

EPIC

Educator Parent Improvement Council

COMMUNITY NIGHT MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2016

Opening Prayer: Led by EPIC President Megan Halverson. She mentioned that Father Pucke, during his homily at morning mass, told of how we each have unique gifts and are called to share them. She had us take puzzle pieces for each member of our family and write one unique gift they each have on the back. We then placed them into a jar to symbolize how together we are a team - our families, our community and EPIC. She encouraged us and those, not in attendance, to share our unique gifts. Angie Bucheit then read a passage from the bible: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-12.

Community Members in attendance: Megan Halverson, Terry Jacobs, Pam Schwartz, Ms. Acra, Mr. Collins, Tiffany Brandabur, Andrea Brennan, Angie Bucheit, Lindsay Carpenter, Kim Cochran, James & Jenni Craft, Teresa Donges, Matt & Erin Eckert, Aileen Ernst, Miss Gibboney, Aimee Hodapp, Kelly Herper, Erica Millikin, Rachel Nichting, Kathleen Pendergest, Shannon Sieg, Julie Treadway, Amanda Ward, Mrs. Warner, Brian & Rachel Wood

Business Meeting

- I. **Budget Report:** (Terry Jacobs) – *SEE EPIC WEBSITE FOR BUDGET*
 - <http://stpeterinchains.org/pto> any questions please contact Mr. Collins, Ms. Acra, Terry Jacobs or Megan Halverson.

- II. **Committee Reports:**
 - **Fundraising**
 - Walk-a-Thon (Kathleen Pendergest)
 - Set for Friday, October 7, 2016. Praying for good weather!
 - Goal is \$30,000. More than ½ has already been raised. If we reach our goal we're hoping to get the Flub's truck and kids will get free ice cream.
 - T-shirts should be coming home next Tuesday.
 - Information will be in white Thursday folders, on the website and in The LINK. If you do not get your volunteer assignment please contact Kathleen, Pam Schwartz or any other committee member as there were two forms that did not have names on them. If you did not sign up and want to volunteer contact same.
 - The grades are divided into three groups- K-3, 4-6, 7 & 8. Each group has their own time to walk. They walk on a designated, supervised path. Different stations are set up to make it more fun. They include snacks, fitness activities, etc.

- There is a general assembly in the gym after the Walk-a-Thon where prizes are distributed and announced.
 - Brian Woods suggested sponsorship information be included in the Walk-a-Thon information that is received in the family packet at Get the Scoop.
- Schwan's Cares (Teresa Donges)
 - Kickoff date set for Friday, November 4, 2016.
 - We will receive a campaign number which must be included when you order. Friends and family can order even if they are out of the city or state. Just be sure they use our campaign number.
 - We earn 20% on orders for first 45 days and 5% for the next 90. We earn 40% on eGift certificates purchased during the first 45 days. Nothing after.
 - Orders must be prepaid and will be delivered to your door.
 - Schwan's offers over 350 food items ranging from fruits & vegetables to desserts and ice cream and everything in between. All food is frozen.
 - They have gluten free, organic, health conscious and special diet items.
 - More information will be coming in the next couple of weeks.
- Friday Lunches (Lindsay Carpenter)
 - Made just under \$1500 last year with six Fridays. Plan on having 10 this year. Hoping to make \$2000.
 - Restaurants included Chick-fil-A, Jimmy Johns, Little Caesar's and McDonald's.
- Dine to Donate (Jenni Craft)
 - New committee this year.
 - Chili's was the only restaurant we did last year. Looking for suggestions.
 - Good for community building.
- **Marketing:** (Jen Hengehold via Pam Schwartz)
 - First meeting will be coming up soon. Will be discussing open house. It is set for Sunday, January 22, 2017.
 - Good response from volunteer sign-up sheets.
 - Looking into new spirit wear vendor. Encourage everyone to wear and get our school name out there!
- Spirit Wear
 - Looking for someone to chair this committee. Not a hard job. Current chair will train. If interested let Megan know.

