

VISITATION SCHOOL PTO

"Events, Fundraising & Community"

MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2023

1. Opening prayer

2. Sign in "Sheet"- 48 members in attendance; a quorum was reached.

3. Pastor's Report – Fr. Matt

- Fr. Tony McDonald was a retired priest and he lived over on Liberator over 20 years. He passed away after heart attack a few weeks ago. While the house has been being used as a residence, we have explored selling it(not allowed by archdiocese), turning it into a preschool(legally too small), etc. . Now someone else in the archdiocese has their eye on the home – the Vicar General which is directly under the Bishop. Fr. Anguiano holds that position and will likely move in. Archdiocese will pay for renovations to bring up to how Fr. A wants it. While he will pay some rent, the market rent is \$4-\$4.5k/month. He would not pay that.
- School board Update- reports being written and being reviewed. After a plan is established- the board will form to implement. Consultant is impressed with timeliness and quality of work being done to better school.
- Parish phase of Eucharistic Revival- We will be exploring how can we bring the Eucharist alive in our community at Viz.
- Events - 1. Concert in parking lot this Friday & 2.Oktoberfest - opportunities for community to gather.

4. Principal's Report – Mr. Watson

- School Board Update
 1. Expert stakeholders have been delegated topics to assess at Viz including Academic Excellence, Catholic Identity, Enrollment Management, Ownership/Governance, Staffing, Development, Student Life, etc.
 2. Jan/Feb big meeting for stakeholders to meet as a whole. 5-10 year plan and selection process of school board. Designed to be heavily non-parent. 7-10 that represent parish, parent, school
- Spike in positive Covid cases. At 19 now. Cases are reported at LACDH and they give feedback. At this point no real marching orders. Recommend masking and not switching classes. We will keep reporting additional cases. If teachers get sick then we have to look at our resources and decide to move to subs or go remote? **If child is ill or unwell- please keep them home, even if testing negative.**

5. Financial Report – Gabe Valenzuela

- Getting with Yolanda for exact numbers
- Know we sold spirit ~\$1,300
- Funding needs and expectations of PTO. Gabe to send email to Chris to pull previous numbers so we can establish numbers.
- Once we establish funding needs it would be nice to set goals for what we want to do with the monies raised as we can roll funds over. So far have explored a basketball / globetrotter type show and reptile show for the students.

6. Current Open Items

- Board Member Recap:
 - Chair/co-Chair
 - Giovanna Diiorio
 - Betty Beck
 - Treasurer
 - Gabe Valenzuela
 - Secretary
 - Deb Abdelkerim
 - Parliamentarian
 - Michelle Morgan

7. New Items

- a. Casino Night – Giovanna, Betty(food), Helen(auction), Lavin(décor)
 - 10/14/23
 - Theme: Oktoberfest
 - 1. Get your dirndl and lederhosen out!
 - What do we need help with:
 - 1. Auction Items!
 - 2. Volunteers for Check-In (Sign Up Genius will be sent out)
 - 3. Volunteers for light food service
 - 4. Honoring Guylaine and Mark Brosmer for Spirit of Visitation
 - 5. Build our sense of community and support our honorees
 - 6. Hours for taking raffle tickets out. Holly Obermeyer will get hours for that.
 - 7. \$2 per ticket each student gets two booklets and chance to win \$1K, 50% to fundraising goal
- b. PTO Football Pool
 - Link went out, \$25 donation to PTO and 9 people with 2 people paid
 - <https://www.runyourpool.com/auth/sign-up/?redirectTo=%2Fp%2Fj%2F995d33e8f5dc4c7f9163d5756f67f240>
 - Pick one team per week.
 - Tell your friends
- c. Concert in the Park(ing) lot – Courtney O'Donoghue
 - 9/15 from 5:30 – 9:30
 - Courtney got COVID so she won't be there
 - Thanks to everyone who signed up.
 - Tim Hurley part of Go Country morning show
 - DJ too
 - Spread the word!
 - Pizza place is back with wood fired pizza
- d. WAM (Westchester Arts & Music Festival) – Giovanna Diiorio
 - 9/23 from 12pm – 7pm
 - Need a POC/PIC for the overall event
 - Current volunteers are Holly and Melissa
 - Point of contact to ensure the booth is staffed.
 - Need a Bulldog also 8th grader or high school student
- e. Spirit Wear Sales – Michelle Morgan
 - \$1,326
- f. Restaurant nights
 - Hacienda- don't have the numbers yet.
 - Cantalini's - Coming Up
 - CPK in MDR 20% October 25th/26th but might push it

- I love Mac & Cheese is on the list
- Toyota Center \$22 per skater, \$11 back to us. 120 skaters. Beginning of December. Fun community event for everyone.
- g. Other Upcoming Events – Giovanna Diiorio
 - Movie Night – 10/27
 1. Poll for movie choice
 - Paint & Pour – TBD 11/4
 1. Adults only
 2. Separate Kids Event
 - Jog-a-Thon – 11/17
 1. As soon as Oktoberfest is done more info will come out
- h. After School Program – Betty Beck
 - Looking for a new POC/PIC starting for Winter 2024 programming
- i. PTO Bulletin Board – Giovanna Diiorio
 - DEIR will do a few months and Giovanna will email those who have volunteered once she splits up the months
- j. Bulldog Parents of Westchester (VIZ) Facebook Page...FIND US...
 - Cover Image:



8. Additional Comments/Concerns

- a. This community is amazing and it is everyone's fault that we are named Best Private School again this year! The work that was put in by our families helps to continue to bless our school and help us grow each year.

9. Adjournment

**The PTO Board plays a major role in the achievement of the vision of Visitation School, acting as a support for the school, parents and students. Their primary focuses are building a community rooted in our Catholic faith by acting out and proclaiming the Gospel message, fundraising, school development, and marketing.*