



St Joseph School

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PTO Officer Nominations

As the current PTO officers' terms are coming to an end, we have been preparing for the upcoming elections by seeking nominations of parents/staff to replace us. The nomination deadline was 4/7/10. The following parents/staff were nominated:

President:

Loren Herren ~ accepted
Brenda Dufresne ~ declined

Vice President

Mary Camara ~ declined
Steve Pereira ~ declined
Jean Claude Joseph Jr ~ declined
Celia Cajuda-Barbosa ~ accepted
Marianne Murray ~ declined
Juli Kennedy Killion ~ accepted

Secretary

Jessica Illingsworth ~ declined
Jessica Arruda ~ accepted
Juli Kennedy-Killion ~ declined
Dan Hankins ~ declined
Jennifer Pereira ~ declined

Treasurer

Marianne Murray ~ accepted
Tina Noble ~ declined
Deb Cronan ~ declined
Mary Camara ~ declined
Jessica Illingsworth ~ accepted

Election ballots in this week's Take Home Tuesday Envelope. Please return your election ballot by Wednesday 4/28/10!

PTO Meeting Minutes

Opening Prayer ~ Suzanne Brzezinski

Treasurer Report ~ \$6100 balance

Old Business

March Madness ~ Review of financial data from the night: We made \$546.47 from entrance/admission fees and concession stand. After totaling all receipts our expenses were \$584.42 ~ equaling a loss of \$37.95. Event well liked however and will likely be repeated.

Easter Egg Hunt ~ suggestions to label eggs rather than hand number them to streamline egg filling process (took 3+ hours this year to fill the eggs) Labeling would also make numbers easier to read and eliminate the need for tape (label will seal egg shut)
Discussion re: recycling the eggs next year.

New Business

Talent Show ~ Parent in attendance able to get gift cards from local businesses to be used as prizes - discussion re: last year's monetary prizes and complaints about acts with multiple people having to split the money. As of 4/7/10 PTO meeting only 5 acts had signed up. Motion made to cancel the show due to poor interest - show cancelled per vote.

Addendum: several sign ups sheets received in the office after the PTO meeting 4/7/10. Stacie Hankins and Deb Cronan to review signs ups and determine if Talent Show now has enough interest. Letter will be sent home to students week of 4/12/10.

PTO Meeting Minutes Continued

PTO Nominations ~ Parents/staff who were nominated for PTO positions were notified by Stacie Hankins, Deb Cronan or Dorothy Cox prior to the meeting. Positions for President and Secretary each with only one candidate as all other nominees declined their nomination (see article on front page of newsletter for a full list of nominees) The two candidates for Vice President who both accepted the nomination were present at the meeting ~ they discussed their concerns regarding the work load involved with the position and if they would be able to balance it with their personal life. Discussion regarding the two candidates co-chairing the VP position ~ motion made to allow both candidates to “job share” and be co-chairs for the VP seat..motion approved. That leaves treasurer position as the only seat up for vote. Ballots to be made by Stacie Hankins, numbered by Deb Cronan and sent home 4/13/10 in Take Home Tuesday. All ballots to be received by 4/28/10 and winners notified so they can appear at the meeting 5/7/10.

Anonymous Phone Call ~ call received by Dorothy Cox from an anonymous person expressing their concern that Dorothy would leave the PTO and leave the school without a PTO for next year. Discussion to all in attendance that none of the officers are resigning, their term is simply up and it is time for elections of new officers. Current officers will still attend meetings and support the new PTO officers.

8th Grade Awards ~ The PTO traditionally awards some of the graduating students with a merit award based on their scholastic achievements. The awards last year were \$150 to 8th grade student with the highest overall average, \$100 to the student with second highest average and

\$50 to the student with the highest average in religion. Motion made to keep monetary awards at the same value as last year ~ motion approved.

8th Grade Gift to the School ~ Last year the PTO gave \$500 of the proceeds from the Night in Italy to the 8th grade class to be used to purchase a gift of their choosing for the school. Discussed lack of funds available to do this as we no longer sponsor the Night in Italy and our attempt at a replacement event (March Madness) resulted in a loss of profits. Motion made to cease funding this \$500 gift to the 8th grade - motion approved. 8th grade students to be notified and they can use any class dues remaining to purchase a gift of their choice for the school.

End of Year Events/Balance of Money in Account to Start Next School Year ~ discussion regarding hosting one more PTO event this year to try to boost funds in the PTO account for next year. To be financially stable would be best to start off 2010-2011 school year with minimum \$4400 in the account (to cover all field trip and classroom expenses). Current balance of \$6100 does not reflect possible \$1972 that teachers still have available to them in their field trip and classroom supply accounts as well as any other requests that the school may need. Suggestion by parent in attendance to have a sleepover ~ planning of event on hold until permission can be granted from Mrs Vareika.

Open Discussion

Request from Mrs Cronan for PTO to provide Pizza Party for PreK, K and Middle School as a thank you for a successful egg hunt between the classes earlier this month ~ request approved.

Don't Forget...Last PTO Meeting of the Year on 5/7/10 at 7pm!