



AUGUST 10, 2023 MINUTES

Attendees: Linda Becker, Mrs. Bergstrom, Molly Kamarainen, Michelle Grasso, Libby Theuerkauf, Sara Staszak, Sarah Windbiel, Jeri Keepers, Nguyen Tanguay, Miranda Delaurette, Mr. Muhs

Libby called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M with an opening prayer and introductions.

MINUTES: Molly sent minutes from the May 11th meeting via GroupMe on May 14th. Minutes were also uploaded to the website. No changes were noted.

TREASURER: Heritage Parade – Net profit \$211. Survey Monkey – Home & School Survey (\$99). (\$300) to purchase Smencil's but we expect a net profit of approximately \$450. Approximate balance in account \$1,700. Beth created a 2023/2024 Home & School Budget based off last year's expenses - we anticipate net spending of (\$597) for the year, which does not include any extra purchases or events (such as soccer nets, basketball hoops, talent show, fall festival, etc.)

OLD BUSINESS: 2023/2024 schedule/projects: Per our bylaws, Home & School meetings are to be held on the second Thursday of every month. We voted on keeping the 315 and 6 PM alternating meeting times and all were in favor. Home & School calendars were distributed to all in attendance, Molly will be sure to have them on display at H&S Open House table as well.

Student Council: Lisa Bergstrom stated the staff's overall decision was not to have a traditional Student Council but rather a couple student volunteers from each grade that will help out in different ways. They haven't decided yet what grades would be involved and if they would switch the students monthly or quarterly. Students would be helping out at monthly lunches, creating posters to promote movie nights, and any other events that come along. Beth Durow and Jennie Smith are interested in being involved in the Student Council – perhaps we could recruit the 8th graders to serve as leaders of the group. Next staff meeting will be held August 22nd, Mrs. Bergstrom will have more to report at our next Home & School Meeting.

Bulletin Boards: Lisa stated staff agreed to take care of the bulletin boards but haven't decided yet how it will be done. Some possible ideas include assigning a different grade each month to decorate it, display monthly birthdays, connecting it to our virtue program, or making it some type of a caught being good board. Sara has taken care of updating the bulletin boards for the Open House with staff information. Mrs. Bergstrom will have more to report at our next Home & School Meeting.

Fall Open House – August 24th 4 – 6 PM: Students will meet their new teachers, see their classrooms and drop off school supplies. Mike will be greeting attendees at the door and hosting a welcome speech at 5:30 PM to cover general school information - including volunteer opportunities, Scrip and Facts login. Sara plans on recording the presentation to post on the website for those that aren't able to attend. Libby will look into



having music playing at the event. Kate Reidell and Sara will be decorating the front sidewalk with chalk. Molly has ordered 25 SJP apparel items to have on hand for purchase, Linda will provide a clothing rack and hangers. Libby will work on webstore signage/QR code. We will have Smencil's available to purchase (\$1.00) or that can be sent on the first day of school (\$2.00). Molly has purchased a photo backdrop, balloon arch, chalkboard signs and secured Alex Brooks to take professional "Back to School" pictures. Linda will provide a backdrop stand. Sara will create cards with QR code for access to the pictures. Molly will be sure we have all necessary supplies for the H&S table (including a donation box and physical volunteer sign up sheet). Sara will provide collages of Home & School pictures to display. Molly will create a volunteer sign up (2 shifts – 1 set up, 2 Smencils, 1 greeter, 1 refreshments, 1 apparel, 1 H&S table, 1 clean up) to be posted to NYCU and Facebook. Beth has confirmed the DAR and YMCA will be attending again. Libby confirmed Garden Club will have a table. Katey LeMay will be handling the Spring Auction Table. Linda volunteered to handle the yearbook table. Sara is looking into having Square non-cash purchase options. Libby will pick up 3 trays of 80 cookies from Sam's Club and we will have pitchers of water available. Libby will bring in table cloths. Beth to purchase plates, napkins and cups.

