

## **St. Albert the Great PTO Meeting Minutes October 6, 2020**

**In attendance:** Sherry Gabert, Katie Duckro, Dee Campbell, Nancy Lakes, Sara Anderson, Ryan Wineberg, Tara Cavo, Lauren Schierloh, Tiffany Franklin, Julie Beck, Emily Collura

**Opening Prayer:** Our Father

### **Welcome and Introductions**

#### **School Report – Sherry Gabert**

- This is the seventh week of school. The teachers are doing well, students seem glad to be back and have been cleaning their desks and doing a great job of wearing their masks.
- Lunch is going well; an additional table may be needed for junior high when the remote students return to in-person learning. Lunch times have been adjusted and everyone has been flexible.
- For recess, soccer balls will likely be allowed soon. Students have been engaging in creative ideas at recess. Thank you to the PTO for the extra recess activities!
- The Walk-a-Thon is tomorrow!
- If there is a positive case, direct contacts will be notified first; then the whole school. Anyone exposed to a positive case will need to quarantine for 14 days and have a negative test.
- The fire drill last week went well.

#### **Finance Report**

- Please see attached Treasurer's Report. There has been little change since last month.

#### **Discussion Items**

- *PTO Website*  
Minutes from last month and the fundraiser information is available on the website.
- *Playground Cleaning*  
Lauren looked into this and is unclear what exactly is being cleaned. Gates (in the small enclosures only) will be installed in the next two weeks.
- *Water Bottle Refill Station*  
One touchless water bottle station has been purchased. Wray VanVoorhis is going to install it, so the parish/school will not have to pay someone to do it. This is a huge savings. The station is compliant with the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).
- *Walk-a-Thon*  
So far \$8000 has been raised, plus whatever additional is turned in tomorrow. Mrs. Redinger's first grade class is in first place, contributing \$1700. Grades five and seven will leave 8:00-8:15, followed by grades six and eight. Grades K-4 will have a staggered start beginning around 9:30, after Mass. Volunteers are asked to meet the classes outside the building.
- *Restaurant Night*

Chipotle is scheduled for 10/20/2020 from 4-8 p.m. Thanks Tara, for setting this up! Information is in the Stag Scene, weekly parish bulletin, and in an all-call. This year online orders are accepted. There is a \$150 minimum to receive the proceeds.

- *Christmas Tree Sales*  
Tyler provided much information about the tree sales. Julie will follow up with Zac to see if he is still interested in helping lead this. Discussion was held about possibly dividing this fundraiser into subcommittees, such as marketing; volunteers; and set up/tear down.
- *Pie Sales*  
Julie is following up with Lauren and Alli, who headed this up last year, to obtain contact information on the fundraiser. Pickup will be the Tuesday or Wednesday before Thanksgiving week. Julie and Emily will coordinate this this year once contact information is available from the seller.
- *Box Tops*  
While paper Box Tops are still accepted, it was suggested, and agreed to, that we use the app only to collect these due to Covid.
- *New fundraiser ideas*
  - ✓ Foffee.org → Some Carroll alumni have started a fundraising organization, selling coffee. Literature about this was available at the meeting. The St. Albert logo would be on the coffee, and tumblers with the logo would also be available. Perhaps we could do this instead of pies, and save the pie fundraiser until Easter. A question was asked if people could reorder the coffee and still have the percentage of the sale be donated. Sara will reach out for more information and will communicate to us via email.
  - ✓ Trivia Night → Some information about this was available at the meeting, and Julie will look into this further.
  - ✓ A question was asked about how the Clue Night went. There were nine teams and it was fun. It was mentioned that different events will draw different crowds, depending on whether it is a school event or a parish event.

## **New Business**

- *Funding Request*  
A request was made for yarn. Eighth graders are knitting scarves as a way to earn service hours. We ask that further information on cost be given and we will have an email vote once this is known.
- *Spirit Wear*  
Deuce will now be offering polots, track jackets, and track pants. Orders can be placed directly on their website. Discussion was held as to a spirit shirt for this year, since we did not have the Fun Run/5K at the beginning of the year. A suggestion was made to have a Walk-a-Thon shirt that all students would receive. This could be student designed, and sponsors could be advertised on the back to offset the cost.
- *Uniform Exchange*  
Anyone who has uniforms to donate, please call the office and they will take these to the Uniform Exchange. Hangers are needed; a suggestion was made to put a notice about this in the Stag Scene.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Collura