



2007-2008 PTO Board Members Announced

Dear Friend:

What a thrill it has been to serve this past year as president of your Nativity PTO Board. I cannot begin to express what the experience has meant to me. Even more so, following the annual discernment process to fill vacant positions on the PTO Board, I am very excited about the leadership that will assist the Nativity community in the coming year. With that, I am very pleased to announce the 2007-2008 Nativity PTO Board:

President	Chad Flanagan
Vice President	Teri Iverson
Past President	Lee Hoedl
Principal	Cindy Hutchins
Secretary	Amy Mathias
Treasurer	Tim Scott
Deputy Treasurer	Corrine Busek
Volunteer Coordinator	Rita Visser
Volunteer Deputy Coordinator	Shelley Giaque
Public Relations Coordinator	Maren Ortmeier
Public Relations Deputy Coordinator	Susan Noah
Curriculum Coordinator	Leanne Magnotto
Curriculum Deputy Coordinator	Maria Seville
Social Justice Coordinator	Laura Haldis
Social Justice Deputy Co-Coordinator	Jamie Traynor
Social Justice Deputy Co-Coordinator	Margit Schmelka
Fundraising Coordinator	Alison Dye
Fundraising Deputy Coordinator	Janelle Pederson

Each of these individuals is very passionate about the mission of the PTO, as well as their specific office and responsibilities, and will be welcomed additions to the PTO Board. I wish them success in their journey ahead.

As I complete my year as president, I firmly believe that all families of the Nativity community are just as passionate about the Catholic educational mission that affects and impacts their children. In the coming year, I invite you to work with the PTO Board by providing your input and feedback on all matters affecting your children.

In closing and on behalf of this year's PTO Board, I would like to personally thank you for allowing us to serve you and your family. It has truly been our pleasure.

Sincerely, Lee Hoedl
2006-07 Nativity PTO President



DID YOU KNOW?

2007-08 PTO Budget Proposal Approved

As the school year comes to completion, it is the task of the Nativity PTO Board to already begin looking forward to the coming year. In this spirit, at the May 21 PTO Board Meeting, the 2007-2008 PTO Budget was proposed, discussed and approved. Below are the specific line items within that proposed/approved budget.

ESTIMATED INCOME

Carnival Income	5000.00
Raffle	10,000.00
Card Sales	12,000.00
PTO Dues	1400.00
Happy Joe's	50.00
Totaled Budgeted Income	28,450.00

RECURRING EXPENSES

Curriculum Enhancement

Classroom Enrichment	3500.00
Field Trips/Fine Arts	3500.00
Language Program (Amity Scholar)	2250.00
Mini Week	850.00
Literary Guild	250.00
Liturgical Celebrations	500.00
Science Kit Consumables	200.00
Invent America	200.00
Bowling	950.00
Library Enhancement/Resources	750.00
Charity & Justice	250.00

Teacher Assistance/Development

Teacher Development (NCEA & Nat/Regional Conf)	4500.00
Teacher Start Up	2600.00
Playground Supervisor (\$15/day – salary/payroll taxes)	2600.00
Staff Appreciation Lunches (Conferences, etc.)	700.00

Community/Family Social Outreach

Back to School Nights/Registration	350.00
Fall Dance	350.00
Catholic Schools Week	150.00
Grade 3 Breadmaking Outreach	125.00
Childcare (Advent, Back to School Night, Etc.)	100.00
Kindergarten Open House	200.00

Student Development

Physical Fitness Awards	500.00
CITA Awards	400.00
Costumes	400.00

Misc. Maintenance & Expenses

Technology Maintenance	1000.00
Friendship Garden & Landscaping Upkeep	150.00
Playground Inspections & Repairs	300.00
Misc. Gifts	225.00
Supplies (PTO)	150.00
Discernment Facilitator and Hospitality	200.00
Incentives for Fundraisers	250.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	28,450.00

IT'S TIME...

Playground Renovation Committee Formed



It has been stated so many times, "All good things must come to an end." But in the case of the Nativity playground equipment, the quote needs to be revised to state, "All good things must eventually be renovated."

It must first be stated that the present playground equipment has been inspected and is in adequate working condition and meets all safety codes. However, it has been brought to the attention of the school that the playground equipment is already five years beyond its 20 year lifespan.

Based on one analysis by a local vendor, the cost for replacing the playground equipment has been estimated at approximately \$50,000. To address this potential cost and in effort to be proactive, the Nativity PTO Board has charged an independent committee with the task of gathering information over the summer of 2007 to address:

- independent vendor analyses to gather cost comparison information;
- potential funding sources (grant writing, fundraising, etc.) for the equipment;
- potential phased payment plans to reconcile the cost of the playground equipment.

The Playground Renovation Committee will prepare and present information to the PTO Board in early fall of 2007.

Lee Hoedl has been appointed as Committee Chair and anyone interested in participating on this committee can contact Lee at leehoedl@yahoo.com or at 701-293-3455. The committee will initially meet in early June.

SEE YOU IN THE FALL!



The PTO Board members will be present and ready to greet and answer your questions at the Fall Back to School Night on August 28. See you then!

The next scheduled PTO Board Meeting is Monday, August 20 at 6:15 pm. All members of the Nativity community are welcomed.