

St. Bernadette PTO General Membership Meeting

March 15, 2017

I. Opening Prayer – Father Don Rooney

II. Grade Representatives Report – Mrs. Meghan Smith

- Thursday, March 16 is the next Teachers Luncheon, hosted by 6th through 8th grades.
- The Middle School Dance is May 19 and planning is underway.
- The 3rd grade is working on planning the First Communion Reception.
- The 4th and 7th grades are planning the Graduation Reception.

III. Financial Report – Mrs. Christine DeLorenzo, Treasurer

-The February Financials were discussed. Specifically, a \$4,854 check was received from Flynn & O'Hara. Also, the Auction (Saturday Sale) line item was updated to reflect a \$10,265.90 profit.

-The Finance Committee developed the draft budget and presented it to the Operation Committee. Generally, line items stayed in-line with the previous year's budget. Changes to the budget include:

- Interest and Dues – PTO dues were adjusted to reflect enrollment.
- Major Fundraising Line Item was left open for the new PTO Board to determine the fundraiser for next year.

-Questions from the General Membership

-AITE budget was decreased from \$700 to \$400. Was the AITE Chair consulted? Although the Chair was not consulted, the budget was reduced to be more in-line with expenses. Also, certain expenses were not appropriate for the PTO Board to finance.

-Is it accurate that the Barnes and Nobles Fundraiser Night is shown as a loss of \$1,500? The Barnes and Nobles night supports the school library and the classrooms. Teachers prepare a wish list for books they need in the classroom and parents purchase some of those books, with the PTO supplementing the remainder of the wish list.

IV. Ways and Means Report – Mrs. Mary Fedorochko

- The next Dining Out night is being planned and details will be communicated to the school community once finalized. The location will be either Jersey Mike's or Chipotle.
- If anyone still owes money from the Black Saturday Sale, please see Mrs. Fedorochko with payment.

V. Presentation, "Keeping Our Kids Safe Online: A Shared Responsibility" – Mrs. Reich

-Mrs. Reich presented to the PTO. Mrs. Monroe will provide the handouts discussed during the presentation to the parents.

VI. Pastor's Report – Father Don Rooney

-Mrs. Barbara Dalmut is the new school principal and she will start the week after Easter to

ensure a smooth transition for the school. Mrs. Dalmut will work with Mrs. Monroe to learn about the school before making decisions and establishing policies. Mrs. Dalmut was principal at St. Ambrose School for 7 years. While at St. Ambrose, she worked to bring the school to Blue Ribbon Status. Mrs. Dalmut plans to hold a Town Hall Meeting, date TBD, with parents after she starts at the school.

-Father Rooney expressed his thanks to Mrs. Monroe for serving in the Principal role at the school and stated that he would like to do something special for her as a sign of appreciation.

-Projects for next year that Father Rooney is working on include renovating the bathrooms; parish office expansion; and school office expansion. Also, due to the extensive Fairfax County permit process, the second preschool class will be delayed to the 2018-2019 school year.

-Trees were cut down in the back lot because the soil had washed away. New retaining walls will be built.

-Father Rooney will continue to update the bulletin with status of projects.

VII. President's Report – Mr. Gary Fedorochko

-Thank you to the members of the Finance Committee for putting together the 2018 Budget. The members include: Christine DeLorenzo, Mary Fedorochko, Theresa Hull, Cindy Keene, Rachel Wolgemuth, and Mrs. Monroe.

-On Friday, March 10, the PTO supported Father Don's initiative of Meager Meals on Fridays by hosting the meal. Thank you to the Board Members; Mrs. Barbera and Mrs. Potochney; and other parent volunteers such as Mrs. Garster and Mr. Smith.

-Mr. Fedorochko explained that nominations will be accepted for the 2017-2018 PTO Board. Also, Mr. Fedorochko explained that nominations were open to current PTO members, which are members who have paid their PTO dues this year. The existing positions include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Ways and Means, Grade Representatives (K-2, 3-5, and 6-8), Volunteer Coordinator, and Cultural Arts Coordinator. If only one candidate is nominated, the individual will be confirmed at the May General Membership Meeting. If more than one individual is nominated for a position, a ballot vote will occur prior to the May meeting.

-Nomination from the floor: Gina Soriano for Cultural Arts Chair; nomination accepted.

-Nominations will be accepted through 3pm on April 10th. If interested, provide your name to Theresa Hull, Secretary (hull.theresa@gmail.com) and Mandy Molinari, Charter Chair (mandyuberti@hotmail.com).

VIII. Principal's Report – Mrs. Beth Monroe

-Mrs. Roser, 2nd grade teacher, is returning from medical leave on March 16.

-Thank you to the preschool parents who helped to host the Diocesan Professional Development day for Preschool Directors and Teachers and Extended Day Directors and teachers. We hosted over 200 people from across the Diocese.

-The next Open House is March 16. Student Ambassadors will help with the tours.

-During the week of March 21, the Book Fair will take place in the gym.

IX. Closing Prayer – Father Don Rooney