- Have been using Rokkitwear. A percentage comes back to the school.
 - Eric Wishart has volunteered to design items.
- **Events** (Amanda Ward)
 - Get the Scoop (Amy Tischler via Amanda Ward)
 - Kona Ice donated \$90 to school. Flub's was not available. Sorry for the confusion about paying this year.
 - Family Night at Niederman Farm
 - Date Friday, October 14, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Buy discounted tickets (save \$1.00 per ticket) online at: <https://www.niedermanfamilyfarm.com/fall-festival.html> or buy at the gate.
 - We will have two fire pits this year.
 - Calendar of Events for 2016/2017 is now online
 - <http://stpeterinchains.org/documents/2016/9/epiceventdates1617.pdf>
- **Welcome PAC** (Andrea Brennan)
 - New Family Match Up Program (Meet & Greet and August Picnic)
 - All went well.
- **Teacher Support** (Tiffany Brandabur)
 - Hospitality
 - Parent teacher conferences coming up in October. There are two nights. We will provide dinner both nights for teachers and staff.
 - Room Parent Program (Amanda Ward)
 - Now have two parents for every class.
- **Student Leadership** (Megan Halverson)
 - New program last year. Looking to build leadership for students.
 - iSpace – Lego Robotics Adventures course was offered after school, once a week for four weeks thanks to the efforts of Soraya Greer. She would like to get more of these types of camps/classes and is hoping to get a LEGO League. She is looking for volunteers to help. Contact her or Megan if you are interested.
 - Girls on the Run. Looking to get this up and running and need volunteers/coaches. It is for girls in grades 3 – 5 and 6 – 8. The program meets twice a week about 1.5 hours for 12 weeks. It teaches life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. At the conclusion in May, the girls and their running buddies complete a 5k running event.
 - Student Council - Working to get this off the ground. Will probably begin with 7 & 8 grades. Recruiting teachers now. Any parents who indicated

they were interested in helping on the interest form can look forward to being contacted.

- **Education Commission** (Angie Bucheit & Aileen Ernst)
 - Working to schedule first meeting.
 - Looking at how we can support staff with technology.
 - Math curriculum/program – use to be St. Peter’s students were recognizable at Badin by their lack of math knowledge now it’s the opposite! Now St. Peter’s is known as a really good/strong math school!
 - We’re renting 75 Chromebooks divided among three carts with 25 each. One cart is located on the main floor for use by grades K – 3. Second is located upstairs for grades 4 – 7 and the third is in the annex.
 - Would like to have more parents and a parishioner on committee.

- **Campus Beautification Committee** (Stephanie Strano via Megan)
 - Name has been changed. Formerly Campus Improvement Committee. Father Rob Muhlenkamp has started a Building and Grounds committee for the parish. That committee will look at such things as the parking lot to the plumbing. They will provide information and recommendations to EPIC which we will consider. Megan met with Father Rob and they agreed this is a better use of time and talents.
 - This committee will now focus on how to make the school more beautiful through projects we can complete and afford. Past projects included painting bathrooms and new landscaping (donated by Chris & Dana Wilson from Wilson’s Garden Center, Inc.).
 - One new possible project is to paint the cafeteria. We are looking for more volunteers and more ideas!
 - Joe Brandabur will be the liaison between the two committees.

- **Scouts** (James Craft, Sarah Kessler & Karen Warner)
 - Boy Scouts
 - Currently have 10 boys.
 - Sign-ups for first graders will be Tuesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m.
 - Meeting will move from the Parish Center to the cafeteria.
 - Looking for more volunteers to help.
 - Girl Scouts
 - Currently have 40 girls.
 - Upcoming event is the first all level camping trip.

- **Athletic Board** (Mike Cochran via Kim Cochran)
 - Volleyball is going well.
 - Basketball sign-ups are in.
 - All is good.

