

## 4 April 2017 PTO Board Meeting Minutes

### St. Bernadette PTO Board Meeting

**Date, Time, and Location:** April 4, 2017, 7:15pm, School Computer Lab

In attendance: Gary Fedorochko, James Ginty, Theresa Hull, Mary Fedorochko, Kim Jones, Meghan Smith, Megan Maso, Mandy Molinari, Mrs. Monroe, Mrs. Barrick.

#### I. Opening Prayer (Gary Fedorochko)

*Meeting began at 7:19pm*

#### II. Grade Representative Report (Kim Jones, Meghan Smith, and Megan Maso)

-Planning is underway for Spirit Week. The Grade Representatives sent the ice cream social toppings list to the nurse for approval.

-The Middle School Dance is scheduled for May 19. The DJ is booked.

-The next Room Parent meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12.

#### III. Treasurer's Report (Gary Fedorochko)

-The total funds in the PTO account totaled \$63,489 at the end of February.

#### IV. Ways and Means Report (Mary Fedorochko)

-The Miracle Playground swing and shade structure project proposal was discussed.

Specifically, the \$29,000 proposal detailed:

- Installation of a swingset, trim, and replacing existing trim on the current playground.
- Installation of a shade structure, which will be placed at the edge of the playground, after the playground but before the open field: remove existing gazebo; shade option structure in the middle, outside playground with 3 benches, matching the existing equipment.
  - Shade structure will provide cover within the line of sight to playground and blacktop.
- A fun tunnel will be placed to the right of the swingset, far away from fall zones.
- The swings would create an additional 90 sq feet of mulching, increasing the mulch budget to cover 190 yards. The cost to mulch the playground would cost \$7,000 and because the mulch consists of man-made material, it will last one year.
- Also, the borders consist of man-made material and snap into place and are secured by a machine upon installation.
- Mrs. Fedorochko is obtaining an estimate on moving the gates.

-When the proposal was discussed with Father Rooney, he indicated that he would like a picnic area by basketball hoops to replace the wooden gazebo. Specifically, the PTO Board discussed a 16x16 tent-like pavilion, measuring 256 sq feet. The top of the pavillion would be a fabric material, instead of a hard top, and would contain snow cables. The tent-like pavilion structure with snow cables is estimated to be \$12,000. The current structure would fit with the present

space, and would not require Fairfax County approval. Father Rooney decided that he would like a larger structure there than the one presented by the PTO.

-Father Rooney has asked the PTO for support on the project and plans to present his plan to Fairfax County in April.

*-Motion made and passed to approve the \$29,000 swings and shade structure project.*

*-Motion made and passed to table Father Rooney's \$12,000 tent-like pavilion structure project until more information is obtained from Fairfax County.*

#### V. President's Report (Gary Fedorochko)

-Thank you to Mrs. Halili, Mrs. Spendley, Mrs. Buswell, Mrs. Ouimet, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Marina, Mrs. Holliday, and Mr. Becker; along with Mrs. Boneo and Mrs. Velasquez-Frias, and the many other volunteers for putting on the wonderful Arts In the Evening event (AITE).

-Discussion was had regarding the reduction in the AITE budget. It was pointed out that Mrs. Fedorochko had a discussion with Mrs. Halili and Mrs. Boneo in which the following explanation and justification were provided for the Finance Committee and ultimately the Board decision to reduce the budget by \$300.

1) Inappropriate spending on flowers and gift cards for volunteers, submitted by Michael Kelleher, against PTO guidance, from PTO funds.

2) Excessive cost of printing AITE program when compared to previous events like auctions and Christmas pageants

3) Decreasing support of fund raising efforts of PTO along with declining enrollment. Mrs. Halili explained how expensive putting together and displaying the artwork for the show was, and its effect on their budget. The school does not contribute to the cost of such displays and Mrs. Boneo's yearly budget does not include this event. Mrs. Fedorochko pointed out that the school used to have an art show, which was covered by the school, and that AITE was presented to the PTO Board as a talent show not a schoolwide art show.

-A solution was proposed to Mrs. Halili and also discussed by the Board in which, like the Christmas pageant and Shakespeare festival, the parents of students who participate be charged a fee to cover and support the event. A fee of \$10/student would generate approximately \$500. It was noted that the drama program charges \$20/student.

#### VI. Principal's Report (Mrs. Monroe)

-Military Child Appreciation Week is going well. We hosted the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum team as they presented the colors on Monday at the flagpole. Tuesday, we were visited by the U.S. Army Drill team. On Friday, the USO will be hosting their Block Party in the lower parking lot.

-Spirit week is the week after Easter break and the schedule will be distributed in the e-packet.

#### VII. Closing Prayer (Gary Fedorochko)

*Meeting ended at 8:03pm.*

**St. Bernadette PTO Operating Committee Meeting Attendees**

<b>PTO Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
President	Gary Fedorochko	Yes
Vice President	James Ginty	Yes
Treasurer	Christine DeLorenzo	No
Secretary	Theresa Hull	Yes
Ways and Means	Mary Fedorochko	Yes
K-2 Grade Rep	Meghan Smith	Yes
3-5 Grade Rep	Megan Maso	Yes
6-8 Grade Rep	Kim Jones	Yes
Volunteer Coordinator	Natasha Ofosu	No
Cultural Arts Coordinator	Gina Soriano	No
Charter Chair	Mandy Molinari	Yes
Principal	Beth Monroe	Yes
Assistant Principal	Susan Shea	No
Faculty Representative	Sandy Barrick	Yes