



The mission of the Holy Family School PTO is to provide a medium for parents and faculty to work together for the spiritual and academic benefit of our Holy Family School community in the areas of communication, public relations, and special programs.

**PTO Meeting Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2024
6:30pm**

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Wednesday, November 20 · 6:30pm
Time zone: America/Detroit
Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/jbf-iqxp-kcz>
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Start time :

Opening Prayer: Barbara Quaranta

Introductions: All

Attendees: 20 Total

Virtual

Rachel Bambusch	
Danielle Balcer	
Carolyn Swanson	
Wanda Farah	
Sindel Render	

In Person

Barbara Quaranta	Angela Gerke
Kerry Applegate	Melinda Williams
Kendall Powers	Tami Wolfram
Erica Aymer	Melissa Applegate
Joan Richards	Trevor Rodgers
Jenny Salsa	Eric Cagle

Rimi Abu-Aita	
Cindy Brendel	
Sister Sharon	

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Start Time 6:37pm

September Meeting Minutes motioned for approval Kerry Applegate and second Trevor Rodgers

Introductions: All

Board Reports: *Barbara Quaranta, Kerry Applegate, Kendall Powers, Angela Gerke*

Barbara Quaranta: Well October has been a busy month! In case you didn't hear, the Parish received a very generous donation from a parishioner. Therefore they have decided to skip this year's auction and focus on the diocesan appeal for Catholic education. So make sure to sign up for that informational meeting which explains what will be happening with that. So what does this mean for PTO? We would like to have parents sign up to help plan this event. So if you are great at party planning or collecting donations or setting up, please let us know so that we can get a list started for the parish office. This way we can have a head start and have a whole year to plan!

Upcoming Events:

1. Dine to Donate - We have our first Dine to Donate of the year on Wednesday, November 27th. If you have never heard of dine to donate it is a mutually beneficial fundraiser at a designated restaurant. For example, our first one will be at Enzo's Pizzeria in Grand Blanc. So we will promote ordering from Enzo's on that specific day Wednesday before Thanksgiving. And will get a small portion of the proceeds. Last year was very successful for Enzo's and Tim asked us to book again for this year. So we appreciate their business and their help in fundraising. My one suggestion for you is to order early (you can place orders online or over the phone. Last year he received so many orders he stopped taking them after 4pm) A flyer and FB post will go out prior to the event.
2. Caroling for Christ- Kerry Applegate - New event to replace Game Night. Trying something new to bring the community together. We want to promote being with each other as a community during the holidays. We would like to add the information to the bulletin for all Parishioners to participate. It will be located in the FBPC where there will be crafts, hot cocoa and coffee. We will have high school volunteers to help with crafts and to read stories to kids while they are waiting to carol. We would like to send a survey to confirm what "caroling" will look like. This would include an option of going to a senior center, a neighborhood, or just staying at the hall.

- a. It would be about \$3.50 per person
 - b. Goal is to get as many people to the event as possible
 - c. There will be a registration form for those to sign up for the event
 - d. Invite Knights of Columbus to participate
3. Santa's Workshop- Melissa Mannor- "Santa's Secret Shop"
- a. Melissa went Oct 9th to Fenton to preview gifts. They have 16 Christian items to include in our sale. The first flyer will go home tomorrow Nov 20th. The actual workshop will be Dec 9-Dec 12. The Shop runs from 8:30-2:30 every day. Volunteers help pick out gifts, and wrap the gifts. On Wed Dec 4th the flyers will go home. The sheet will have the schedule for each class. No cash. A blank check and a voucher will be available for purchasing. The remaining amounts will go back to PTO. A document will go out and the items will have photos that match the item description.
4. Catholic Schools Week- Barbara Quaranta
- a. This year Catholic Schools week is January 26th - 31st. During this week there is a family project which PTO sponsors, we host an assembly for the entire school and we also give students a small gift. We try to keep it in theme of the event and work with teachers to make sure the gifts are part of the event for the week. We also do small snack cart for teachers that week. So if you would like to help package gifts or hand out snacks please sign up on the volunteer link. Beth Holifield chairs the CSW family project event. She creates jingle and the family who wins the family project gets a prize. The projects are showcased during Catholic Schools Week.

Past Events:

1. Trick or Treat Trail - We first would like to give a special thank you to the Grand Blanc Police Department for their generous donation. They gave \$200 to help with the trick or treat bags and glow in the dark necklaces. We appreciate all they do for us! We also want to thank the Grand Blanc Fire Department for bringing their city utility vehicle/brusher. We had a successful event! Everyone enjoyed the trail. All the parent/grandparent volunteers did an amazing job on their decorations! The creativity you guys put in is awesome.
2. U of M versus MSU Can Food Drive -
 - a. Kerry Applegate- Thank you all for your generosity! We collected over 2,500 canned goods and non-perishable items for our outreach center. This year U of M won with 1,324 items (MSU - 1,181)

Committee Reports:

1. Hospitality - Carolyn Swanson- Thank you for donations for conferences. We were able to provide snacks and drinks for Tues-Fri. Wed -Fri we were able to do breakfast. We did Jimmy John's subs on Wed and a baked-potato bar and salads on Thursday.

A questionnaire will go out to gauge what is best for conferences moving forward

A signup will go out for snacks for Catholic Schools Week to provide for the Teachers.

Also, preparing for Teacher Appreciation for the end of the year. A lot of options available for volunteering during that week

2. Bulletin boards - Kerry Applegate next bulletin board will be changed before grandparents day. There are many dates available.
3. Open Positions - Angela Gerke
 - Dine to Donate - We are still looking for someone to help us setup dine to donate for the remainder of the school year. This is primarily an online thing. A couple local restaurants may require you to go in. But for the most part all online.
 - 2025 Board - while next school year seems a ways away. We are in need of new board members. Unfortunately, we have reached our term limit. So we would love you to think about joining our team this year as just co-chairs to learn and see how things run.
 - VP - we specifically need to have a VP to step into this role per our constitution/bylaws.
4. Scholarship- Kerry Applegate Grand Blanc papers have been filled out. Postings will begin in Jan and final applications will be due in March
5. Used Uniform Sale - Has brought in \$2785 for this year to this point

Principal's Report: Cindy Brendel - Can Drive- The outreach sent a letter to thank the students for their contributions. Saints and Scholars- tomorrow is one of the presentations. They have snacks and drinks. They are explaining why this is so important to our school. Special Education being provided to Catholic Schools. If we exceed our goal money would come back to the school.

Presentation on bullying requested by Cindy Bronson. She will get the info to us. We are looking at doing a field day. May 25th possibly. Will need volunteers.

Teacher's Report: Tami Wolfram- Expressed gratitude and support from teachers

School Fundraising- Barbara Quaranta-

Our blanket fundraiser is underway! I have a sample here if you would like to see it. We are super excited for this opportunity. They will be available before Christmas and we will be taking orders in person at the Christmas performances . You can order online at any time. It is on our website and on Facebook.

Scott Angus requested funding for donuts for parishioners. Would like to table this request until next year but will revisit ideas with Cindy Brendel on options for showing gratitude. Teachers already do thank yous during Catholic Schools week, but will revisit adding an additional day.

Uniform revision request- adding crew neck to the uniform. Outline will be provided to the principal to review.

Closing Prayer: Barbara Quaranta

End Time: 7:48

Have a great evening and see you November
God Bless!



Holy Family School, believing that each student is a child of God, challenges each to embrace the Gospel message through the traditions of the Catholic faith, to achieve academic excellence, and to grow as saints.