

**St Louis Catholic School**  
**PTO Meeting**  
**May 2, 2017**

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| I.   | Call to order               | Tricia Reeder - President PTO |
| II.  | Opening Prayer              | Father Zuberbueler            |
| III. | PTO Business Meeting        | Tricia Reeder - President PTO |
| IV.  | Approval of Meeting Minutes | Carolyn Koch - PTO Secretary  |

***January Meeting Minutes approved***

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| V.  | Treasurer's Report   | Meredith Mulhern-PTO Treasurer |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Golf Tournament is coming along, doing great</li><li>• Expenses coming in for the year. Please turn them in</li><li>• Budget looks good for the year we have an overage which Tricia will talk about</li></ul> |                                |
| VI. | PTO Update   | Tricia Reeder-PTO President    |

As you just reviewed with Meredith, we have an overage in our PTO budget this year. Thank you for the generous donations during Hawks Day, the Silent Auction, uniform and bake sales, and many others that we have this overage. That means after paying for all of our annual budgeted items like field trip support, classroom donations, room parent funds, Catholic Schools Week, teacher appreciation, and more, we have money left in our budget. The overage allows us the opportunity to help pay for school improvements that are not budgeted for in our annual school improvement line. We do budget money to help cover costs outside the school budget, but the overage allows us to take on bigger projects. Last year we were able to purchase an entire cart of chrome books for the school. Thank you.

This year's proposal is to begin a project to help update McClunn Hall – our gym. Our proposal is that this summer we fund the installation of wall padding and purchasing new scoreboards. The gym floor needs to be repainted and refinished as well. However, we propose to hold off until next year to do that part of the project as it exceeds our budget overage this year. New scoreboards and padding in the gym will benefit all of our students and parish members as a wonderful update to McClunn Hall.

Mrs. McNutt will be talking more about this in her state of the school report.

**REMINDERS**

Reminder, we have two final spirit dinners this year. Jersey Mike's will be May 10-11 from 4-9 pm and June 7-8 is all day at Yogurt City. Please see the newsletter for more details.

## **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Thank you to Danette Sullivan, Anna Urman, Debra Kelly, and Jon Hixson for taking on this year's golf outing. Chris Sheedy has done a wonderful job chairing the event for the past few years and has offered a great deal of support to the team. However, without Danette, Anna, Debra and Jon the golf outing would not be happening this year. Thank you for your hard work and effort!

We are in need of sponsorships. If you or know someone please let Anna Urman know as soon as possible. Please sign up this week as we really need golfers and sponsors.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (Vanessa Milewski)**

If you still need to get volunteer hours in there are plenty of opportunities to do so. Classroom parties and Field Day are good times to get those hours. You must be virtus trained for those but for those who are not you can help out at the Golf Tournament. You can email me or online. Thank you.

## **WORDS OF APPRECIATION**

This year, we have a unique situation in that all four of our executive board positions are up for election.

Thank all of you the parents, you have all been so kind and generous with your time, support, volunteer hours and donations. You are the reason that we have a strong PTO here at St. Louis. You are the reason that I became president (Tricia Reeder). It has given me the gift of getting to know and work with so many families in the school. I am truly blessed for the opportunity to serve you. Thank you.

- Meredith Mulhern has served as our treasurer for the past year. She has done an amazing job keeping everything organized. Her calm and patient manner makes it so very easy to work with her. We will miss her at St. Louis School next year.
- As our secretary for the past two years, Carolyn Koch has not only done a wonderful job with the minutes for all of the meetings, but handles our church bulletin announcements and often steps outside the role to help me with projects like Catholic Schools Week, assemblies and staff appreciation. She was always there to help. I am so truly grateful. Carolyn, thank you so very much for all of your work for St. Louis School. We are blessed to have you and spoiler alert...glad you will be continuing to serve... ☺
- She has truly committed her time to the St. Louis School PTO...having served four total years on the board, two years as secretary and two as vice president, Patty Richey is a true gift to our school community. Words cannot express the gratitude for her constant support, reassurance, help and patience. Thank you so much Patty for everything – words really cannot express my gratitude.
- Thank you Father Zuberbueler and Mrs. Dyke for your support and help over the past two years. The jokes, smiles and patience have been truly amazing.
- Finally, last but definitely not least, thank you Mrs. McNutt. I honestly do not have the words to thank you. I have been so honored to work with you. Being President has not always been easy and I know I have made many mistakes along the journey, but you were always there to help, offer an encouraging word, and show true patience and love. Thank you.

## ELECTION

- Kelli Nienaber takes over to introduce the candidates.
  - ✓ Melissa McGuire: nominated as Treasurer
  - ✓ Beth Burke: nominated as Secretary
  - ✓ Carolyn Koch: nominated as Vice President
  - ✓ Sharon Moss: nominated as President
- Approved the new officers

Congratulations Missy, Beth, Carolyn and Sharon! You will do a wonderful job!

## VII. Principals Report

Mrs. McNutt - Principal

It is teacher appreciation week and what a wonderful night to say, Thank you to all of our wonderful teachers. You are outstanding! I am blessed to be a part of what they do. We are at the end of assessment time. Acre test are going on for the 5th and 8th graders. This is a school score. Scranton will start May 8 and end around May 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be for the 3rd thru 7th graders. We want them to do their best. Scores will come home with the final report cards. PALS are for PreK thru 2nd. DRA's (Direct Reading Assessment) is for K-4th and Mrs. Melka is working with those students.

Step Up Night is coming up for 5th graders. This is a great time for the 5th grade to check out the middle school and see the lockers.

