

Trinity Catholic Academy PTO Meeting- February 23, 2021

6:02pm- Meeting Started

Brian- Agenda: Opening Prayer, Treasury update, Principal update, Giving Tuesday update, Virtual Auction update, discussion on open PTO positions, open floor/questions

Father Ken- Opening Prayer and a personal Father Ken message

Josie: Treasurer's Report:

- Starting Balance: \$5,201.38
- Expenses: Blackboard Connect yearly cost: \$291.50, Payment to Brian Cournoyer for the edible arrangement for Mrs. Del Valle (Kindergarten teacher): \$120
- Income: \$208.31 from the Scripps online gift card purchases and a small amount of interest
- Current balance: \$4,909.91

Principal Report:

Diane Perry, Advancement Director- Giving Tuesday had an original goal of \$8k, which was an on-line event. With generous matching gift opportunities from Dexter-Russell Foundation and another community partner, the fundraiser raised over \$30k with 45 donors participating.

Josie- With the \$30k+, she worked with Archangel Tablets and was able to purchase 75 chrome books and 3 charging carts (one per floor). This was far better than expected and provided more chrome books than the original grant through the public school district would have provided if that had come to fruition. The ultimate goal at this point is to raise additional funds to hopefully get closer to a 1-to-1 ratio for chrome book to student. These devices will be available to teachers and their students for special projects and other classroom work.

Auction Update:

Brian- Reminder to parents on the call that for joining the PTO meeting, their child(ren) will be allowed to be out of dress code tomorrow February 24, 2021.

Josie and Brian- Provided a heartfelt thank you to Margert Farrand and Melissa Cournoyer, co-chairs of the auction, for all their hard work pivoting from an in-person auction to a virtual auction. Also many thanks to Andrew Loin for all his work on getting the virtual website ready for the March 1st launch.

Melissa Cournoyer- Background provided of how the 2019 auction went, which raised a bit over \$27,000 equally divided between the church and school. Due to COVID-19 and having many auction items ready to go, the decision was made to have the auction go virtual. The virtual auction will be held from March 1, 2021 to March 13, 2021. An open house for viewing the auction items will be held February 27, 2021 from 11am-to-3pm and again on the final night of the auction, March 13, 2021 from 3pm-to-8pm at the upper level of the LaSalle Reception Center. At the open houses, there will be a 50/50 raffle opportunity, with the winner being drawn on Facebook live on March 13, 2021. The website for this auction is: biddingowl.com/faithtrustdust21. The official payment method of the auction will be via PayPal and the bidding platform provides you an opportunity to list your current bid along with your maximum bid.

Volunteers may be necessary when it's time for auction winners to come to the reception center to pick up their items. Please let Josie or Brian know if you're interested in helping during this time.

Nomination discussion for PTO open positions:

Brian- Opened the virtual meeting for nominations for Secretary, VP, and President PTO positions, which will be for a 3-year term starting at the end of this school year. Nominations will be taken tonight and at the next PTO meeting in April these Nominations will be voted in. Currently, the President and Co-President positions are available. Both Brian (2 additional years) and Grace (3 additional years) can serve a little longer if no-one steps forward to fill these positions. However, the preference would be to have a nomination for these positions.

- Secretary position: Amy Kreidemaker nominated herself and seconded by Janell Zuziak
- VP Position: Jennifer Wilson was nominated by Mrs. Symock and seconded by Mrs. Citta
- President: No nominations offered at this time; at the next PTO meeting we will ask again for nominations.

Brian- Open discussion

What are people's feeling on trying to host some type of virtual family event? Something like a virtual escape room or a family jeopardy night? Brian will put an email together with a survey monkey and Josie will send out to the community to gauge interest. If there is enough interest, we would like a few volunteers to put this event together.

Brian- Last call for questions

Adjournment: 6:38pm

Submitted by Brian and Missy Cournoyer