

## Lourdes Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting 9/20/2023

1. Welcome & Prayer; Success Stories & New
  - a. Gaga ball pit has been a great success but flooring was questioned as the dirt is making clothing and shoes very dirty. Landscaping is measuring for mulch as an inexpensive solution.
2. School Wishlist Items:
  - a. Sun Sails – These will provide much needed shade to the playground. Quotes are being obtained.
  - b. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Mission Trip – After funding from other sources and parents, the cost is \$2000 of which they asked PTO to contribute. 8<sup>th</sup> grade is given a \$5,000 budget from PTO for their needs and it was suggested they can pull from the \$5,000. If this causes a shortage for future plans this school year they may consider fundraising.
  - c. PreK Playground – Abigail Jacobs has volunteered to help take the lead on replacing the rocks on the Pre K playground. She will keep PTO updated with findings.
  - d. Gaga Ball Pit – As previously discussed, a mulch bottom is being implemented
3. Chair Openings:
  - a. A current list of all chairs was passed around for accuracy checking. This will be posted to Sycamore since it has personal emails for many of the chairs and didn't want it on a public facing site.
4. Capital Campaign:
  - a. The campaign continues to move forward. A building committee is being formed with a few teachers and the principal to provide input from their prospective.
5. Spirit Wear
  - a. Orders will be in next week and profit was \$506.90. Feedback was asked and cost was a factor for some. It was noted that costs are based on suppliers and it was also requested to have a choice for some higher end brands this round which meant a few items were higher than others.
  - b. Some mentioned a desire to purchase in person as they missed the cutoff so they will open spirit wear sales at trunk or treat.
  - c. It was also inquired if purchases can be made throughout the year but the way our ordering and website costs make this option not feasible. Onecause may provide this option so they will explore that now that we have a Onecause account.
6. Responsibility Letter
  - a. Katie Dudas is working on this as a letter for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to commit to 2 service hours towards the PTO in exchange for their \$5000 that is budgeted for annually
7. Grandparents Day
  - a. PTO will provide waters and possibly exit coffee for Grandparents. We will also have a limited supply of grandparent magnets out as a giveaway from PTO and a way to increase advertising of Lourdes. Rachel Pullem will coordinate.
8. Bearcats and Bowties Gala

- a. Website and ticket sales are live now. There will be mailed invitations to every parishioner and notice in the bulletin. Sales will continue through October 20<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorship tables available for \$1500 and include a table for 8 plus name recognition for your family or business.
  - b. Ticket sales will have a spot to designate who you would like to sit with and if you have dietary restrictions.
9. Trunk-or-Treat
  - a. Advertising of the event has taken a backseat to other events going on but will ramp up soon. Candy donations will continue, bounce houses have been secured and refreshments and snacks will be sold. Stephanie Bowling will be out of town for the event so asked any Clover and cash requests be made 2 weeks in advance.
  - b. Prior years DJ Dave has let us use equipment for a small fee but this year we would like to explore purchasing a speaker to use for announcements etc. Rachel Pullem will have Will Pullem look into this.
10. Other Announcements
  - a. Abigail Jacobs wanted to announce the health and wellness committee is hosting a speaker on mental health for upper grades. She encouraged people to attend. Information was sent home and posted on social pages.
11. Teachers Lounge, Giveaways, Parent Child Event Ideas tabled to next meeting