

St Pius X Home and School Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2020

APPROVED

In Attendance (via ZOOM)

Mary Jo Kever, Alyson Beecher, Tracy McCormick, Erica Harlan, Ryan Tyler, Jennifer Jodlowski, Sara Rauen, Holly Russell, Lori Christ, Jaci Braun, Laura Schieber, Kristi Magnuson, Nicole Kathman

Opening Prayer

Erica Harlan led the group in the Prayer during a Pandemic from the website of the Diocese of Des Moines.

Minutes

Minutes from the March 2nd meeting were reviewed. Tracy McCormick motioned to approve, Erica Harlan seconded.

Treasurer Report

Tracy presented the monthly financial report. Our bank balance is \$95,641 due to deposits from the auction. We have not spent money for Teacher's Appreciation Week yet- traditionally has been \$100 per full time teacher and \$50 for part time staff. We have communicated with homeroom parents that they can send back any remaining money if they do not feel comfortable purchasing birthday presents or teacher appreciation items due to the current pandemic.

Teacher Report

None

Administration Report

MS Kever reported that Mr Baranosky's wife delivered a son last week. Teachers appreciate feedback on how their websites are working for families. They will finish the year with standards based grading. SPX would like to do some type of large community building event in the fall to make up for the isolation of the current situation, but unsure of specifics yet. The 20-21 school calendar will start as previously scheduled in late August. The 8th graders may have some type of delayed graduation ceremony or possibly a homecoming event in the fall. We discussed ordering graduate yard signs for 8th graders- Jaci Braun to coordinate, possibly with Brian Hobbs. We also discussed the scholarships for returning middle school students- Ms Kever to roll out applications soon. We were unsure if those were funded by Home and School vs the St Pius Foundation- will reach out to Denise Youngers/ Bo Anderson to clarify.

School Board-

Ryan Tyler reported that the board is set to meet via ZOOM on Thursday May 7th. Their previous meeting via ZOOM in April went well. We discussed promoting our current distance learning program as being significantly better organized than the public school

options- can this be used for future marketing? We currently have 3 billboards in/ around Urbandale to promote SPX.

Committee Reports

Auction

Jaci Braun reported that they intend to reach out to families that purchased Instant Buy items to ask if these could be a straight donation as events like Kickball, Lunch with Principals etc will not happen this school year. Next year's event date tentatively set as February 13- she will set with the church office. The quotes for the funded projects of a new phone/ intercom system were approximately \$30K and new website approx. \$5-6k so the proceeds should easily cover these, however no start date is planned due to COVID-19.

Birthday Board

No report this month.

Community Building

No report this month.

Directories

No report this month.

8th Grade Graduation

8th grade families are proceeding with memory video, to be shared digitally with families. See previous notes about possible delayed graduation ceremony vs fall homecoming event.

Family Fun Night

No report this month.

Food Committee

Holly Russell reported that there are still 12 staff members with upcoming birthdays in March/April/May that would deserve lunches. We discussed the possibility of getting small gift cards from SCRIP for teachers to purchase their own meals due to COVID-19.

Free Money Programs

No report this month.

School Showcase

No report this month.

Homeroom Parents

Teacher appreciation Week is being coordinated by Home and School exec directly this year with drive by parades. Families are also encouraged to send a card/ note to their current teacher and 2 favorite specials teachers.

School Supplies

Nicole Kathman reported that the website is ready for online ordering for the 20-21 school year. She will provide the link to Ms Kever to publish in the Weekly Wednesday Update email. Sales will go through June 14 with a possible "last chance" order for July also.

SCRIP

Kristi Magneson reported that sales are down \$78K due to the closure of school and inability to use physical gift cards for local retailers. There has been \$31k in online sales which has been better than expected. Thursday May 7th is a promo do online. They would like to close out their books for the year soon but need to check that rebates are correct. Unsure if sales will be possible this summer depending on when churches are allowed to reopen.

Teacher Treats

No report this month.

Uniform Exchange

No report this month.

Welcome Committee

Tracy McCormick and Lori Christ discussed virtual welcome options for new families this summer, including assigning mentor families sooner. Ms Kever will forward new family contact information soon..

Old Business

Unsure if/ when First Communion will happen for 2nd graders- no plan for Home and School gift at this time due to the current pandemic and desire to conserve resources at this time. We may still be able to purchase SCRIP certificates or VISA gift cards for Teacher's Appreciation Week- Kristi will let us know when they plan to place an order, and will need to decide how to distribute them without staff being in the building.

New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned

Motion made by Jenny Jodlowski and seconded by Jaci Braun to end the meeting; motion approved. The next meeting date is Fall 2020- start of new school year.

Minutes prepared by Alyson Beecher, H&S secretary.

