

**St. Pius X Home and School Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2019**

Approved

In Attendance

Erica Harlan, Alyson Beecher, Sadie Trytten, Lori Christ, Ryan Tyler, Mary Jo Kever, Alex Baranowsky, Lois Woodward, Holly Russell, Elizabeth Heath, Kelly Gipple, Mandy Means, Jolene Rosebeck, Chris Marchese, Kristi Magneson, Jocelyn McGee, Tracy McCormick, Jenny Jodlowski, Jaci Braun, Lindsay Sweeney

Opening Prayer

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

Minutes

Minutes from the October 7, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Erica Harlan recommended corrected spellings of names. Jaci motioned to approve, Holly seconded.

Treasurer Report

Tracy McCormick presented the October Finance report. There were 2 major purchases- the blinds for the conference room and Mrs Elliott's office, as well as food for teacher conferences.

Teacher Report

Ms Kever, Mr B, Mrs Means, Mrs McGee, Mrs Gipple, and Mrs Woodward were present to give an update on the information they obtained from the PLC conference in October. (Also at the conference were Mrs Reister and Mrs Fitzpatrick.) There were 1300 teachers from 8 states present for the 3 day conference which included keynote speakers as well as 5 break-out sessions based on grade level or subject matter. Each teacher was able to buy a book to bring back to SPX to use in their classroom. Most teachers felt that the use of WIN time is going well, as well as their PLC committees within SPX and within the diocese.

Mrs Rosebeck discussed the new BLAST kits that First grade is using to learn Phonics. We now have purchased enough for every student.

Administration Report

Ms Kever discussed the building project that was presented at mass the previous weekend by Father Fleming. This would be a multi-year project with a 12-18 month capital campaign to raise at least 50% of the money needed prior to breaking ground. There is a subcommittee through the parish that has been formed to reach out to parents and parishioners to determine if this is possible in the near future.

Ms Kever and Mr Baranowsky also discussed the fall fundraiser. We had received \$12,000 of the \$15,000 goal, although the overall participation level was low. We discussed having incentives or more student involvement in the future to increase participation. The fundraiser will end November 30. We also discussed possible strategies to reach out to alumni (although PowerSchool does not save old information at this time). It was also suggested that maybe this could be announced at the Thanksgiving lunch.

Board of Education-

Ryan Tyler stated that their meeting will be this coming Thursday, will be discussing the upcoming budget.

Committee Reports

Auction

Jaci Braun and Sadie Trytten gave the Auction update. They distributed Save the Date notes at Family Fun Night for Pius Pride Palooza. The Unit 2 Ice Cream social after the musical went well with over \$500 raised. There are 2 additional community/ fundraising events coming up- a dinner at Raising Cane's on November 20th (15% of sales back to SPX), and jump night at Get Air on November 21st (20% back to SPX). Also an Adult Night Out has been planned for Saturday November 30th at Stormy's with all tips being returned to SPX. There will be a Milk and Cookies social after the Unit 1 Christmas program on December 5th. Announcements will be made to promote the Palooza after mass this weekend and at Trivia Night. Sponsorships have been very successful, with \$12,700 committed so far (goal of \$15,000). Paper invitations to the event will be mailed around November 15. Procurement has started for the silent and live auction.

We also discussed what the auction proceeds would be purchasing this year- likely a communications update with new phone systems for the school and church, new intercoms, and possible linked school and church websites. Would likely cost at least \$25,000.

Birthday Board

No report this month.

Community Building

Events at Raising Cane's and Get Air discussed by Auction committee.

Directories

These are completed, should have gone home with students this past week. Extra directories available for purchase in the office for \$5. This will be communicated in the Wednesday emails.

8th Grade Graduation

No report this month.

Family Fun Night

Ann Shimerdla emailed a report, will plan to present a full review at the December meeting. Appreciated was given to her committee members- Kelly Chapman, Tricia Johnson, and Loretta Smith. There was approximately \$4000 taken in with about \$800 profit after expenses. Online sales through FACTS went well this year- about 50% of families used this option. We also discussed that this event may be moved up to August to combine with the St Pius feast day.

Food Committee

The teachers were well fed during conferences. Thank you to all who donated food also.

Free Money Programs

Lindsay Sweeney discussed the changes to the Bos Top program. Currently they are still accepting both clipped squares as well as digital receipts. The tops submitted last month should have a new profit of about \$300 after verification. The money is sent directly back to the school. There will be another collection deadline for March 1.

Ryan Tyler discussed the Coca Cola Give program. This has been very successful in other Iowa school districts. He will provide us more information so we can decide if this is something we can pursue.

School Showcase

Holy Hands was a successful event with over 30 volunteers. Thanks to all who participated! We discussed the need to increase engagement for events like this also- maybe incentives, name tags, raffles, prizes, etc. Another event will be needed in the spring to clean up after the winter, may need to repaint the lines on the blacktop etc.

Homeroom Parents

No report this month.

School Supplies

No report this month.

SCRIP

Kristi Magneson reported that SCRIP sales are down almost \$53,000 from last year. They have purchased a new sign for the SCRIP table to increase awareness. Holly Russell created a short video explaining how to use SCRIP Now- this can be shared also. Holly also plans to host a Wine and Cheese party to provide info about SCRIP directly to the new/ younger families at SPX (especially Unit 1) that are not current users.

Teacher Treats

No Report this month.

Uniform Exchange

No report this month.

Welcome Committee

No report this month.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned

Motion made by Jenny Jodlowski and seconded by Lindsay Sweeney to end the meeting; motion approved. The next meeting date is December 2.