



February 9, 2023 MINUTES

Attendees: Linda Becker, Mrs. Bergstrom, Mr. Muhs, Molly Kamarainen, Fr. Joseph, Kristi Peanosky, Kayla Carlson, Libby Theuerkauf, April Messinger, Sara Staszak, Amanda Anderson, Heather Frankovich, Beth Durow, Bridget Hensley, Michelle Grasso; Melissa Pop (via Skype)

Libby called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M, Fr. Joseph lead us in an opening prayer.

MINUTES: Molly sent minutes from the January 12th meeting via GroupMe on January 22nd. Kristi also uploaded the minutes to the website. No changes were noted.

TREASURER: Beth noted that we were missing a receipt from the Cookie/Craft night so we ended up with a net expense of (\$25). We are estimating the movie concessions from CSW to be approximately (\$780). Staff Appreciation snacks were purchased during CSW totaling (\$34). The ice cream party provided to the winning class of the Penny War was (\$48). Income from Image Works apparel was \$208. Chicken nugget lunch profit totaled \$414. Balance in our account is approximately \$5,600.

OLD BUSINESS: Hot Lunch: March 8th lunch will be pizza, veggies/dip and a cookie. Michelle Grasso (Student Appreciation Committee) will work on getting the veggies/dip and cookies. Libby will work on getting the pizzas. Molly/Kristi will work on adding to calendar, News You Can Use (including volunteer sign ups) and sending slips home. April 12th lunch was discussed as we have 6 lbs. of meat remaining from the Spaghetti lunch, however, spaghetti didn't go over so well. Taco/nacho/walking tacos was discussed but we weren't sure how the toppings would work/assembly line may take too long. Suggestions are appreciated!

Winterfest Dance: Home & School will host a Winterfest Dance at the school gym on Friday, February 17th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Chris Gromala has offered to DJ the dance and has asked that instead of paying him, we put money towards snacks for the students. Kayla Carlson (Special Events Committee) will be picking up Capri Sun, raw veggies, cheese/crackers, cookies, rice crispies, plates, napkins, etc. Libby will check into if silverware and water are needed. Beth will pick up photo booth props. Brianna Erdman will be donating a photobooth/backdrop in Winterfest theme (snowflakes, grays, blues, etc). Attendees can use their phones to take pictures. Kate Reidell has donated 700 glow sticks for the dance. Molly has reached out to St. Vincent de Paul to pick up the canned food donations the week of February 20th. We are still looking for volunteers in the kitchen and for clean-up. Kristi will put in this weeks NYCU.



Committees: We started to engage our sub-committees by asking Kayla Carlson (Special Events) to purchase snacks/drinks for the Winterfest Dance and Michelle Grasso (Student Appreciation) to purchase the February/March hot lunch items.

Fund Distribution: Jacob Kowalski Memorial: Libby presented two options for a 12X16 Acrylic Memorial to be mounted to the wall in the gym entrance. Both options are approximately \$75.00. Option 1 was a black background, option 2 was a wood background. The committee voted and option 1 (black background) won in a 8/7 vote. Libby will move forward with ordering from Lithocrafters. Libby will also check with Melissa Kowalski to see how she would like to handle a dedication (family or schoolwide).

Book Vending Machine: Libby proposed submitting a Letter of Intent with the M&M Area Community Foundation in hopes to apply for a Grant for the Book Vending Machine in the amount of \$6,695. We voted with 14 in favor and 1 opposed. Libby will submit the LOI. The Grant application, if approved to apply for, will need to be completed by the end of February and if granted, funding would need to be used within 13 months. We will then reach to local businesses for the remaining funds for the Vending Machine, as Marinette School had done with success.

Soccer Nets: Libby had 3 options for purchasing soccer nets, all voted in favor of the second option Pass Premier 12 X 6 Ft. Youth Size Steel Soccer Goal. 2" Diameter Strongest Steel Frame w/Durable 4mm Net12x6 Ft. Cost \$229.00 with extra net. Libby will move forward with ordering two. It was discussed that the nets should be removed in the summer and we should look into securing the units to the ground.

