

# **Saint Mary Catholic School Parent-Teacher Organization**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**April 11, 2023, The Cafeteria**

**Cristina Gill, President, called to order at 8:16am**

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Topics Discussed:**

#### **Treasurer Report:**

- Mrs. Rochelle Heidbreder, PTO Treasurer, stated that there is no official Treasurer report for this month due to the Easter Break. She noted that money was spent last month for field day, but the receipts for purchases are with Kristin White and the total is unknown at this time. She stated that \$500 was raised at Pepper's Grill for the PTO dining fundraiser last week.
- Mrs. Gill added that her experience working with Pepper's for the dining fundraiser was very positive and she looks forward to a future partnership with them in the future. They allowed 15% of the proceeds to go back to the school as opposed to other dining establishments that usually only allow 10%. The PTO members discussed other possible options for future dining events including Bronzini's Pizza in Niceville possibly after a sporting event being held at Ruckel Middle School.

#### **Office Appreciation Day**

- Mrs. Karen Kirk stated that Office Appreciation Day will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> and a meal will be prepared for office staff. The theme will be tropical, and she asked if anyone has any tropical themed decorations for the office area to please let her know. Mrs. Brooke Barnes has volunteered to make invitations and Mrs. Heidbreder has volunteered to make the cards that will be sent around to teachers to sign. Mrs. Kirk also asked if anyone was interested in making any candygrams for office staff, to please let her know.

#### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

- Mrs. Rochelle Heidbreder stated that Teacher Appreciation Week will take place May 1-5<sup>th</sup>. She stated that the plans for the week include a Spa Day, teacher luncheon, and a fun interactive game with prizes. She added that set-up for the week will take place on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. She stated

that she needs to run the proposed plans by Mr. Rodgers for his approval first and then will be sending a sign-up sheet for items needed to carry out the plans to the school community by next week.

### **Welcome for Father McShane**

- Mrs. Gill stated that at the last PTO meeting it was discussed that a welcome coffee and breakfast with Father McShane would take place prior to beginning today's PTO meeting. She explained that since Father McShane had been extremely busy the last few weeks with Lent, it was decided that it would be best if the breakfast was pushed back to a later date. She stated that she would like the welcome to take place before the end of the school year. The members discussed having the welcome coffee and breakfast on the same day as the next PTO meeting (May 9<sup>th</sup>) right after morning drop off. The PTO meeting will begin after breakfast is over.

### **Ice Cream Social:**

- Mrs. Gill stated that it is planned that frozen treats will again be distributed on the last day of school (May 26<sup>th</sup>). She asked the members for their opinion about whether ice cream sandwiches should be given out again or if ICEE pops would be preferred. It was discussed about the possibility of having a Kona Ice truck available for students to get an ice treat. Mrs. Corissa Bayer volunteered to research this option and determine what the approximate cost would be. She will report this information at the next PTO meeting and a decision will be made.

### **BookBreak School Author Talks:**

- Mrs. Gill explained that Mrs. Neiger approached the PTO about providing \$1050 to cover the costs of the BookBreak School Author program which provides virtual author visits for K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. BookBreak will bring 2-3 online bestselling authors talk events to schools each month and will be streamed live to include an Q & A from students. Mrs. Gill stated that the 5 current members of the Board did vote for approving the use of PTO funds to support this program based on the information Mrs. Neiger provided which includes how author talks have been shown to increase enthusiasm for reading. She added that this program will begin in the Fall.

The meeting was called to a close at 9:20am.

Minutes by Lori Lomax (Secretary)