

## **Meeting Notes for October 17, 2016 St. Christopher PTO**

### **In Attendance:**

Jen Sowers, Kira Bradley, Lara Moeller, Kim Oakes, Kristy Sparks, Beth Hale, Mary Kincaid, Stacy Steiner, Kim Mikalauskas, Stephanie Cooper, Karen Caton, Beth Davisson, Amanda Palmer, Jodi Magato-Rice, Andrea Ritter, Brittany Trimbach, Melissa Farley

**Opening Prayer:** Jen Sowers

**Welcome:** Jen Sowers

**Minutes:** Reviewed and approved from last meeting-Kira Bradley

**Treasure Report:** Amanda Palmer

\*Treasure report passed out to everyone in attendance

\*Magazine sale brought in \$8,391 in sales

\*Check for spirit wear came in

### **Old Business:**

\*Colleen needs volunteers for father daughter dance & pastries with parents

\*School directory going in BBE

\*Summer reading program-Kindergarten will be included to participate next year

### **New Business:**

\*If you haven't signed up for conferences yet do so ASAP

\*Looking for a new chair for fundraising Megan cannot do next year and new ideas needed (Read-a-thon or bag bash were some suggestions)

\*President and treasure positions will need to be filled and looking for replacements for next year

\*Magazine sales will be put in the bulletin

\*Jen working on teacher wish lists

\*Kindergarten request money from PTO for cooking classes

\*Mrs. Kincaid will look into laminator for the whole school to be bought with PTO funds

\*Suggestions and thoughts for the teachers for Christmas were to decorate a tree with some of their wish items hanging from the tree

\*Virtus Training will be discussed at passport to safety so Kindergarten parents are aware training is needed

\*Discussed starting bloomz for PTO members

\*A new Vandalia Butler bus was added to alleviate long bus rides

\*Uniform SALE Nov. 8th from 3pm-6pm

**Principal Report: Mrs. Kincaid**

\*homework load for 5th and 6th grade work in progress. It should be less in the future. 3rd and 4th grade now switching classes so it should be less transition for junior high. There are scheduled study halls. Keep giving feedback and they will do what is best for the kids. Suggestions-make sure there are no distractions during home work time ex. not in their room, tv off, etc.

\*Mrs. Kincaid asked PTO what we would like to get reports from her on? Mrs. Kincaid doing weekly one call and answers any calls or e-mails if any parent has questions for her or any concerns.

\*Principals advisory meetings are to go over feedback and policies

\*Working on marketing St. hris brand our school and identify ourselves to other people. A writer has been funded to collect and information and tell our story

\*Volunteers are needed to help with tours for Catholic schools week (end of Jan)

\*Staff appreciated the PTO sponsored during during conference night

\*Service outside of school starting in 4th grade. It will be safe and age appropriate. Last year 8th grade went to House of Bread.

\*Friday prayer service will be at 2pm put on by student council for cancer awareness. Students can be out of uniform to wear pink.

\*Assessments k-3 reading choice for 3rd grade guarantee. Everyone should have received letter.Intervention in class, title, hallway. Students need to continue to READ, READ, READ. All students will pass the test.

\*Professional development next Friday