Drama Club: Clothing racks have been purchased for the Drama Club; Linda has worked on cleaning up the Drama Club room. Mrs. Bergstrom will ask Faculty to go thru the items on the stage at next Wednesday's faculty meeting, marking what they wish to keep. Linda will work with Kristi on setting up a volunteer link in News You Can Use for 4 volunteers to help organize the clothing on the racks/donate what isn't being used. Linda will ensure this is completed prior to the play this Spring. Miss Knight is researching curtain options for the stage, getting the measurements and costs of a curtain to meet our needs. Kristi mentioned we will need to install a frame for the curtain and make sure it is fireproof, etc.

NEW BUSINESS: Bus Driver Appreciation Day: Molly suggested celebrating Mr. Scott on February 22nd for Bus Driver Appreciation Day. We discussed Scott being a jokster and filling his office with balloons, singing Wheels on the Bus at lunch, working



with Mrs. Buyarski to have students make cards or use school pictures to put in a bus outside of his office. Perhaps present him with a Golden Bus award and some of his favorite snacks. Kristi and the Staff Appreciation Committee will take the lead on this.

Open House: Open House will be held on Thursday, March 2nd – 3:30 – 5:30 PM. Mr. Muh's said Home & School involvement in the past was offering refreshments and displaying what Home & School had to offer. Kayla Carlson (Special Events Committee) will organize having refreshments, popcorn and cookies in the gym with tables set up for families to mingle.

We discussed having Mike greeting at the doors and then directing people into the gym area. Home & School volunteers will give tours (would need about 5 volunteers, 2 in the kitchen and 2 at the table). Registration will take place in the gym rather than the crowded office area. We also discussed having tables with displays for what the school has to offer as well as after school options: DAR (Kristi to contact), YMCA (Beth/Michelle to contact), Garden Club (Libby), Uniform Closet (Melissa), Home & School (Libby - showcasing hot lunches, movie nights, etc. sign up for Committees) Drama Club (Linda/Ms. Knight), Script (Mary), etc. Kristi will work on "scavenger hunt" slips for attendees to visit every table, current teacher, next year's teacher, etc. slips turned in will be eligible for a prize. Kristi will work on creating a sign for the Uniform Closet.

Mike confirmed we will be hosting a Fall Open House/School Supply drop off as well.

Movie Night: Movie night will be held on April 21st. Libby will forward some movie options to Mike for his approval and a vote will be sent out via GroupMe to pick the movie. We will have the same snack and drink options (pizza, cotton candy, sno cones, popcorn, water, capri sun). We discussed having free concessions and doing another canned good donation for entry. Kristi will work on updating the previous movie night flyer.

Election of Officers: By April 1st, we should begin the election of all officers with the exception of the President. The present Vice President (Linda) will automatically become President at the conclusion of the President's term. Should the Vice President decline the office of President, the President (Libby) may rerun for a second term.

Libby has appointed a three-member Nominating Committee consisting of 1 school staff member (Kricket Uecke), 1 K-4 parent representative that is a member of the home and School Organization (Nguyen Tanguay), and 1 5-8 parent representative that is a member of the home and School Organization (Bobbi Jo Rod). Linda will serve as chair of the committee.



Any member of the Home and School Organization is eligible for nomination, with the exception of the school faculty and staff. Libby will send a note in the GroupMe app requesting anyone interested in running should contact the Nominating Committee no later than March 30th. The approval of the slate of officers will be held at the May 11th meeting. The Vice President will ask for approval and elected officers will be installed at the May meeting.

School Egg Hunt: Libby suggested hosting a Schoolwide Egg Hunt, Linda will look into the cost of pre-filled eggs (with toys or candy). We decided we would color code the eggs by grade. Each student would be allowed to find 10 eggs. We could have some "golden" eggs with NUT passes. Mrs. Bergstrom will discuss date/time options at the Wednesday staff meeting as the short Holy Week is already pretty busy. Lisa will also discuss with the teachers their preference on them hiding eggs or volunteers hiding eggs. Based off the cost we could ask families to "sponsor" so many eggs.

Spring Auction: Libby suggested having Home & School handle the children's area at the Spring Auction (May 12th). It was noted several Home & School volunteers wouldn't be able to attend because of the dance recital being the same day. Kristi will discuss moving it back a week at the Spring Auction meeting. Linda will attend Spring Auction Meetings on behalf of the Home & School. Last year was Circus themed, which we will do again. We could have a prize table or room with left over Secret Santa items. We should advertise the children's area is open to the public but they must pre-register.

NEXT MEETING: The next Home & School meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9th at 3:15 PM in the school library.

Libby motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 P.M, Kayla Carlson seconded.

Molly Kamarainen/Secretary