Back to School Breakfast for Teachers – August 28th: We are looking for someone to pick up 18 donuts or danishes on the first day of school for the teachers lounge. Budget is \$20.

NEW BUSINESS: Committees: Section 5 in the Bylaws have been updated to require Home & School members to join one of the committees. Molly passed around a sign up at the meeting (Student Appreciation, Staff Appreciation – Michelle Grasso, Special Events – Miranda DeLaurelle, Jeri Keepers, Nguyen Tanguay, Sara Staszak, Sarah Windbiel).

Hot Lunch: Libby received suggestions that we stick to easy lunches this year, pizza lunches have the best participation and the most profit, we could also consider using Burger King again (having the nuggets cooked) or Jack's (ordering precooked mac n cheese and wedges). September 13th will be our first hot lunch (pending gym schedules), which we will begin with pizza, fruit cups and cookies. Heather Frankovich will be leading this Hot Lunch. Molly/Sara will work on adding to calendar, News You Can Use (including volunteer sign ups) and sending slips home.

Apparel Website/Spirit Days: Image Works has reopened the SJPII apparel website thru October 1st with orders being processed September 1st and October 1st. Items can be expected approximately 2 – 3 weeks after processing. Sara has included in NYCU and Molly has posted to Facebook. Mike suggested having a student designed t-shirt contest – winners design would be posted to the apparel website for purchase. Mike will check with Holy Family on their contest rules. Molly to check with Image Works on uploading customer designs, colors, front/back, cost, etc.

We all voted in favor of purchasing 100 SJPII logoed water bottles via 4imprint to have available for sale at the Open House. 2 voted for sport bottles, 9 voted in favor of 24



oz. flip straw cups. Libby will send color options/proofs to Groupme for voting. Bottles have a cost of \$3.50 each and we plan to sell for \$10.00 each.

Giant Pumpkin Festival: Kayla Carlson is leading a bake sale at the Giant Pumpkin Festival September 23rd at Menominee Marina. We will request baked goods to be donated to the school by Friday, September 22nd. We will have bottled water for sale as well. Libby has a tent we are able to use. Molly/Kayla to work on creating a volunteer sign up (2 shifts of 2 adults each), putting in NYCU and church bulletins. Kayla plans on selling remaining baked goods at mass the following day.

Spaghetti Dinner/Fall Festival: Libby suggested Home & School bring back Spaghetti Dinner or Fall Festival as a Fundraiser parishioners and the community would be interested in attending - a great opportunity to showcase our school. All voted in favor of moving forward with a Fall Festival on Sunday, October 15th (Packer Bye Week) following mass. We will ask restaurants (Best Western, Hometown, Whistle Stop, Perkins, Café Green, Jack's, Serving Spoon, Watermark) for soup donations and have salad and breadsticks as well. We will have a baked good sale, pumpkin/corn stalk sales and craft/vendor tables (Sara and Kayla to discuss craft/vendor options, cost, etc.). We will have Fall photo ops with hay bales, etc. Kids games including pumpkin bowling, etc. Perhaps having some live acoustic music. The event will be free to get in and you will have to pay per item. The Executive Team will work on creating committees with to-do's for the event.

Mike mentioned Spring Auction took over for the Spaghetti Dinner and quickly made double the amount of money Spaghetti Dinner has made in the past. Future events we could consider hosting later in the school year is Mardi Gras or Fish Fry's.

Non-Perishable Food Drive: Home & School will not be hosting a non-perishable food drive as the school organizes one in November.

Additional Discussion: Linda brought up needing volunteers to move the Home & School closet into the gym storage room. Miranda volunteered her husband to help.

Alex Brooks has showed interested in starting up a Yearbook Club. In the past, teachers would submit collages by class for the yearbook. Sara will reach out to Alex to discuss options.

Linda brought up still needing help cleaning out the art room closet. Miss Cricket has said she would help and Jeri Keepers volunteered to help on Friday's.

NEXT MEETING: The next Home & School meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14th at 3:15 PM in the school library.

Libby motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M, Jeri seconded.

Molly Kamarainen/Secretary