**Friends of Syracuse Latin General Board Meeting**

December 19, 2017

Welcome and President’s Report - Brea Allers (7-10min)

● Cocoa & Crafts Recap

-over 80 cards delivered to Loretto Nursing home

-students were super involved in the card making and hot cocoa

-$126.85 was spent on Amazon.com for the art supplies, many supplies left over we will keep for next year

-$61.34 was spent on marshmallows, cups, candy canes, cocoa, and stirrers

● Holiday Shoppe Recap

\*\*Correction: $552.83 from Gannon’s which completely funded our Holiday Shops

-It’s an event for giving and not receiving on the PTO end and we were happy we could fund the entire event

● Families for the Holidays

- We received $1200 from the Central Baptist church

-PTO officers took the money and shopped, wrapped and Social Workers delivered items to families identified in need for Christmas from Syracuse Latin and Hughes

● PTO Suggestion Box Proposal

-Brea has put out a suggestion box on membership input on ideas to improve, change, adjust for next year. What can we do differently, better?

Treasure’s Report - Margaret Chajka (5 min)

● Budget Update

-Keep getting money in for parents for the Opt Out forms, we are up to $450

-We will help fund a 2nd grade field trip for Thursday

-$70 was spent on books for Ms. Christie

* Spirit Wear Report

-Raised about $950 for PTO

Principal's Report – Ms. Hunter (10 min)

* Information Sessions for ’18-’19 School-Year

-Three sessions scheduled for January. January 17, 24, 25 at 7pm. We will be seeking parent volunteers to attend and serve as school representatives at the end of the session to answer questions of prospective families

* Middle School Planning Committee

The planning committee for the Syracuse Latin middle school will start in early February. We will be seeking interest from parents who may like to serve on the committee. We will need 2 parents (one from the K-2 range and one from the 3-4 range) to participate. The commitment will be at least one monthly meeting from February – June. Please look for more information on how to express your interest. We will likely have to do a drawing of names from those who express interest. Members should also be willing to provide updates from the committee at PTO meetings.

* School Climate Team

Thank you to our School Climate Team (especially our school psychologist Mrs. Goodman and Student Support Center TA Mrs. Babiarz) for facilitating another successful year of Holiday Shoppes! Thank you to PTO for supporting the shop by providing items for students to purchase and helping to coordinate wrapping volunteers and wrapping paper donations. Also, thank you to our School Climate Team for coordinating our upcoming incentive “Cookie Decorating” which takes place on Friday.

* Teacher Event hosted by Mrs. Manard / Ms. Hunter on Thursday 12/21

We are still seeking volunteers for the afternoon of 12/21 to help out with the set-up of treats for teachers and to help out during the activity Mrs. Manard and Ms. Hunter have planned for students on Thursday. We are giving the gift of time…with an extra planning time for teachers on 12/21. ☺ Please feel free to e-mail Mrs. Manard or Ms. Hunter directly if you’d like to volunteer.

Communications Co-Liaison - Meredith (3-4 min)

● Monthly Playground Play

-We will keep trying to do this event. Only 3 families for the Nov. meeting date.

-Need suggestions for future events that is affordable

-Hike Around Barry Park for our December event. Saturday, Dec. 30th at 2pm

-January Play date will be ice skating, more info to come

School Climate - Brea Allers (10-15 min)

● 2018 Event Planning Discussion

-We only initially planned up to December

-Would like input on events for January to June

-Ideas: a school dance, movie night, roller skating, ice cream social

Read-A-Thon - Margaret Martin (not able to be at the meeting) (5-6 min)

* One of the largest fund raiser for the PTO
* After break, information will go home with the students on the Read-A-Thon
* Read-A-Thon dates will be Jan. 8-22
* If questions please email Margaret mbmartin874@gmail.com
* We will need to make 300 copies prior to Jan 8 and get them to school so they can go home with the students in time for the Read-A-Thon to begin, Brea will ask the UPS store to make the copies
* Tuesday, Jan 2nd Margaret will push in to the school’s staff meeting to let the teachers know about the Read-A-Thon so everyone is on the same page

Open Roundtable Discussion - (10-15 min)

-No comments

**Next PTO Meeting is January 16th at 6pm**

Meeting Adjourn at 6:45pm