

IHM-St. Casimir School PTO

September 14th 2016

IHM East/West Room

- I. Welcome & Introduction Attendance - Wendy Fuller, Maceo Cospser, Marsha Green, Tom Bohr, Shonna Kerrigan, Alissa Crosby, Teresa Cherry, Allison Goodman, Jessica Escobedo-Emmons, Lisa Holcomb, Ruth Fedewa-Fraze, Emily Crockett, Robin Kennedy, Rachel Prosen, Amy Hayes, Angela Johnston

– Opening Prayer – Stewardship Prayer

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

II. Board Reports

- A. Approval of Minutes: Rachel Prosen, Wendy Fuller
- B. Treasury Report
- a. Checks to Camp Highfields, lunch program, Howell Nature Center have been written.
- C. Marketing Report
- a. Trunk or treat in PFC on Halloween, October 31, 2016
 - b. Twelve rooms of Christmas event planned. Date to be determined.

III. Old Business

- A. 8th Grade Graduation
- a. Suggestion to have more than two volunteers serving at reception.
 - b. 2nd grade room reps to help with reception at graduation.
- B. Mentor Families
- a. Recommended that mentoring starts in the spring, or as soon as families register.
 - b. Looking for two new mentoring coordinators.
 - c. New coordinators would spend this year learning from current coordinator, Martha Frary.

IV. New Business

- A. Room Reps
- a. Responsibilities
 - i. Communication to parents, staff and teachers including: emails and in-person communication.

- ii. Recruitment and involvement as for school events.
- iii. Year-at-a-glance
 - 1. Sept: Mentor families, picnic, uniform sale
 - 2. Oct: Halloween parties K-5, Box Tops for Education contest
 - 3. Dec: St. Nicholas Day (1st grade room reps), organize middle school play dinner, Christmas families
 - 4. Jan/Feb: Catholic Schools Week, Winterfest
 - 5. March: Box Tops
 - 6. April: Seder Meal, Jelly Bean Prayer
 - 7. May: Teacher Appreciation Week and lunch, 8th Grade Graduation

B. Volunteer Opportunities

- 1. Mentor Family Coordinator
- 2. Book Fair Coordinator:
 - a. Duties include: set up, coordinating volunteers, and clean up
 - b. New coordinator to train this year with current coordinator, Barb Herdus

C. Spirit Activities

- a. Continue spirit activities, but not for every month. Focus spirit activities around holidays/special events.
 - i. September- 6th Grade: First day of school or picture day
 - ii. October- 4th Grade: Pep rally
 - iii. November- K: Thanksgiving
 - iv. March- 3rd: March Madness/ March is Reading Month
 - v. April- 5th Grade: Easter
 - vi. May- 7th Grade: Field Day (popsicles or treat)

D. Adult Social - Teresa Cherry

- a. November 4, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the PFC
- b. Changed date and format. Event is free. The night will include a DJ, photo booth, comedian, food truck and babysitting by donation.
- c. Room reps to encourage attendance
- d. Donations being encouraged and accepted for auction

E. New Idea Brainstorm

- a. Junior Cougar spirit wear order to support LCHS. Contact: Lisa Holcomb
- b. Looking for volunteer Spanish translators to better communicate with Spanish speaking families. Need translators for emails and weekly bulletins.
- c. See about getting fire truck at Trunk or Treat event.

V. Next Meeting – Oct. 12th 5:30-6:00pm; 6:00pm Meet at Corey's!

VI. Closing Prayer: *Hail Mary*