We are also having a 7th grade night to talk about getting ready for High School. That will be at 7pm on June 1.

The Annual Fund will provide new computers for teachers and additional Chrome Books. Thank you to all those who gave to the Hero's Auction. The new printers are here. We would like to make some improvements to the Gym this year by putting padding around the walls and replacing the Scoreboards. Next year we will update the floor.

-There are a few staff changes: Mrs. Cody and Mrs. Hunsucker will be staying home to enjoy their new babies. We are sad the military is taking away Mrs. Laurence but we will be in good hands with Mrs. Milewski teaching Spanish I. Mrs. Fortier is moving and Mrs. Kovach is going to teach at the county in the Special Ed Department. Mr. Phillips is also moving to Montana.

I also wanted to touch base on a topic that you might hear your children discussing. Netflix has a new movie out 13 Reasons Why. This is a series about a young girl who commits suicide. It is very graphic. Our children have access at their fingertips to anything on the internet. We need to remind our children to make good choices. We have resources here at St. Louis to help you. Please be assure your children are safe we have excellent firewalls here to protect them.

Thank you again to Meredith, Patty and Tricia for an outstanding job!!!

## VIII. Approval of PTO Funds

Tricia Reeder - PTO President

***-Approved to spend end of year funds on gym improvements to include padding and a new scoreboard.***

## VIII. Presentation of Awards

Tricia Reeder - PTO President

## **DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

We are blessed at St. Louis to have so many volunteers who hear this mission and serve us with such love and support. For the 4<sup>th</sup> year, the PTO would like to acknowledge the volunteers who go above and beyond in their mission to serve with the Distinguished Volunteer of the Year Award. This year we had seven (7) nominations. All seven candidates have given so much time and support to St. Louis, thank you. As a matter of fact, this year the teacher and executive board could not just pick one volunteer and we have a tie for Volunteer of the Year.

- ✓ This year's first Distinguished Volunteer of the Year has given countless hours to St. Louis School. She has volunteered as a room parent (sometimes for multiple classrooms at a time) for the past several years. For the past two years, she augmented her volunteer responsibility with the role of Chair for the St. Louis Auction, a position that requires hundreds of hours of dedication for a period of more than six months. She is organized, thorough, anticipates the needs of others, thoughtful, and a great motivator for those that need an extra boost! It is with great honor that I present the first of this year's Distinguished Volunteer of the Year award to Mrs. Beth Burke!
  
- ✓ This year's second Distinguished Volunteer of the Year tirelessly dedicates his time to the school library. He comes every week without fail. He was a true lifesaver this past summer with the media center move. He helped Mrs. Krut when everything had to be moved out of the library and then back into the library. Thanks to his help, we did not need outside support. He will do whatever is needed. He has a gentle, playful manner with the students, who have come to expect his calm, grandfatherly presence. They immediately ask after him if he is not immediately visible. It is with great honor that I present the second of this year's Distinguished Volunteer of the Year award to Mr. Frank Constantino!
  
- ✓ Congratulations to you both and thank you so very much for your support!

Thank you to all of the parents and staff that submitted nominations for volunteer of the year. The 5 other nominees:

- A 2nd grade room mom who devotes a great deal of time. She puts such thought and care into each project she takes on. She has directly impacted the students' and teachers' experience at St. Louis in many positive ways...thank you Ms. Aimee Brennan
- She is a valuable resource volunteer. She works hard to come up with math enrichment activities on her own time for the students. The students love her....thank you Ms. Dot Burtnick.
- She was a tremendous help with the fall festival. She coached the cheerleaders, even though her children aren't even on the squad and she volunteered to open up the Saint Louis gym on many Saturdays for basketball games. Thank you Ms. Judy Conti
- For the second year in a row, she chaired the annual Hawks Day Fair and spent considerable time over the summer and all fall leading up to the fair. She put in a lot of time volunteering on the Silent Auction, and is present at so many class functions....thank you Ms. Grace Cross.
- She is the coordinator of the extremely successful Guardian Angels program which has been adopted by other Diocesan schools. As well, she has been serving for the past two seasons as a basketball coach for the current class of sixth grade boys....thank you Ms. Martha O'Connor.

## STAFF ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

- We are also very blessed here at St. Louis School to have an amazing and dedicated staff. It is the countless hours of time and effort given to our students that make St. Louis a truly Christ-centered education. We send our students without hesitation each day because of the teachers and staff caring for our children. I am honored to be able to recognize a few of our teachers here tonight.

### 10 YEAR - Staff Anniversary Awards

- ✓ We have been blessed to have **Mrs. Cahill** for the past ten years!

## STAFF AWARDS

### BABIES/GOOD-BYES

- ✓ This year we seemed to have a baby boom at St. Louis! We congratulate all of our new St. Louis little ones.
  - **Mrs. Roldan's** little girl, Eleanor/Ellie, born in December.
  - **Mrs. Cody's** second little boy, Patrick Joseph, born at the end of March
  - **Mrs. Hunsucker's** little boy that is due to be here any day now!
- ✓ Although we will not see **Mrs. Hunsucker** and **Mrs. Cody** daily around the halls of St. Louis School as they stay home with their precious little ones, we hope they will come back to visit us frequently.
- ✓ Thank you to Ms. Kovach and Mrs. Laurence for all of their support this year!

## FINAL THANK YOU

I (Tricia) just want to say a final thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your president for the past two years. Your support, patience, understanding, time, help and commitment have made all of the difference. I could not have done it without you and I truly do thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God bless you all.

Father Zuberbueler concludes with prayer.