

St. Francis Home and School Association

Meeting Minutes for April 6th, 2017

Call to Order: Anne Matzek called the meeting to order

Father Eric gave the opening prayer

Program: Vicky Cobian and Lars Loberg spoke about their past experiences from St. Francis. This was in connection with our Words of Wisdom campaign.

Welcome/Introductions to officers, Father Eric, and Teachers-Mrs. Gardas, Mrs. Koch, and Mrs. Penton.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the February 23rd meeting were read by Jessica Puhmann. Minutes approved

Treasurer's report: Thia Rewolinski read the treasurer's report. Beginning balance as of 2/23/17 was \$2,000. Home and School expenses were \$790.40. Aluminum cans raised \$218.80. Carnival raised \$60. Kula Awards raised \$51.89. This leaves a balance of \$1540.29. No transfer is needed at this time.

Old Business:

Greater Giving: Anne Pechacek informed the group of this software program's use this past year for donations. Discussion was conducted on continuing this next year. A paper ballot will go out in May for parents to vote on options.

Announce New Officers: Congratulations on next year's officers! They are:

- Angie McHardy-Treasurer
- Jen VanWatermeulen-Secretary
- Katie Feuerhelm- Vice President

Walk for Virtues: Date is May 5th with a rain date of May 12th. Volunteer signup sheets are in this week's white envelope

Uniforms: Thia Rewolinski delivered a presentation of the pros and cons of school uniforms. An online monkey survey is open for parents to vote. All are encouraged to complete this survey.

Fundraising Expectations for Parents: Becky Beissel spoke of expectations written up so families are aware of expectations with school fundraisers. Families will be able to vote if they approve or disprove of these expectations.

School Administrator/Principal's Report: Mrs. Gardas

- The new science series curriculum was introduced
- Walk for Virtues 5th grade challenge. Each student is challenged to obtain \$100 each in pledges. If they achieve this, they will be rewarded by going to Dairy Queen for ice cream.
- Dare Graduation for the 5th grade class is May 17th at 1:30 pm
- Valley Fair trip for 5th grade is June 2nd.
- Mass of Completion: This mass will include all the classes. In the past, the fifth grade class had their own day.

New Business:

Quick survey on Meeting Times: A survey was taken for preferred meeting times. The information was given to Becky Beissel for consideration for next year's meetings. If you have feedback and were not at the meeting, you may email her your time and day of the week preferences.

Alumni: Becky Beissel asked for address from past alumni. Please contact Becky with these addresses.

Friends of St. Francis: Please remind friends and family donations are always welcome. There is not an end period for donations.

Vote on Ad Hoc Committees & Voluntary Fundraisers:

- Alumni and Friends of St. Francis will continue, but will merge.
- Technology will be omitted as it is being managed by Ms. Hayes.
- Marketing will continue as it necessary to keep enrollment going.
- Donations will continue for fundraisers and donations.
- Bylaws will be omitted they were completed this year.

Motion was made for these Ad Hoc Committees changes by Shari Turvaville. Tina Paider seconded the motion. Motion approved.

- Cheese Curd Festival: Becky Beissel

This is on June 23rd & 24th. This year St. Francis Church and School, joined the Ellsworth Chamber. This allows school and church families to volunteer at the Cheese Curd Festival. The Chamber gives the Church/School money for those who volunteer their time. Sign up to come soon. This will be a voluntary fundraiser for St. Francis.

- Watkins: Shari Turvaville

Per last year's vote to end this fundraiser, it will be given to another fundraising group. St. Francis youth group will be asked if they would like to manage this fundraiser. Other local groups are welcome to inquire about taking it over, as well.

Motion was made to approve the voluntary fundraiser changes by Jen VanWatermeulen. Anne Pechacek seconded that motion. Motion approved.

Select carnival theme options for the students to vote on: Anne Matzek

Many themes were discussed. The three voted to send to the students for their approval are: Smurfs, Movie Theme, and Down on the Farm. Renee Peterson motioned to approve these votes. Anne Pechacek seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Announcements: Anne Matzek

Outgoing families that we want to thank for their volunteer support:

Kalen Berns-Parents: Anthony and Jennifer Berns

Logan Brand- Parents: Mary and Steve Brand

Maria Harrington- Parents: Dan and Sara Harrington

Cory Jahnke- Parents: Ben and Marcia Jahnke

Nicolas Kemmerer- Parents: Troy and Amy Kemmerer

Karissa Kollbaum- Parents: Kyle and Rae Lynn Kollbaum

Bayla, Dawson and Brinkley Langer-Parents: Troy and Megan Langer

Gabriel McChane-Parents: Chad and Rachel McChane

Kehan O'Neil-Parents: Jason and Whitney O'Neil

Leo Parmeter-Parents: Sean and Amy Parmeter

Motion was made by Anne Pechacek to adjourn the meeting. Jen Vanwatermeulen seconded the motion.

Door Prize was won by Angie McHardy