



WELCOME/OPENING PRAYER: Father, we thank you for the opportunity to gather this evening. May everything, we do, begin with your inspiration and continue with you. We ask your guidance throughout this meeting, that all our thoughts and actions would reflect your holy will, and that you would grant us the grace to do what is best for his school, its students and teachers. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

PRESENT: Cathy Larson, Lora Buntje, Tom Winters, Alana Serviss, Dena Smith, Erin Winters, Brianna Watland-Aafedt, Catherine Schindler, Angela Schmitz, Jesse Watland.

STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Principal Report: Mrs. Larson
 - a. Enrollment:130 students, 8 new families
 - b. New Mentorship program for new families
 - c. Marathon goal is \$50,000
 - d. School advisory council formed a Marketing Committee
 - i. Plan/focus: enrollment and endowment
2. President/Treasurer Report: Tom Winters
 - a. Account Balance as of July 31: \$27,287.43
 - b. Meetings/Outlook for year
 - i. New fundraising ideas: pie auction, paint/pottery event, concert
 - c. Talk about endowment funds
 - i. Teacher Wages: \$10,000 minimum – Brianna made a motion to donate \$10,000 to the teacher wages endowment and Erin seconded the motion; all in favor, no abstentions
 - ii. Tuition Reimbursement: \$10,000 minimum – consider at the end of the school year or beginning of next year
3. School Representative: Ms. Buntje
 - a. Busy start to the school year: Blue Mass, marathon kickoff, MAP testing, new math curriculum, 4th graders received Bibles

4. PTO Chairs:

- a. Popcorn Fridays: Elizabeth Marroquin Galvez
 - i. Dates: 9/18, 10/23, 11/20, 12/11, 1/22, 2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21
- b. Staff Birthday Coordinator: Sara Skalin/Erin Winters
- c. PTO Committee Members:
 - i. President – Tom Winters
 - ii. Vice President – Alana Serviss
 - iii. Secretary – Dena Smith

5. Old Business:

- a. Rummage Sale – Jerliyn Swenson
 - i. Another great Success – made around \$4,163 – increase of around \$500 from last year.
 - ii. Went Super smooth
 - iii. Still in need of someone to keep this going
- b. Golf Tournament – Lori, Tom
 - i. Another success, still collecting money from sponsors, total profit over \$28,000!
 - ii. More teams and more revenue this year = growth
 - iii. New game ideas: poker hand, high/low card game, sell string by the inch
 - iv. Plan to lock in the golf tournament date ASAP
 - v. Selling tickets for 1 golf cart is probably enough
- c. Open House – PTO
 - i. 33 pizzas from Pizza Ranch – had some left over
 - ii. The teachers had pizza
 - iii. #30 pizzas are probably enough
 - iv. No longer receiving the church discount at Pizza Ranch... possibly go with Papa Murphy's Next year
- d. 1st Week of School – PTO (Erin)
 - i. Teacher Gifts – 3 C's = coffee, carry out, chocolate

6. New Business:

- a. Budget Approval -reviewed
- b. Cheesecake Sale: Now – Oct 16; online ordering may be available
- c. Family Engagement Night:
 - i. Movie Night - October 23rd – Cathy will check on space availability for this date

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- ii. Catholic Schools Week January 31 – Feb 6. Do we want golf simulator? Friday or Saturday?
- iii. Saturday preferred: bowling and golf simulator in Perham
- d. Teacher/Staff Wishlist
- e. New Fundraisers? – previously discussed
- f. Tom authorized PTO funds for standing desk for school office, chair for librarian, classroom clocks, classroom prizes, and classroom décor, ~\$900 total as the items were requested for use prior to the first PTO meeting
- g. Basketballs Request: KofC can get a discount
- h. Bluetooth speaker for gym request: get a nice speaker/stand that would have microphones up to \$1000
- i. Bible tabs for 4th Graders up to \$100
- j. Request from Cathy for Faith-based Magician for Catholic Schools week \$600-\$800
 - i. Clean humor, magic, juggling, and lessons inspired by faith
- k. Artist in residence (Erin) idea – come into [art] class and teach/host a project(s) – maybe 2 to 3 weeks; art teacher is considering and has couple artists in mind. PTO would support funding.

CLOSING PRAYER (ALL TOGETHER): Father, as we close this meeting, we want to give honor to You, Lord, and thank you for the time we had today to discuss business and make decisions. May you bless each person who took the time to gather here today. May all that was accomplished here be for your glory, and may you help us each to do our parts to bring the plans to life. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2026

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2026-2027 PTO BUDGET

Expenses:

Popcorn Supplies	\$300
Lunch for Teachers During Conferences	\$100
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day	\$1000
Thankful for Teachers Meal	\$300
Christmas Program Supplies	\$50
Staff Christmas Cash	\$2,500
Advent by Candlelight Supplies	\$200
Science/Art/Social Studies/Faith Fair Food	\$175
Palm Sunday Breakfast	\$550
Spring Music Concert Cookies	\$40
Ice Cream Truck	\$400
Graduation Meals Supplies	\$500
Closing Liturgy Cookies	\$40
Staff Bday Treats	\$150
Playground Equipment	\$?
Teacher Wishlist Items	\$?
Map Testing Treats	\$100
School Lyceum	\$600
Gamily Engagement Activities	\$?
 Total	 \$7,005

Fundraisers:

Cheesecake Sale	\$4,000
Advent by Candlelight	\$1,800
Popcorn Friday Sales	\$600
Palm Sunday Breakfast	\$1,000
Rummage Sale	\$3,000
Golf Tournament	\$20,000
 Total	 \$30,400