

**APPROVED**

**St. Pius X Home and School Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2020**

**In Attendance**

Erica Harlan, Lori Christ, Kristi Magnuson, Nicole Kathman, Chris Marchese, Tracy McCormick, Laura Schieber, Elizabeth Spinsby, Mandy Means, Alex Baranosky, Mary Jo Kever, Ryan Tyler, Alyson Beecher.

**Opening Prayer**

The group prayed the "Home and School Blessings prayer" together.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the February 10 meeting were reviewed. Tracy McCormick motioned to approve, Kristi Magnuson seconded.

**Treasurer Report**

Tracy McCormick reported that full financials were not yet available due to the early meeting this month. Auction revenue was pulled from GiveSmart which showed \$52,821. Several auction expenses were paid this month at \$9,688 which adds up to \$15,783 thus far (close to budgeted total of \$15,000). We also purchased 100 Pius Pride yard signs for \$710 to be used by the Welcome committee this fall for new students. Scrip party hostess gifts were purchased for \$120. Our total cash is approximately \$86,263.

**Teacher Report**

Mrs Spinsby reported that the preschoolers just completed a Dr Seuss week and Post Office unit in February. They are starting a Goldilocks unit by comparing how different authors retell this classic story. Mrs Means reported that 4th grade is reading biographies, writing narrative pieces, learning the sacraments, working on fractions, and exploring forces of nature. They will be going on an arts field trip to the Des Moines Art Center, the Sculpture Garden, and the Civic Center.

**Administration Report**

Ms Kever reported that bids are currently being collected to use the auction proceeds for the funded projects of new telephone/ intercom systems and an integrated school/ church website. She stated that the Parish Center building project has been approved by the bishop so fundraising efforts will begin soon. Construction will likely not take place until the '21-'22 school year. She provided an update on the school's preparedness plan for the corona virus if it would spread to central Iowa- info to be distributed to parents in this week's Wednesday email.

**School Board-**

Ryan Tyler stated that the Board has not met since the last Home and School meeting due to the rescheduled date last month. They will be starting a policy review. He encouraged referrals to bring new families to SPX.

**Committee Reports****Auction**

No report this month.

**Birthday Board**

No report this month.

**Community Building**

No report this month.

**Directories**

No report this month.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation**

No report this month.

**Family Fun Night**

No report this month.

**Food Committee**

Holly Russell submitted a report that the Pizza and Pies dinner for the teachers during conferences went well. Drinks were provided by Ryan Tyler with Atlantic Bottle company/ Coke. The next Teacher birthday appreciation lunches will be the first week of April.

**Free Money Programs**

No report this month.

**School Showcase**

Tracy McCormick reported that a spring clean-up day will be planned, hopefully to be done before the Parish Easter Egg Hunt. She will coordinate with the church office about a specific date and whether any supplies or equipment are also needed.

**Homeroom Parents**

Lisa Stacy emailed that she is beginning to plan Teacher Appreciation week in May. She asked for any new ideas or suggestions to surprise the teachers.

**School Supplies**

Nicole Kathman provided a spreadsheet which covered possible increases in the school supply kits for fundraising purposes. Ms Kever voiced concerns over making essential

supplies more expensive than necessary as some of our families already require financial assistance. It was agreed to keep the kits price at cost. We also discussed how to streamline kits so that reusable items are not bought new every year.

### **SCRIP**

Kristi Magneson reported that SCRIP sales YTD are down about \$19,697 but up from the 2017-2018 lowest year. Online ordering and Scripnow sales are both up. Vicky Hayes will host the next Scrip info party later in March. An open invite was included in last week's Wednesday email if anyone else would like to be included at the party but no responses yet. A new SCRIP Co-Chair is needed for next year.

### **Teacher Treats**

No report this month.

### **Uniform Exchange**

No report this month.

### **Welcome Committee**

Tracy McCormick reported that Lori Christ has volunteered to co-chair for next year. Yard signs have been ordered for the night before school. Summer playdates will likely follow the same general schedule as last year. Ms Kever pointed out that a new question was included in this year's registration form to hopefully streamline the process of sharing new family contact information with Home and School.

### **Old Business**

Tracy McCormick asked about the Media Rights line item in the budget. Ms Kever thought that a purchase had already been made for the Spring Musical so funds should be re-appropriated to cover that. Discussion about a possible snack/ social event that Home and School could sponsor after the musical to build community. Will need to plan this further in April.

Tracy McCormick and Alyson Beecher have begun reviewing the Home and School bylaws and archiving previous Home and School minutes in the HSPresident Google Docs account. The executive board will continue to review the bylaws and propose any changes as needed before the end of the year.

Open positions within Home and School were discussed. We will start to advertise these in the Wednesday emails to hopefully have them filled prior to the last meeting in May.

### **New Business**

Rosary bags were discussed as a potential gift for students going through First Communion this year. Although they were beautiful and of excellent quality there was concern about

the overall cost to Home and School, and whether this could be replicated in upcoming years. We discussed other possible options such as prayer magnets or rosary guide cards that would be less expensive. No decision was made- will need to revisit at the next meeting.

Ms Kever suggested that if Home and School would like to do something specifically for the children at the end of the year that items for Field Day could be purchased such as the T-shirts, water bottles, healthy snacks, or even having the Sno-Cone truck etc. Planning for Field Day is just starting so more decisions can be made next month.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Motion made by Chris Marchese and seconded by Erica Harlan to end the meeting; motion approved. The next meeting date is Monday April 6.

Minutes prepared by Alyson Beecher, H&S secretary.