

PTO Meeting Minutes – Nov. 16, 2016

Call to Order: 6:03 p.m. by Sharon Orr

Present: Mrs. Rex, 13 parents, 3 teachers, 4 officers

Opening Prayer: Mrs. Rex

Treasurer Report: handed out and passed

Secretary's Report: None (no meeting held in October due to lack of a quorum)

Principal's Report:

*7th Grade Coding workshop

*8th Grade Robotics field trip

*6-8th Grade presentation on internet safety given by Springfield U.S. District Attorney's Office; 4 local Catholic Schools sent their junior high students to attend

*New students arriving on Dec. 2nd (1st and 3rd Grade)

*Cash calendars home soon

*Wright Flight Program had field trip already

*St. Mary's School Spelling Bee-signups sent home

*Gala moving along – to be held March 25th – 'save the date' notice went home with students

*8th Grade invited to attend 'Harvey' production at St. Mary's High School, Westfield

New Business:

*Question on Mrs. Wheatley's return – shouldn't be too long, and Mrs. Cannon will continue to be present in classroom upon Mrs. Wheatley's return to help out for short time.

*PTO dues – question asked what benefit or incentive to be a paying member? Sharon explained it is for voting rights. Point was offered that parents who do not attend PTO meetings perhaps have no care whether they have voting rights or not.

Schedule of Events – On Deck Fundraisers/Activities-December:

*Next Spaghetti Supper Dec. 7th, with 5th Grade asked to help out crew who help make suppers flow smoothly.

-some confusion brought up about pre-sale of tix, with many different concerns; are tix being pre-sold and when are parents/classes notified, as last month's class unclear.

-Sharon and Mrs. Rex will put forth effort to communicate in a better way regarding Spaghetti Supper info.

*Barnes & Noble Book Fair – 11/28 – PTO helping out with volunteer coordination

*Gingerbread Shoppe – Bonnie Brainard on board to chair it; will take care of volunteers herself; week of December 12th

*Cookies w/ Santa? – event held in past years, not sure if too late for this year.

*Teacher Appreciation Christmas Party in lieu of May luncheon.

Budget Pre-Approval - Preview and Vote:

*passed out

*Voted to bump up cash reserve to \$3,000 for 2017/18 school year

*\$1,425 – year end surplus- donate to MDS Endowment Fund ?– to be discussed further.

*PTO Budget for 2016/17 School year approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mrs. Mary Fedora, PTO Secretary