**St. Aloysius Parents Association Meeting**

**November 8, 2017**

Present: Stephanie Fecht, Melissa Snyder, Ben Waddington, Troy Alt, Nicole Buccalo, Connie Deutschman, Brandy Best, Sara Foos, Mimi Suter, Jami Deering, Miss Alexa Szabo, Heather Pooley

1. Prayer – Stephanie Fecht

2. Welcome- sign in for jeans pass

3. Introductions

4. Budget –Connie Deutschman/Brandy Best

* Brandy put together a nice spreadsheet to budget for 2017-2018 school year.
  + Updates included: Author Visit/Literacy Event $500 budget; Field Trip Fund $1,000 budget

5. Activities/Committee- updates

* Grandparent’s Day – Went well! Thanks to Connie Deutschman! The staff and Connie as tossing around different ideas for 2018. Stay tuned!
* BG Holiday Parade - Saturday, November 18
  + Still looking for candy donations
  + Float building starts this weekend.
  + Check out the school float and Cub Scouts downtown BG this Saturday.
* November Teacher Luncheon – All slots filled by parent volunteers! Thanks all for making this a successful event that the staff truly appreciate. Thanks Connie Deutschman for organizing.
* Spirit Wear Update – Ordering went smooth. Total numbers of orders are up over last year according to the deposit.
* Apples for Education Update – Nikki Miller will have apples on the bulletin board by Thanksgiving. Each apple is filled out by a teacher with a wish list item. Great source of ideas if you are looking to thank a teacher with a gift.
* Teacher Favorites Survey – will be updated by Tutsy Asmus before Thanksgiving and uploaded to school website.
* Book Fair – More volunteers were still needed at the time of this meeting. Overall, the book fair went well. There were positive and negatives to having it in the 1st/2nd grade Resource Room on the first floor of the school. Unofficial sales numbers indicate that sales were up this year over last.
* School Council/PA Mandatory Parent Meeting Discussion – While discussion did take place on this topic, we would like for it to be addressed again when Mrs. Puhl is present. It was recommended that for future meetings, the tone of the presentation be more positive and that the School Council highlight progress in the past year and focus on enrollment with parents being the greatest source of PR/marketing. The PA portion of the surveys was giving to us and Troy Ault volunteered to compile the data so that we can place interested parents as volunteers ASAP!
* Field Trip Fund – It was suggested we put together a flyer to outline the purpose and perimeters of the fund. Connie Deutschman volunteered to do this. There was discussion about if would we like to sponsor the cost of a field trip for each class next year. Plan to discuss before next year.

6. New Business:

* Future Goals – Parents please brainstorm and come prepared to share your goals and ideas for PA. This will be an item on our December agenda. If you have ideas but are unable to attend you are welcome to share your ideas with a one of the officers or Mrs. Puhl.
* School mascot –Let’s revisit this again. We need specifics on what it would look like and price.
* One Book BG – Miss Alexa presented this opportunity that will coincide with Right to Read week in the spring. It will replace an author visit and bring new events to our youth and families. PA was asked to support this project with monetary funds. We asked for a budget and this will be provided at a future meeting. More exciting details to come!

6. Adjourned

Moving right into Reverse Raffle meeting – March 17, 2018 at Bowen Thompson Student Union

* Future PA Meeting Dates – Wednesdays at 7pm
  + December 13
  + January 10
  + February 21
  + March 14
  + April 11
  + May 9