



May 11, 2023 MINUTES

Attendees: Linda Becker, Mrs. Bergstrom, Kristi Peanosky, Molly Kamarainen, Michelle Grasso, Libby Theuerkauf, April Messinger, Sara Staszak, Bridget Hensley, Heather Frankovich, Sarah Windbiel, Mr. Muhs

Libby called the meeting to order at 3:16 P.M with an opening prayer.

MINUTES: Molly sent minutes from the April 13th meeting via GroupMe on April 14th. Minutes were also uploaded to the website. No changes were noted.

TREASURER: Catholic Schools Week - Mariner Theatre (\$663). Nacho Lunch - Net profit \$193. Movie night net expense (\$160) (replenished popcorn/oil, ordered more pizza, movie, screen), received donations of \$255, expenses of (\$415). Apparel profit of \$385. Teacher appreciation week expenses (\$679). Admin Appreciation expenses (\$150). End of Year Picnic expense (\$1,100) for Magic show (1,400 less \$300 donation). Approximate balance in account \$3,900.

OLD BUSINESS: Spring Auction: 46 kids are currently registered, we had 80 in attendance last year. Prizes are all set – we had quite a few leftover Secret Santa toys as well as some donations that came in. Great Lakes Foods is donating water, Dunkin Donuts is donating 150 doughnuts. Beth has agreed to order/deliver the pizza. Cory Frankovich made and donated a frog slinger game for the kids’ area at the carnival. We are in need of 14 volunteers for each shift (10 games, prize table, entry, food). Libby will reach out to STAA to see if they have students needing volunteer hours.

End of Year Picnic: Mischief & Magic has been secured with a deposit to offer face painting, balloon animals and a magic show from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Beth will provide remaining payment on day of event. We will need to provide a table and 6 chairs; Mischief & Magic is bringing a tent. The event will be held outside but in case of rain will be held in the gym. We will have potato sack races out as a DIY game – Libby will provide an easel saying “Hop In”. Libby will purchase ice pops and have in a cooler next to the music. Mike will take care of the music and speakers (requests sent to classes for song lists to be reviewed). As a reminder, the picnic will be a BYO. Molly will work on a flyer to be posted on Facebook and NYCU.

2023/2024 schedule/projects: Molly has created a draft 2023/2024 Home & School schedule. Beth will work on presenting a 2023/2024 budget based off our current school year expenditures. Libby has created a wrap up survey to be included in NYCU on May 20th and an email sent to all families on May 22nd to see where they would like Home & School focus to be in the next school year. We will then finalize our 23/24 schedule based on number of events parents would like to see.



We agreed to keep Hot Lunches for next year, but encourage them to be easy (pizza, hot dogs, etc.). We also should look to businesses to sponsor events so we aren't constantly asking parents for donations. We will not have paid NUT passes next year, they will be given away for good behavior (Caught Being Christian) and for parents attending volunteer meetings. Next year's Penny War proceeds will be divided amongst the teacher's class accounts. Sara will look to have a QR code added to all NYCU as a digital suggestion/question area.

Student Council: Lisa Bergstrom has agreed to be our faculty Home & School representative for the time being and presented the idea of Student Council at their staff meeting. Staff likes the idea but would like for it to be not a "traditional" student council that students get voted in. They suggested having a different group of students each month or quarter so all students have a chance to be included. Lisa will have more information in September once we see numbers for the year, etc.

NEW BUSINESS: Bulletin Boards: Lisa will discuss at their staff meeting if the bulletin board by the school entrance should be updated by a different classroom each month or by Student Council.

Fall Open House – August 24th: Mike would like Home & School's assistance for the Fall Open House on August 24th where students will meet their new teachers and drop off school supplies. We plan to have a formal presentation where Libby will welcome everyone on behalf of Home & School, Mike to cover general information including Scrip and Facts login. We would like it to be a fun event with music playing, perhaps a photo booth with back-to-school props, apparel available to purchase. We could have families submit pictures for a chance to win school merchandise. If anyone has additional ideas, please submit via GroupMe over the summer!

Back to School Breakfast for Teachers – August 28th: Molly suggested having Home & School provide donuts or danishes on the first day of school for the teachers.

Birthday Grams: Molly suggested Home & School offer Birthday Gram's next school year for family members to be able to send a card, pencil, balloon, etc. to a student on their birthday. We discussed different options on the execution, perhaps Student Council could have a helium tank and balloons to take care of. It was suggested that we send an order form home at the beginning of the school year and at the beginning of student's birthday month. We should include an option to "sponsor a birthday" so all students receive something on their special day.

Buildings & Grounds: Linda stated B&G would not be striping the soccer field as it would be costly and time consuming to have it done regularly. They will be getting good grass seeds to help with the muddiness. They have poles for basketball hoops but may be looking for funding for new basketball hoops – we told Linda to have B&G



submit a proposal to H&S if they would like. Classrooms and closets will be cleaned out the week of June 5th – anything not claimed by the teachers prior to the weekend of June 10th will go into a rummage sale being held at the school with profits going to Buildings & Grounds. A car wash will also be held in the summer to raise funds for B&G.

NEXT MEETING: The next Home & School meeting will be held on Thursday, August 10th at 6:00 PM in the school library.

Libby motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 P.M, Sarah Windbiel seconded.

Molly Kamarainen/Secretary