



January 12, 2023 MINUTES

Attendees: Linda Becker, Libby Theuerkauf, Beth Durow, Kristi Peanosky, Mr. Muhs, Sheila Shanks, Sara Staszak, Carrie Nemetz, Sarah Windbiel, Miranda DeLaurelle, Bridget Hensley, Nancy Zeratsky, Fr. Joseph, Ms. Schraub

Libby called the meeting to order at 3:15 P.M with an opening prayer.

MINUTES: Molly sent minutes from the December 8th meeting via GroupMe on December 9th. Kristi also uploaded the minutes to the website. No changes were noted.

TREASURER: The signers on the account have been updated to Mike Muhs, Beth Durow, Fr Abraham and Libby Theuerkauf. Beth received her debit card for the account. There is about \$5,900 in the account. The cookie and craft night netted a profit of about \$100, including proceeds from the cookies, donations received and the expenses of the cookies and crafts.

OLD BUSINESS: Hot Lunch: February 8th lunch will be chicken nuggets, tater tots, apple sauce and a cookie. Libby will purchase the tater tots, apple sauce and cookies. Sara Staszak has a contact at Burger King and arranged to get the nuggets, ketchup and ranch at cost. Her family will cover the costs of the nuggets and sauces. She is ordering 900 nuggets. She will verify if we can pick them up prior to the lunch and store them in the freezer at school. Molly/Kristi will work adding to calendar, News You Can Use (including volunteer sign ups) and sending slips home. March 8th lunch will be pizza, raw veggies and dip and cookie.

Penny war: The penny war is set for the week of January 23rd. The only supply provided by the M&M Area Community Foundation was a sign. Kristi will work on the signage and communication to families. The pennies will count as additions to the jars and silver coins as reductions. The ratios of class sizes will be considered when calculating the winner. Discussed and decided to have each class count the money jars each morning and then an announcement will be made each day with the results. If the counting each morning does not work, a different arrangement will need to be made, possibly having the Jr High students assist with the counting. Each class will have a thermometer to mark how much has been collected and fun way to keep track and have a visual reminder. The winning class will be announced at the assembly to kick off Catholic Schools week and will receive an ice cream party. Linda volunteered to purchase the ice cream sundae supplies.



Catholic Schools week: There will be opportunities to volunteer to assist with the planned activities the week of January 30th. Watch Group Me app and News You Can Use.

Winterfest Dance: A Winterfest Dance will be held in the School Gym on Friday, February 17th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Libby contacted Events by Brianna Jo and a photo backdrop will be donated. Carrie Nemetz confirmed her husband is not available to DJ the event. We are waiting to hear back from Chris Gromala about his availability to DJ. We will ask parents to bring snacks to share at the event. Kristi will add to News You Can Use asking parents to donate. We will be asking parents to stay for the dance. Admission will be a canned food item. The donation box will also be out. We will be requesting volunteers for set-up from 5-6, event supervising from 6-8 and clean up from 8-8:30. Molly/Kristi will work adding to calendar, News You Can Use (including volunteer sign ups) and sending flyers home. Discussed pulling the bleachers out to use for seating for families.

Jacob Kowalski Memorial: Libby showed the committee a few more design ideas, such as a wood plaque, acrylic plaque or the metal plaque. She is waiting for more pricing and design examples from a couple other vendors. She received Jacob's picture and scripture for the plaque and forwarded to vendor to get a proof and pricing to bring to the committee at our next meeting.

Committees: Kristi will add the committee sign ups to News You Can Use again. There were more individuals that signed up but would like to encourage more parents to participate.

Distribution of Funds: Book Vending Machine: Libby explained the Book Vending machine. This would be used as a way to promote positive behavior among students along with encouraging the joy of reading. The cost of this is about \$5,200, plus freight. There is also the costs of supplying books in the future and tokens to use in the machine. We would need roughly 400 books each year for the students. The tokens cost about \$50 for 100 tokens. Libby will research with Scholastic on options to order larger quantities of books. She also suggested a read-a thon to raise funds for a book vending machine. There are many apps that can be used to track progress and request pledges for the students. Some of the apps provide prizes for different participation levels while others are used solely for tracking.

Carrie Nemetz knows a person at Marinette Schools that has recently rolled out a book vending machine and she will inquire with her as to how they raised the funds, how the implementation went, where they get the books and tokens, etc.



It was also suggested to talk to Flipside Coin to see if they would have any options for us that we would be able to use for a book vending machine. Sara S will ask Flipside.

Drama Club: We have the option to purchase two clothing racks from Budget Dollar Liquidators for \$30 per rack. The racks will be used to organize and store the costumes in the room behind the stage. The committee approved the purchase of the racks. Linda is working with Miss Knight to clean out the storage room to better organize this space for the drama club and other performances going forward. Miss Knight is researching curtain options for the stage. She is getting the measurements and costs of a curtain to meet our needs. Linda is working together with Miss Knight on this project and will bring recommendations back to the Home and School committee. Bridgette Hensley is donating a shoe rack to be used for drama club or the uniform closet.

Soccer Nets: The committee suggested purchasing soccer nets for the playground. There are many students that play soccer every day at recess. One net was looked at during committee; it was a steel frame of 2-inch steel, 24 ft by 8 ft costing approximately \$320.00 per net. Discussed taking the nets off the frame in the winter and just using the frames so as to preserve the duration of the nets. More research will be done on the different options, sizes, and costs. This will be brought back to committee for a final decision. Everyone was in agreement this was a great first purchase of funds. A final vote will be conducted after the recommendations are presented.

NEW BUSINESS: St. Patrick's Day Sucker Sale: Presented the idea of a sucker sale in March. Students can purchase a sucker for a friend for \$1.00 each. The students will complete a slip with who the sucker is from with a note attached. All slips will be returned to the office and the Home and School committee will attach them to the suckers and sort them by classroom. Home and School will ensure all students receive at least one sucker. The slips will be sent ahead of time to be returned by March 8th. The suckers will be delivered to the classrooms on March 17th. The cost of the suckers will be approximately \$60.00 for 120 suckers. Molly/Kristi will work adding to calendar, News You Can Use (including volunteer sign ups) and sending slips home.

Other topics: A question was raised about basketball uniforms. The uniforms that the school has are for Jr High. However, we do not currently have any basketball teams. Most students play basketball through the Hoops Club.

A concern was raised about the playground slide. It was noticed that it is broken. Mr. Muhs and Ms. Schraub stated that it was recently broken. Mr. Muhs stated that the part has been ordered from the playground equipment company. A question as to



whether the playground equipment could be painted was raised. Due to most of the equipment having a non-slip rubber coating on it or having a plastic covering for safety, most of it would not be able to be painted.

A question was raised on Ms. Cricket's behalf as to whether flags will be added to the corners of the sandbox so that the snow plow knows where it is. Noted that this is something Building and Grounds will handle.

Discussed option to add a Zoom option to next meeting to allow more parents the option to listen in to the meeting. The response to add this was favorable. The parents attending in person will receive NUT passes.

Parents and students really enjoyed movie night. Discussed possibly doing again during the winter months, possibly March, for another activity for families.

NEXT MEETING: The next Home & School meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9th at 6:00 PM in the school library with option to attend via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Molly Kamarainen/Secretary