

St. Francis Home and School Association Meeting Minutes from November 30th, 2017

Call to Order: President Becky Beissel introduced herself, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The meeting began with a prayer given by Becky. She thanked Katie for the snacks and door prize. The door prize was donated by Jill Sears.

Program: We watched a video given by Father Mike Schmitz. It was about how to avoid being ungrateful. It was a good video with a powerful message.

Welcome/ introductions to officers. Mr. Buckel, and Teachers-Ms. Miller and Mrs. Karlstad.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from September 14th 2017 were read by Jennifer VanWatermeulen. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Angie McHardy reported that the association has a balance of \$29,319.00 in the account. Beginning Balance was \$2,000.00. Expenses were as follows H&S \$106.83, Carnival 4,016.15, BoJo's \$112.96, Gala \$4,418.64. The total for all expenses was \$8,654.58. Gala raised \$33,822.47, aluminum cans raised \$216.80, Schwan's raised \$145.30, Carnival raised \$1,200.00, Shoparoo raised \$203.03, Knights of Columbus raised \$315.98, Dues \$70.00. The total income was \$35,973.00. With the \$2,000.00 that was in the account previously the balance is \$37,973.58 Minus expenses of \$8,654.58. Leaving the association with a balance of \$29,319.00. Motion was made to transfer \$27,319.00 to the school account. Motion smade by Anne Pechacek. Anne Matzek second the motion. The motion passed leaving a balance of \$2,000.00 in the H&S account.

Old Business

Fellowship: Jolene Wittenberg reported that the Fellowship has been in place for 2 years now. It is a thank you to the parish for all they do. This will be held on March 24th and 25th. Card will be handed out and there will be refreshments. Renee Peterson made a suggestion to have the children hand out the cards after mass.

Gala: The income was very good raising \$27,400.00 for our school. It was a wonderful night and a lot of fun. Next year we will have this event at the Ridgetop again. The theme will either be masquerade ball or hollywood. Becky thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Schwan's: Anne Pechacek reported that we are still receiving 20% per order, but that will go down to 5% very soon. If you are thinking about ordering please do so soon.

Carnival: This year's theme is Down on the farm. Grand raffle tickets will be sent home Monday in your white envelope. Please watch for them. The generator donation was cancelled do to the hurricane. Grand Raffle prizes are **1st prize** is a Polaris Sportsman Four Wheeler. **2nd** \$1,000.00 in cash. **3rd** Samsung 50" Smart TV. **4th** Yeti Cooler-Tundra. **5th** An Apple IWatch Series 3. **6th** A Chromebook. **7-10th prizes** are \$100.00 cash. The Traditional raffle has some great prizes as well. **1st prize** is \$500.00 in cash. **2nd** is a hoverboard. **3rd** an Amazon Echo. **4th** is a 10' Kayak. And **5th prize** is \$100.00 in cash. Plus there will be many more prizes and a great time to be had at the carnival.

New business:

Principal's Report: Mr. Buckel said the he appreciates his job and loves working at St. Francis. He had some exciting news. St. Francis received an \$18,000.00 grant for the school! It is from an anonymous donor and needs to be used for tuition assistance. It hasn't been decided how the money will be used yet. There will be a tuition increase of \$200.00 per child starting the 2018-2019 school year. The school start times and ending times will be changing. Starting on January 4th 2018 the new start time will be 8:05-3:25. He went on to say Denny Langer and Mike Chisholm have been wonderful during this process. You will be able to drop your child off at 7:45AM. He then wanted to remind everyone that the concert start time is changed. The new start time will be 6:00 PM. The church doors will be open at 3:00. Just a reminder there is to be no food or beverage in the church. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the church clean. He also thanked Miss. Miller for stepping up and performing a liturgy while Father Eric is away.

What's going on in the classroom: Miss. Miller talked about her 1st grade class going to the Children's Museum. They had a great time and it was very educational. She thanked Mr. Buckel for arranging the trip. Her class is now doing their first big writing assignment on their experience at the museum. In math they are learning basic facts to 12. Also they will be starting fluency reads very soon. Mrs. Karlstad spoke about her 4yk class and what they are learning. Right now they are working on letters. They are also learning how to get along with others. They have been eagerly practicing for their winter concert. She also shared that the computer classes will start working on coding bots.

Announcements: The St. Francis shirts came in. Amy Loberg won the door prize. Renee Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ryann Blodgett second the motion. Motion carried.