

St. Peter Parent Association Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

6-7:00pm

St. Peter School Library

Present - Teresa Radcliffe, Krysten Fulcher, Kristi Hanes, Kim Connolly, Jeff Schmidt, Anna Heintz, Misty Cooper, Bridget Huss, Richelle Peterson, Rose Carlson, Nadia Roers, Marissa Pitzen, Joe Ponsolle, Becky Marquis, Myriam Katty, Patty Harper, Sharon Abrahamson, Michelle Stark, James Mixon, Kateri Trembley, Kim Carroll, Kasi O'Hare, Liatra Tepe, Nate Tepe, Lara Donovan

Spiritwear - Update by Joe Ponsolle

Joe and Erin Ponsolle are taking over Spiritwear for St. Peter. They own Revolution Sporting Goods in Vadnais Heights. Spiritwear sales will be offered a couple of times a year through a website, probably late summer and before Christmas. Individuals can go to the store any time during the year to order Spiritwear directly from them. They have the school logos. There are lots of options for Spiritwear. You can bring in your own items to have the logo put on them. Several people ordered things during the before Christmas Spiritwear sale and they noted that the website was easy to navigate and that the hats were fleece-lined which is really nice. Having a survey was suggested as a way to determine when the best time to sell Spiritwear is. Another good time would be the upcoming Catholic Schools week.

Note from previous meeting: We would still love to sell off the older Spiritwear products that we have stock of in the Saints Room. Please see Gina in the office to take a look at these items.

Like It! Comment on It! Share it!

On Facebook, please like it or even better, comment on it when posts come up for or about St. Peter. The more often something is liked or commented on, it will get shown to more people. St. Peter has a school Facebook page and a Parent Association Facebook Page.

Mid-year Uniform Exchange - Sunday, Jan 28

We will have a mid-year Uniform Exchange on the Sunday at the start of Catholic Schools Week. It will begin at 12:15 after the All School song. Set up for the exchange is 10-12 on Saturday, January 27. The exchange will be from 12:15-1:15 in the cafeteria. Volunteers are needed to set up on Saturday, work the exchange, and then clean up after the event. Please contact Marissa Pitzen if you can help.

Fair Trade Coffee Sales - Nadia Roers

We are looking for someone or a couple of people to take over coffee sales. An advertisement/description was in the school newsletter last week. Coffee sales involve some

accounting and organizing volunteers. This volunteering is an easy way to get your fundraising hours.

Coffee sales are scheduled for all four Masses on the All School Family Mass Sundays. Sales are conducted at a table in the gathering space. Coffee sales raise approximately \$2000 per year. Most of the money is made off the chocolate sales. A pound of coffee costs \$10.

Gala Planning Update - Dana Alison

Dana held a drawing for a Caribou gift card. Marissa Pitzen won!

For the last couple of years, we used mobile bidding for the silent auction items. However, the price of the mobile bidding is high compared to the money raised. We are going back to paper bids for the silent auction. This means we need more volunteers to calculate bills the day of the event. This may be better anyway for some of the older attendees who may not use mobile bidding.

We need auction items, both silent and live!!!

Last year, Father Deziel and Mrs. Dahlman found a good share of these items. This year, Father Deziel is no longer helping with our Gala, and Mrs. Dahlman is on bedrest. We need your help!

- We ask that people think about who in their circle they can ask for donations? Who are business owners that have items or services they may be willing to donate? Who do they do business with that may be willing to give a gift certificate for an auction? Who are professional Catholic people who would believe in the mission of the school? Did they get something for Christmas that maybe they don't need and can donate?

The chosen theme is 'Spring!' Thank you to for Colin Blakley creating our logo. Tonight, we stuffed envelopes for the invitations and also for letters requesting donations for auction items. Thank you to everyone who helped with envelope stuffing! Remember this counts toward your fundraising volunteer hours.

Volunteers - We will work on more volunteer needs as we get closer. Please let us know if you have an interest.

Gala Information from Previous Meeting

The Gala is our largest fundraiser of the year. This event helps pay staff salaries and keeps tuition down besides just being a great time! Dana Alison will be coordinating this event for the 3rd time, but she still needs a lot of help to make this event a success. She is looking for help from people to be on the planning committee or with various specific tasks. She needs some people who are confident and are willing to go places and solicit donations. We are looking for a few big ticket items for the live auction. The Gala will be held Saturday, April 14th. It is a fun community event to raise money for our school. Please plan to come and invite everyone you know!

Schedule of Events - Again this year, we will have beer and wine tasting, words of welcome, dinner (Wes and Stacey Peterson will be catering for the 3rd year-Hooray!), auction (silent and live), dessert dash. We will have music again this year, but we it won't be live.

Tickets

We need help to make sure word gets out in advance so people are putting this on their calendars.

We want to encourage people to purchase their tickets in advance (earlier than 2 weeks).

We would like to offer incentives for purchasing Gala tickets early like drink tickets or something else people would like.

Price is \$40 per person for early bird and \$45 for regular price.

Kristi Hanes will work on decorations again.

Anna Heintz will work on RSVPs and table arrangements again.

Katie Blakely will work on the classroom projects that will be in the silent auction.

Colin Blakely created the logo and also the invitation, and flyer. We would like someone to help him with the proofreading.

Michelle Dupay will run registration and check out again and she needs a helper.

All grades will donate gift cards for purchase at the Gala. (Please purchase scrip cards, if possible!)

- We may use some for auction items, along with the Gift Card Bonanza.

7th and 8th graders will again serve appetizers and bus tables.

We are looking to add a few more raffle ideas.

Every hour at the Gala, there will be drawing for a gift card for the volunteers working at the Gala.

We will use Sign-Up Genius for the volunteering needs again for the set up the day before and the day off the Gala.

Volunteer Needs before the Gala

Can you help with one(or more) of following tasks???

(All of these count toward fundraising volunteer hours!!!)

- **GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- **DONATION SOLICITORS** for the auctions.
- Dana is looking for an **ASSISTANT COORDINATOR** to help her the day before and the day of the Gala.

- **CHECK-IN FOR VOLUNTEERS** - someone to check in the volunteers and send them to their stations. The length of a volunteer shift will be 2 hours.
- **GAMES AND RAFFLES PLANNING VOLUNTEERS** - We want to have multiple drawing items, not just the booze bucket. We would like to keep the tuition raffle, but enough people need to participate to meet the minimum number to make it worth it.
- **COORDINATOR FOR TICKET SALES AT CHURCH** - on the weekends using a sign-up genius. We are not sure if we will be able to leave up a Gala advertising table in the gathering space. If we are, the coordinator needs to be able to get to church during the day to take down the table if there is a funeral.
- **REGISTRATION AND CHECK-OUT HELPER** - for Michelle Dupay.
- **PROOFREADER** - to help Colin Blakley with print and web materials.

Classroom Representatives - Thank you to everyone who has volunteered!

Thank you to all who attended the PA Meeting!

It was great to see you all!

We will keep track of your attendance.

Please invite your friends because they are still eligible for the monthly t-shirt/spiritwear or other prize drawings!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 21, 2017

7pm

See you there!