



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary PTO Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024 | Meeting Called by Lisa Welter

Board Members: Lisa Welter, Chairperson | Emily Hughes, Vice Chairperson | Megan Kuzma, Treasurer | Molly Henderson, Secretary | Amy Snodgrass & Kate Williams, Teacher Representative | Domenic Franconi, Principal

Meeting called to order by Lisa Welter 7:00 pm

Prayer: Lead by Megan Kuzma

Dear Lord,

May your goodness be felt by all. We pray for our work to bring blessings to all students, staff and families of ABVM. Build in us a deep respect for each other as we grow in friendship through our works to benefit our school community. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Attending:

Kristy Burzyński, Karie French, Jess Grey, Jessica Stromski, Amy Snodgrass, Kate Williams, Angela Helmstetter, Lo Mikulak, Anne Einig, Sarah Walsh, Molly Henderson, Lisa Welter, Emily Hughes, Megan Kuzma, Shannon Tarwater, Mary Benoit

Introductions everyone was welcomed by Lisa Welter and Everyone introduced themselves

Treasurer Report- Megan Kuzma

\$8015.41 Still missing Whitecaps and Celebrity scoop. Will update when we get the September financial information.

New Business

Auction- Emily Hughes— October 12th

The biannual auction is set for October 12th. A sign up genius went out for extra volunteers for set up, help for the day of, and clean up. Especially need help for working the event and clean up after. Event will be held in the gym this year, we will need help setting up tables and decor on Friday October 11th. Around 200 people attending so far. Raffle tickets will be sold up until night of auction. Any questions please reach out to Emily Hughes.

The Score Funds for Friends Fundraiser- Oct. 23, 5-10pm— Lisa Welter

Flyer will go out in next week's (October 17th) Thursday folder. Great night and easy fundraiser. Bring flyer in with you and a percentage of your bill goes to ABVM PTO. You can order takeout and that counts for it too- Just let them know that it is for funds with friends when you order.

**Look into Vestal Inn for funds with Friends as well.

Bulletin Board at Church updates- Jess Grey

Jess will add funds for friends (with flyers) and trunk or treat FYI if parishioners want to have a trunk to pass out candy. The bulletin board is in the narthex of the church and we plan on updating it every month.

Trunk or Treat- Oct. 31, 1:30-2:30— Jess Grey

Note will be sent out October 10th to teachers- all students will go to trunk or treating daycare-8th. We will have daycare go last and start with 8th grade. NOTED this is only for ABVM school kids (including daycare and preschool). We will let Kerri Underwood know that preschool kids (PS3 and PS4) are welcome to come back in for the event and they will walk with daycare kids.

Room Parent Halloween Party Oct. 31, 2:00/2:30-3:00- Emily Hughes

This years halloween party will be held in individual classrooms and very low-key. Emily has games left over from last year's combined party and will send an email this week offering them to room parents (these are more for younger kids)

Room parents should plan on activities for 30-45 minutes. Emily suggested some kind of beverage would be provided by room parents. Some suggestions for beverages, hot chocolate bar, juice boxes, apple cider. Room Parents will have time to maybe do one craft or one game and then a suggestion from the teachers was to play a Halloween themed cartoon. If there are supplies that you will need, or light snacks and your beverage please make a sign up genius for your classroom parents.

**We also still have a need for one more room parent for PS3.

Stock the Teacher's Lounge— Sarah Walsh

This is where PTO provides snacks and drinks to the teachers lounge. Sarah just did a small stock. There is about \$400 left in this budget- this should be good until January and then we can do a jean day pass to raise more money. Small grab and go snacks are what is asked for the most by the teachers.

Teacher Conference Meals- November 21 & 22- Megan Kuzma

PTO provides lunches for the teachers while they are staying late because of conferences. Last year soup and sandwiches made by Emily Hughes. This year Megan Kuzma will run it and if she needs help Jess Grey, Emily Hughes and Molly Henderson can help. Amy and Kate said that quick easy meals are best. More to come at next meeting.

Babysitter's Club Update- Jess Grey

The list went out March of 2024 of ABVM current students and alumni who are babysitters. We need to update this list. Jess Grey volunteered to text the people on the list to make sure it is current information. She will also ask Katie Leeder (8th grade teacher) if there is anyone we can add to it. It was noted that it would be nice to also add how many kids the babysitter is comfortable taking care of and their rate.

MNO Wreath Event Dec 4th- Megan Kuzma and Molly Henderson

This event was done last year with great success. Not a fundraiser, only for fellowship. This year instead of Moms Night Out (MNO) we are going to refer to it as a ladies night out to encourage more people from the parish to come. People in attendance will have the option to decorate a fresh wreath and/or a fresh centerpiece. Beverages and light snacks will be provided. Save the date will come out after the auction. The CAC has been reserved. Lenderink pricing the same as last year, but we barely broke even last year so we are going to increase the price this year. \$40 for one or two for \$60. We will add the save the date to the PTO bulletin board in the church, to the News from the Pews (church newsletter), and to the PTO newsletter.

Old Business

Newsletter- Molly Henderson

The first newsletter was added to the October 3rd Thursday folder. It shows upcoming events, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities. We are adding a section of get to know board member, teachers, or etc. The November issue will highlight Donna Brower and Kayleigh Hall from the school and Emily Hughes from PTO board.

Molly will be added to "A week at a glance" (this is a newsletter that Mrs. Rybicki puts out every week to give updates to middle school families) so that any important information can be added to the PTO newsletter.

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Christmas parade- We need someone to take the lead on this. That person will need to sign up for the parade and organize a group to walk in the parade with a banner. The parade is Dec 7th. If you are interested please let Lisa Welter know.

Christmas Staff Luncheon- Thinking ahead for this, last year we provided Quick time burritos for the staff as our Christmas present for all they do. We will need plenty of volunteers the day of to make sure all the staff can enjoy a 1hr break. We will talk more about this at the next meeting.

Santa Shop- Emily Hughes will take on the Santa Shop year. Santa shop is an opportunity for students to shop for family and friends at school. Volunteers donate or are reimbursed for gifts they buy throughout the year. We are always looking for mens gifts and if you are buying gifts for the Santa Shop try to buy in larger quantities (5 or more). For a reimbursement form please ask Megan Kuzma or the Mrs. Hall in the office. We will also be looking for donated wrapping paper and gift bags (tissue paper, tape, ribbons etc.), look out for an email as we get closer. We will need plenty of volunteers to wrap and help students shop for gifts. We will talk more next PTO meeting.

Fundraising chair

Kristy Burzynski is interested in helping more with fundraising and trying to help us reach our goals. We have been interested in adding a fundraising chair. She will be in contact with Megan Kuzma and Lisa Welter.

Meeting ENDED at 8:11pm

Save the Date

- Auction - October 12
- Flo's Pizzeria Ristorante Fundraiser - November 5, 11am-10pm
- Next Meeting - November 6, 7-8pm
- Funds for Friends at The Score - December 2
- MNO wreath/centerpiece making - Dec 4
- Rockford Christmas Parade - December 7
- Santa Shop - December 17/18?
- Christmas Staff Luncheon - December 19?

Next Meeting: November 6, 7-8pm

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