

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parent Organization (PO) Meeting - NOTES

11/10/2020

Prayer Katie Richmond

Introduction - Yvette

- Welcome to our new 8th Grade Rep Dani Flanagan

Principal's Report/School Commission Report Anton

- Though COVID trends continue to steadily rise, it's clear from Public Health authorities that schools are not the source of that trend.
 - Guidance is to stay where we are, and not to add any additional larger classes.
 - Working with the middle-schoolers to explore ways to have their social connections needs met.
- New vision statement is being pulled together now and we expect it to be released before Christmas; along with a 5-Year plan.
 - Security upgrades, new doors, bathroom remodels, carpet replacements, window replacements, Faith Connections, etc.
- School Budget
 - Smart board replacements have arrived; We received an extra one for free! Hooray!

Treasurer's Report Rachelle

Budget Review

- Netted just over \$18k for the Jog-a-thon (Over \$21k raised!)
- School auction funds are already rolling in to help support the purchase of auction items for the event.

School Commitment - Confirm/vote 1st payment to the School

- Suggestion to pay \$20,000 in the month of November; Typically we pay much more at this time each year (last year we paid \$40k in the month of November)
- Rachelle makes a motion to approve the \$20,000 payment to the school - MOTION PASSES

Expense Reimbursement Process

- Rachelle demonstrated how to properly request a financial reimbursement via the school website.

Chair Updates

Charleston Wrap Heather Owens

- Funds are rolling in; Will know more by the next meeting as to what we raised in total!

Scrip Qiong

- Scrip will be pairing up with OLG Parish Giving Tree this year! Purchase physical gift cards via Scrip and donate them to the Giving Tree program for families in need this holiday season.
- Deadline is November 25th at 2pm; Newsletter/flyer will go out with more information soon.
- One-time free pass for folks to order additional gift cards under their name for holiday gifts.

Light Up the Night Anton on behalf of Yen

- Still working on the details on whether we can do a virtual event; more to come.
- Tree will still get lit! But more to come on details on how/if there will be a safe celebration.

Auction Hilary

- Class projects are well underway and all are funded and being managed!
- We've secured a partnership with Glassbaby for custom OLG engraved product; Likely starting with a pre-sale of these and more to be auctioned off at the event.
- Event save-the-date is coming soon!
- Auction website is being updated currently
- Procurement is coming along nicely.
- Launching the "Blue and White Club" - parents and family of past alumni who are interested in helping to donate to our cause.
- There will be options to add food and drink to your ticket to help raise additional funds for the event

Hospitality Jori

- Staff/Parent Org/Kiddo appreciation gift bags were all assembled and delivered in the month of October
- Likely a Pie Gifting to the staff for the Thanksgiving holiday season; Class Chairs will be able to help

Breakout Discussion -- *Community Connections*

How do you feel like you are connecting with other parents at OLG?

- If there's a possibility to get together safely outdoors in parks, outdoor patios, etc. go for it!
- Second Grade has had several "after hours" Zoom hangouts for kids to connect over LEGO or Pokemon and have had a socially distant park hangout. What can you organize for your students?
- Getting involved in the PO and other volunteer opportunities has helped adults to connect offline and help support the school.

What are ways we can spread our joy to our community?

- Opportunities to have a Zoom Santa for charity so kids can still "visit" with Santa for Christmas
- Parish will be hosting another Drive-Thru Feast Day celebration - more to come

Important & Upcoming Dates

CYO Italian Dinner 11/14/2020

Auction Meeting 12/1/2020

Light Up the Night 12/4/2020

PO Meeting 12/8/2020

Lunch for Teachers by 2nd Grade Class Rep & Hospitality In December Date TBD