

PTO Meeting Notes – 15 in attendance

December 5, 2017 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

St. Paul's - Cafeteria

Opening Prayer: Will Schrock

Speaker:

Steve Lauber from Lakeside Lutheran High school came to introduce what Lakeside has to offer our students here at St. Paul's.

1. How do you get there? A bus that comes from Oconomowoc picks up at St. Paul's Ixonia at 6:54am. There might be 3 to 6 stops on the way to Lake Mills. Bus drops off at 4:03pm. Students may ride the bus all four years if they choose.
2. Education & Comparison to other schools. See attached handout. There are 100 different courses.
80% of graduates go into a 2 or 4 year college.
They do offer stem (AP) classes for Science, Technology, etc. You have to apply for this program.
3. Atmosphere – A very safe environment for all. In the last 10 years they had one altercation which did not end up with anyone physically contacting each other.
4. Extra Circulars – they offer all basic high school sports.
5. Affordability – There are different things adults do to save for it.
Now offering the Parental Choice Program – 25% out of 100 qualify and receive benefits. Financial Aid is issued for about \$100,000 per year. A script program is also in place. The rest just make it happen.
Costs are estimated at \$7000 per child per year, discount for two or more enrolled children.
6. Benefits of a Christian Education
 - 35 teachers believe in Jesus just like the children do.
 - 430 some kids walking the hallways have faith in Jesus.
 - Teaching about Jesus strengthens their faith. Together they pray at academic functions and at meals.

Principal's Report: Mr. Lindeman

See Gopher Gazette weekly for updates.

Technology Report: Mr. Springer

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Accreditation Report: Mr. Springer

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Treasurer's Report: Amy Winkelman

See attached report.

\$1478.05 is due back to school board for field trips. Lisa Small makes the motion, Adam Small seconds, the motion is passed.

\$2350.00 is the actual 2017 cost of the Production through Prairie Fire. Money will be earmarked in PTO Savings Account to use in the 2018-2019 school year. Adam Small shared that Thrivent cards can help pay for hotel rooms associated with the Production.

Michele Loppnow will ask Holly Christian if there's anything Thrivent can provide to help spread the word through the Gopher Gazette that Thrivent Cards can be used to help St. Paul's events.

Event Planning:

1. Christmas Luminaries – Sending the form with envelope home with each student on 12/8/17. Envelopes need to be turned in by 12/15/17 for names to be included in the program.
2. Prairie Fire Children's Theatre – This was not approved by the school board. PTO should start to revisit it in 2018 to get it included in the budget.
3. Future events – Game Night and Kindergarten Round-up! January 26, 2018
Kindergarten Round-up from 6 to 6:30pm. Minute to win it style games and snacks from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.
4. PTO will assume the 2018 Softball Tournament at Brandt Quirk Park on May 18, 2018. Starts on Friday at 2:00pm. Helenville opted not to commit to this date. Mr. Lindemann signed up St. Pauls. We are responsible for everything in and out.
5. Pastor Free shared there will be a Vesper Service on December 24, 2017 at 8pm, watch the Gazette for details.
6. The Gopher Gallop has a tentative date of June 2, 2018
7. The Spring Dance is set for April 20, 2018 – Confirmed with Mr. Springer he is our DJ!

Other Business:

1. Blinds for 7 and 8th classrooms. Menards quote upper \$500 per blind. Will has completed the move of the cafeteria blinds since they were not being used.
2. Discuss and/or Schedule next PTO meeting. – March 6, 2018 has been confirmed with Cheryl on availability. Watch the Gopher Gazette for details.

Thank You Notes:

We wish to thank all of the Concession coordinators and volunteers. These events are a main source of income for our school through these sports programs.

Meeting Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Closing Prayer – Lord's Prayer



Respectfully submitted:

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PTO Secretary

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