

Lisa Rizzi opened the meeting by introducing all of the core team members who were present (all in attendance). Asked if there were any late entrants into the Box Tops for Education raffle. Explained how at one point in time that one program covered the PTO annual budget and all other fundraisers covered the fun stuff. There is a teacher leaderboard that participants may choose where their box tops earnings get designated to. Teachers are allowed to spend the money that they earn through this program, so we're hoping we can get teachers to encourage participation among their student families. Someone suggested if a classroom is in need of a classroom supply, the teacher could communicate that by saying it is the equivalent of x# of Box Tops scans. Someone suggested a quarterly contest for the classrooms too.

Briefly went over the pie charts that are on the Holy Name Pto hand out. Our annual expenses and our usual income. Explained that the new addition of purse bingo to the Holy Name event calendar could now be a PTO run event to cover our annual budget. All other fundraisers (for example: the current mum sale and Culver's spirit night) could go towards Teacher requests, school assemblies, or other new ideas. A few people have asked why we do not get a sponsor to cover the cost of the themed T-shirts. The Pto is not consulted on the PTO shirts quality, cost or design. We just pay for them.

We specifically asked that volunteers interested in becoming room parents attend this meeting. Besides the room parents for homeroom classrooms, the PTO also covers gifts for all other school staff, including the office, café, specials department, resource department, and custodial staff. We have opened up opportunities to have "room parents" for these extra staff members. Their Christmas and end-of-the-year gifts are covered by \$1 out of uniform days that have already been scheduled on the calendar.

Talked about our desire to have another form of communication for the PTO. We understand that not all families are on Facebook, so a new Facebook PTO group does not seem ideal. We always have our information in the highlights and time sensitive information can go out from the office in an email. Mr. Miles has been exploring different apps to possibly use. Our main challenge with a new form of communication is having Parents opt in. Other parents suggested Dojo, Remind & Talking Points. After the meeting, a parent suggested that Pto have their own tab on the school website. Mrs. Wright has already added that for us.

["https://school.holyname.cc/pto"](https://school.holyname.cc/pto)

Oktoberfest committee updated us on many of the things coming up:

Big Raffle Ticket Sales

- \$100 per ticket. Highly encouraged to go in on tickets as groups to lower the cost. All proceeds go directly to Holy Name Parish and particularly our school. This is helping to pay for our brand new reading curriculum, so your support is needed! Best to purchase ticket by the Early Bird drawing (Katy will discuss later) so that you're entered to win. Tickets can be purchased after all Masses, in the Parish Office, & at the School Office from now until the event.

- Ticket purchasers have the chance to win up to \$18,000.

Entertainment

- Four bands plus the Holy Name kids choir.
- Health Fair on Friday only in the Franciscan Rooms - all serviced based, no soliciting!
- Bingo in the cafe on Friday only - cash no cards
- Monte Carlo in the Franciscan Rooms on Saturday only - cash no cards

Food/Beverage

- HN Men's Club will be running the show on food. We're aiming for low cost to families and food that can easily be carried around the event. We'll have ribeye sandwiches, hamburgers (no frikadillens if anyone asks, too much work and not enough volunteers), hotdogs, brauts with sauerkraut, pizza, loaded nachos, and family-friendly drinks.
- The Concession stand will be open all night with snacky food - soft pretzels, popcorn, apples with carmel dip, chips, and family-friendly drinks.
- Dessert is back!
- We'll have beer on tap in the main parking lot along with bottles of wine for purchase, wine slushies, and wine sold by the glass. Canned beer will be available at Bingo & Monte Carlo.

Katy

Early Bird

- Sunday, August 18th, 5-6:30pm in the cafe.
- This is a "donation only" spaghetti dinner. This includes your entree, dessert, tea, lemonade, or water. Beer, wine, and root bier will be sold for cash only.
- Anyone who has purchased an OFest big raffle ticket is automatically entered to win one of the four drawings that night (each \$250). Winners are re-entered into the Big Raffle. Tickets MAY be purchased that evening, but we'll draw at 6:15pm.
- 50/50 will be played - cash only!
- New this year: Root Bier Stand! Families can purchase a mini-root bier stein at the dinner to be filled with root beer. If you purchase a stein, you're entered into a drawing for a FREE Kid Zone wristband.

Kid Zone - You're the expert on events offered in the Kid Zone. Here is pricing if anyone is interested. Wristbands will only be sold at the event and must be saved for night 2!

- 2 and under - FREE

- 3 and up - \$15/child, 4+ kids \$60
- Good for both Nights

Purse Bingo and the Culver's spirit night are our priority for volunteers at the moment. We will need to have a planning committee for the purse bingo and we took a list of names for a future meeting.

We also need to schedule future dine to donate / spirit night and asked for suggestions. Q'doba and Chicago's are on the to-do list.