

# MINUTES

## St. Martha Catholic Parent Teacher Organization

January 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mary Hays at 5:25pm

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

### Officer's Reports

- a. President's Report  
Do we want to continue to offer babysitting at PTO meetings? The cost is \$60, which will be split between the number of children that attend. The PTO board will send out a survey to see if there is interest. We will offer a free dress day coupon for those students whose parents attend the February meeting.
- b. Treasurer's Report  
Recycled Uniforms and T-shirt Tuesday fundraisers have both exceeded their goals for the 2017-2018 school year.

### Committee Reports

- a. Vocations – Catholic Schools Week is January 29 – February 2.
  - i. We have asked to have a second collection at all Masses on the weekend of January 27/28. The money raised will go to the Crusade for Excellence fund. We will offer a free dress day to those students who wear their full-dress uniform to Mass on the weekend of January 27/28. We are asking families and faculty members of SMCS to speak at each Mass that weekend.
  - ii. The schedule for the week is:  
Monday – Free Dress day/Vocations Expo (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Tuesday – Open house for new families  
Wednesday – Benefactors' Mass  
Thursday – Staff appreciation lunch  
Friday – Pep Rally
- b. Recycled Uniforms – There will a recycled uniform sale on Thursday, January 18, in the FLC from 7:30-9:00am. You can also email [recycleduniforms@stmarthacs.org](mailto:recycleduniforms@stmarthacs.org) and make an appointment.
- c. Steps for Students – You can still sign up to represent our school; cost per runner is \$20, \$17 of that cost goes right back to SMCS! If you cannot attend the event, you can sign up to be a virtual runner. On February 1, the cost goes up to \$30. The St. Martha Knights of Columbus have offered to host a free pancake breakfast in the SMCS tent at the post race party.

### Principal's Report

- a. Mary Hays will begin her employment with SMCS on January 8, so Dwayne Chapman will take over as president of the PTO on that date. In April, we will reevaluate and open voting for either vice-president or president.
- b. Parker Uniforms has closed.
- c. The administration is currently working to establish tuition rates for the 2018-2019 school year. A letter will go out sometime after January 12.
- d. Registration for returning families will begin during Catholic Schools week.

### New Business

- a. A form will be sent to the PTO chairpersons each month so that they can report on successes/opportunities and need for volunteers

### **Announcements/Q&A**

- a. Can PTO meetings begin later?  
Not for the remainder of this school year, we are stuck with the current time slot. The PTO board will send out a survey for parent input for the 2018/2019 school year.
- b. Can the eighth-grade student go off campus for fun day?  
Mrs. Munscher will follow up with Mrs. Henry regarding this.
- c. Can we sell hard copies of the directory as a fundraiser?  
Yes, we need a parent who is willing to take on this fundraiser.
- d. Would it be possible to adjust the school calendar so the school year finishes at the end of May?  
No. The diocese puts out a calendar with non-negotiable days, and then encourages each school to follow their districts schedule.
- e. Can the First Christmas program be changed back to Journey to Bethlehem?  
We will consider this, and discuss with the faculty sponsors

### **Next Meeting**

February 1, 2018 at 5:15pm in the Borski Room

Meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.