

**Minutes From  
PTG General Meeting  
October 17, 2017  
6:30 p.m.  
School Library**

**1. Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Mr. Klase, school principal, welcomed the group to the meeting. In total, 25 people were in attendance. Marion Maentz, PTG co-coordinator, led the group in an opening prayer. She indicated that there is a PTG email address that people may use to contact the co-coordinators.

**2. Introduction of the Board**

The PTG Board members were introduced. Marion Maentz, Megan West and Dia Hoffrage are the co-coordinators this year. Maria Lusk is the treasurer. Michele Sites is the secretary.

**3. Principal's Report**

Middle States: Our certificate showing our reaccreditation came yesterday. We are reaccredited for 7 years. Teachers will meet in grade level teams to discuss the findings and recommendations.

Library: A new librarian started today.

R4CE: We exceeded our \$75,000 goal. The students had fun in their classes leading up to the R4CE.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: A SignUp Genius will go out tomorrow. The conferences are before report cards are sent home. Grades are available on Option C if parents want to review before their conference. Iowa scores should be available by this time.

Mooncrest: For its November service project, St. Louise volunteers to provide 30 Thanksgiving dinners to families served by Mooncrest. The families must perform some service to be eligible for the dinners. Every class sponsors 2 families.

Halloween Parties and Trunk or Treat: Both activities are upcoming.

Lottery Calendar: The calendars will be available next week. Money raised is credited towards your Family Share requirement.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Maria Lusk, PTG treasurer, gave the treasurer's report towards the end of the meeting. Copies of the budget were provided to those in attendance. Maria indicated that not a lot of activity has occurred yet in the PTG account.

## **5. Coordinators**

Amazon Smile: St. Louise receives a percentage of each order placed through the Smile site. People can use a laptop (not from an app) to sign up at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Make sure that you select our school; there are St. Louise de Marillac schools in other states.

Email Using Directory: Some of the details are still being finalized. Eventually, committee chairs will be able to email from the directory. The directory does not work like an app. It is a web link.

## **6. Recap of Events So Far**

Kindergarten/New Family Orientation: This activity was fine.

Kindergarten Dessert: This event was also fine.

Teen Centers: The Teen Centers need more chaperones.

Spirit Wear Sale: The sale just ended. We were hoping for a bigger sale. We may be able to have another sale before the spring sports and/or winter pep rally. We plan to use some of our profits to buy samples so that parents have a better idea of what they are buying.

## **7. Upcoming Events**

Chick-Fil-A: We usually earn \$400-\$500 from this Spirit Night.

Donuts with Dad: This event is next week.

Trunk or Treat: This event is on Saturday, October 28. So far, 25 families with 50 kids have registered. Last year, 125-150 kids participated. Reservations are still being accepted. A map of where participants are to park will be distributed prior to Trunk or Treat. Emoji stickers will be given to the kids to vote for their best trunk in various categories.

Grandparents Day: This event is in November.

First Grade Covered Dish: The theme is "Around the World". The invitations have been distributed. Donations of new PJs for local foster kids are being requested.

St. Nick Shop: This event could use a couple more vendors. Several from prior years are not able to participate this year. Tables cost \$11/table. Items being sold should have a value of \$15 or less. We keep 16% of the sales made.

## **8. Newsletter**

Michele Sites, PTG secretary, thanked those who have submitted articles. The next newsletter will be distributed on Wednesday, October 25. Articles are due to Michele Sites on Friday, October 20. Articles for the November newsletter will be due on Tuesday, November 21, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

## **9. New Business**

### **10. Math Curriculum Overview**

Go Math is the new math program selected by teachers and the curriculum coordinator. Mrs. Liebscher used the PowerPoint that had been emailed to parents to provide an overview of the program. The Go Math website includes a number of resources that can be used at home including videos and QR codes that link to the website. Mrs. Caven, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. Wagner were also in attendance to share information and answer questions.

There was discussion regarding the “explain/describe” questions in the program, the amount of time homework is taking and understanding what is expected by teachers on homework assignments. There were questions from parents regarding how and why this particular math curriculum was selected. Parents were encouraged to contact with their children’s teachers if there are questions or concerns. Students will be told to take their math books home so that parents can use it as a reference when helping students with homework.

### **11. Next Meeting**

The next PTG general meeting is on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Michele Sites, secretary.