

Our Lady of Lourdes

Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting 11.16.2022

1. Quick Updates

- a. Next meeting will be December 7th, 6:30pm at Saints
- b. Christmas staff collection letters will go out in Friday Folders. Please keep an eye out. They are due back December 8th. Room parents to alert parents as well.

2. Budget Update

- a. Stephanie will have budget updates from recent events at December meeting
- b. Congratulations to Ashley Duke for winning the Truck-or-Treat best trunk. She won 4 tickets to Iroquois Park Christmas Lights Spectacular
- c. Maria met with Morgan to discuss fund ideas. In particular, the PA system, playground fence, additional staff and subscriptions.
 - i. Morgan advised system estimates are near \$70-\$80k for the PA system and they have funds from Covid to be used by the end of next year that will go towards this. PTO has \$30k earmarked for this as well that they intend to use in conjunction with the Covid money. Final numbers and details of dates for potential implementation are pending.
 - ii. The fencing of the playground is also being run by teachers but there are some concerns it may make recess more difficult as children spend time in several areas and a fence may make that a challenge. Jeff recommended looking into updated security cameras for the playground areas. Morgan will get numbers for cost when cameras near PreK entrance were upgraded so we have an idea of budget.
 - iii. Subscriptions are still needed and well used. Other free options were encouraged to be shared by teachers to families who like additional resources.
 - iv. Staffing is needed but long term sustainable funding needs to be addressed first.

3. KNOW Update

- a. Katie updated the Amazon Smile and Kroger Plus Card how to instructions for a seasonal touch. Amanda will share to social media pages and it will go out in the Bearcat Blast as well.

4. LOVE Update

- a. Letters to teachers for PTO Gives will be going out soon. Proposed to send them out before break (Thanksgiving or Christmas) for requests to be submitted via email for approval. Letters to special areas, maintenance, cafeteria etc. will be sent as well.
- b. Teacher Luncheon is set for December 13th. Gym remains best option for food. FABD was proposed but it was brought up vegetarian options may be a concern as most sides are not vegetarian friendly. It was suggested to review any dietary restrictions to confirm if alternate options should be made available. Parish staff to be included this year so budget for food should include them as well. Signup Genius to be sent out for parent

volunteers to cover classrooms. It was suggested to request 3 volunteers per room to allow for sickness/backups if needed.

- c. Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt is tentative for December 18th. Looking for help to organize this event. It was suggested to collect donations instead of cash for this event. Breakfast with Santa typically makes a collection as well so need to review with potential conflicts.

5. SERVE Update

- a. Outreach event idea to coordinate with Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt
- b. Winter Wonderland is set for 12/5 & 12/6 in the adult space. Setup on 12/4 and takedown on 12/6. Help will be needed.
 - i. Currently looking for Dad gifts in the \$3-\$4 range
 - ii. A concern was brought up regarding children who may not have funds to shop. Shelly said this happens very rarely and she addresses the concern of each child on an individual basis. There are also some parents who prefer their children not participate. Children who want to shop and are not financially able will not be left out.
- c. Door Decorating Contest is happening again and Morgan is getting a list of supplies needed

6. GROW Update

- a. Christmas Bazaar/Ladies Night was a success. Final numbers still pending
 - i. A few take aways – shorten time for next year, revisit Friday/Saturday alternative, send vendor survey for feedback, offer current vendors chance to lock in for next year, consider sponsors next year
 - ii. Advertising delineation between ladies night and the Christmas bazaar would be helpful for next year
- b. Lent Fish Fry Meeting w/Boosters 11/17. Updates will be shared at December meeting
- c. Trivia Night planning is underway. Event is January 28th with a prom theme. Planning meeting on 12/1 at 7:30pm.

7. MISC

- a. Father Daughter / Mother Son idea will be discussed at next meeting. It is one of the most requested events we receive.