

## Minutes from PTO General meeting Sept. 12, 2019

In attendance: Erica, Chris, Sean, Kara, Patty, Sally, Romina, Mrs. Bosshard, Mrs. Toomey and 10 parents.

The next general PTO meeting is Oct. 10. Erica said she hopes to have a representative from one of the Catholic high schools in the region there to talk about possible options for our students who want to continue Catholic education in high school.

Chris said we'll have general meetings every month on the second Thursday. He introduced the PTO board. He said everyone has made an investment in their children's education and development. He said tuition just covers teacher salaries, so the PTO raises money to pay for other needs.

Chris said he has three main goals for the PTO this year:

- Build community. That is not just among those at the school, but the parish, too. The hope is to create a strong bond.
- Increase participation in PTO events. This makes less work for everyone.
- Double the amount of funds raised from last year. Last year's total was about \$19,600. Things like using the Martins bonus card program, Amazon Smile, the Gala, etc. will help this.

Sally talked about upcoming the upcoming events committee meeting. The first event is Trunk or Treat on Oct. 26. She mentioned the possibility of a computer science professor from LFCC doing robotics demonstrations.

Kara said the fundraising committee had just met and will probably meet monthly. She listed upcoming spirit night events;

- Sept. 30 - Chipotle
- Oct. 25 - Chuck E. Cheese
- Nov. 4 - Ledo's Pizza
- Dec. 14 - Alamo

Romina went over the Gala. The online auction site will let those who can't come to the gala still bid on items. Donations are still being solicited. Tickets are \$50 apiece, and \$65 a couple. They come with an open bar.

Chris said monthly bingo will be on the third Tuesday of the month. It will be in the multi-purpose room. The Knights of Columbus will be helping with this event. People are still needed to help plan. Bingo will initially just be advertised to the school and parish, and not the community at large.

Katy Wiley said she has been hearing from parents concerned about people driving fast in the parking lot, going to and from the Meadow Branch Apartments. Another concern was a pic on Facebook of the entire school body at Mass. She said there was concern this showed where all the children were at the same time very week.