III. **Principal's Report:** (Mr. Collins)

- Daisies need more volunteers.
- Archery - Mr. Otte is getting certified to teach as part of physical education curriculum. Must have that first before you can have a team. Parents are needed to be archery coaches.
- Professional Development – over the summer the staff took a three hour technology session for Chromebooks. Very informative and helpful. Teachers are at different comfort levels.
- Accreditation – Received full accreditation on first try! Lots of hard work went into this all the staff. Special thanks to Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Kordes and Ms. Acra for their work in documentation.
- Algebra – 100% passing rate of those who took the test. This year will be our first attempt at online testing. Algebra exam is in April.
- New 8th grade homeroom teacher is Ms. Elizabeth Larson. She teaches science and social studies. She's been very busy getting the 8th grade sweatshirt orders together, Taste of Badin and preparing the students for high school placement test scheduled for November 19, 2016.
- Ms. Larson is also working on reforming and revitalizing the junior high youth group. They will be going to Chosen, a junior high youth rally on November 5 at Roger Bacon High School.
- Confirmation for our 7th and 8th graders will take place at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, in downtown Cincinnati, on Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
- Mr. Collins told us the church is facing some startling declining trends. He gave us the following example: if you take 100 children who are baptized and follow them, by the time they reach second grade only 85 are still practicing their faith. By the time they are adults only 20 of the 100 have continued practicing their faith. He stressed that parents are the #1 influence on their children. School and parents need to work together to reverse these trends.
- Mrs. Beatty, the art teacher, is working with the junior high to restore the Blessed Virgin Mary statue that is currently in storage. Once restored it will be placed in the school.
- Parents are asking for more field trips. Mrs. Schackmann, the music teacher, will be taking the 6th grade to see the Nutcracker Ballet and grades 7 & 8 to Parky's Farm to sing Christmas Carols for a senior citizens Christmas luncheon.
- November 6 is National Vocation Awareness Week and Father Rob is getting speakers.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Warner, our second grade teacher, on her nomination for 2016 Educator of the Year. She is one of six educators each year to receive a nomination. The finalist will be announced at a dinner on Thursday, October 20. Parent-Teacher conference dates were changed to allow staff to attend this dinner and support Mrs. Warner.

IV. **Old Business:** (Megan Halverson)

- Air conditioning update – The Campus Improvement Committees research led them to a ductless heating and air unit in each classroom and other parts of the school. They were advised that the boiler, which provides the heating, is 45 years old and to replace it separately at a later date would cost \$100,000. Adding combined air conditioning and heating units together would save money down the road. Unfortunately, the estimate was around \$135,000.00 which is too expensive. Research is now focusing on individual room units.

V. **New Business/Upcoming Dates/Reminders:** (Megan Halverson)

- Walk-a-Thon Friday, October 7.
- Family Night at Niederman Farm Friday, October 14.
- Schwan's Cares launch Friday, November 4.
- Volunteer Interest Sheets are available online.
<http://stpeterinchains.org/documents/2016/9/involvedinepicsignup1617.pdf>
- Christmas Program - (Matt Pfirman via Megan) – talking about moving it from the church to the Parrish Auditorium at Miami University Hamilton. May have refreshments afterward. Volunteers may be needed in many areas. More information will be forthcoming.
- Please send in Campbell's labels, General Mills box tops, Tyson labels and sign up for Kroger Community Rewards and the Target Red card. Check website under Fundraising for more information. Don't forget to enter the Campbell's Grand Stand for Schools Giveaway at www.grandstandforschools.com to give our school the chance to win \$10,000! You can enter once daily until 10/31/16. Thank you.
- Next EPIC Community Night will be Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Ryan's Tavern on the second floor.

VI. Meeting adjourned by Megan Halverson.

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St. Peter in Chains EPIC **BUDGET 2016/2017**

Beginning Cash Balance	62,492.51
Revenues	
Fundraisers - Net	
Box Tops	600.00
Dine to Donate	1,000.00
Father/Daughter Dance	250.00
Lunch Specials	2,000.00
Mother/Son Event	250.00
Night at the Races	6,000.00
Other	250.00
Popcorn Sales	200.00
Reward Cards	1,500.00
Spirit Wear	500.00
Walkathon	30,000.00
Non-profit Events	
Mission Day	-
Santa Shop	-
Interest	50.00
Add Total Revenues	42,600.00
Expenses	
Art - School	1,000.00
Catholic Schools Week	750.00
Creative Writing	1,000.00
Enrichment - School	6,000.00
Gifts and Remembrances	500.00
Graduation Dinner	250.00
Donation	
Hospitality	800.00
Library - School	500.00
Marketing	7,000.00
Music - School	500.00
Open House	400.00
EPIC Sponsored	600.00
Events/Meetings	
School Support	10,000.00
Student Leadership	200.00
Teacher Classroom	2,500.00
Supplies	
Technology-SPS	3,000.00
Welcome PAC	600.00
Committee	
Special Projects/Campus Improvements	
Devices/Software/WiFi	7,500.00
Management	
Options for Campus	45,000.00
Improvement	
Less Total Expenses	88,100.00
Ending Cash Balance	16,992.51