
 - School is responsible for coordinating Grandparent's Day. PTO does the reception. PTO will need a headcount.
 - What is classroom spending for fieldtrips or invited speakers?
 - \$600 per grade
 - PTO recommended that teachers should have an Amazon Wishlist and link to their webpage for parents to purchase items and have sent directly to school when teachers are in need of certain items. Teachers should feel comfortable asking for donations of items for the classroom that parents may be willing to provide.
 - Mr. Fallon & Arts committee: Lexington Symphony to visit and kids to have field trip through Arts Committee (dates to be determined)
 - Christmas concert—Pre-K & Kindergarten concert at 9:15 on Tuesday, December 19th separate concert for 1st-8th grade December 18th.
 - Darci Hamann– wants to bring 8th grade students to the Statehouse in January for bill they are trying to pass that was initiated when they were in 4th grade.
 - Invited speakers as alternative to classroom field trips was suggested, particularly authors. This is a great idea, but would depend on cost and ability to still take field trips.