



**Home and School Meeting Minutes**

***Thursday, September 15, 2022***

**7:00 p.m.**

**Parish Hall**

<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Presenter(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Time Limit</u></b>	<b><u>Action Items</u></b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Elise Gregory		
President Elise Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. Introductions were completed.			
<b>Opening prayer</b>	Father Olson		
Father Olson said an opening prayer.			
<b>Approval of April Meeting Minutes</b>	Emily Loberg	2 minutes	
Secretary Emily Loberg shared the last meeting minutes from April 28, 2022. The minutes were approved by Bri Gaard with a 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Amy Loberg.			
<b>President's Update</b>	Elise Gregory	5 minutes	
President Elise shared a 2022/2023 calendar of events for Home and School (see attachment). The Bylaws were also shared with the committee. Tom Wisniowski and Shari Turvaille offered to update these bylaws. If you have any edits, please contact Shari or Tom.			
<b>Principal's Update</b>	Mrs. Swanson	5 minutes	
<p>Mrs. Swanson shared a school update with the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The school currently has 76 students.</li> <li>-The 3-5 team is going well. Each grade still is taught their core classes by grade, but the 3-5 grades join together for physical education, STEM, and music.</li> <li>-Mrs. Swanson is working on staff training and assessments to provide feedback to the teachers.</li> <li>-Many great events are planned for the year, including: Day of Service, time in the Fab Lab, a Science Museum Assembly, See you at the Pole, the fire department coming for fire safety training, and 14 ukuleles were purchased for the music program.</li> </ul>			
<b>Teacher's Report</b>		2 minutes	
<p>Ms. Hanley is new to St. Francis and is currently teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Ms. Hanley is completing her student teaching, but is being mentored by Mrs. Swanson. She is also part of the 3-5 teaching team.</p> <p>Mrs. Esterby is teaching preschool.</p> <p>Mrs. Busse is teaching 4YK and physical education.</p> <p>So far, the school-year is going really well according to the teachers.</p>			
<b>Treasure's Update</b>	Tom Wisniowski	15 minutes	Approval of 2022/2023 budget
Treasurer Tom Wisniowski shared the proposed budget for the 2022/2023 school year. New for this year, H&S outlined some specific funding needs (see attached) in addition to budgets for each fundraising committee – golf tournament, Eagle Edition, Carnival, Gala, and Walk for Virtues. This budget was approved.			
<b>H&amp;S Annual Dues</b>	Elise Gregory	2 minutes	
President Elise Gregory asked the committee if collecting H&S dues was necessary. Historically, H&S asked \$5-\$10 for dues every year. This money goes toward funding classroom needs or covering classroom expenses. After discussion, it was agreed that H&S would move forward with H&S dues for the 2022-2023 school. Each family will be asked to donate \$10.			

<b>Carnival Update</b>	Mandee Brenner Ashley Herbert	5 minutes	
A large carnival event will not be held this year. The committee is planning to resume the event in the fall of 2023. They are planning a smaller event during Catholic Schools Week for students only. Grand raffle tickets will still be sold and sponsorship letters will go out.			
<b>Gala Update</b>	Amy Loberg	5 minutes	Save the date: Saturday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>
The gala theme is School of Rock to celebrate the school's 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. Dueling pianos are booked and the event will be held in the parish hall. Save the date for Saturday, April 22, 2023.			
<b>Golf Tournament Update</b>	Mark Matzek	5 minutes	
Mark was unable to attend the H&S meeting. H&S members who attended the golf outing said the event went well and the rain held off.			
<b>Giving Tuesday</b>	Amy Loberg	2 minutes	
Amy Loberg shared an update on Giving Tuesday, which is held on November 29, 2022. This is an event that encourages donors to contribute to St. Francis Elementary through an online platform. Amy will coordinate this for 2022, but she is seeking a volunteer to take this over in 2023. The school will decide what the donated money will be utilized for.			
<b>Power of 100-Ellsworth Impact Award</b>	Amy Loberg	2 minutes	
Amy Loberg shared about a new initiative in the community. The Power of 100-Ellsworth is a local community program that awards grants to local organizations. They are currently accepting applications for a \$10,000 impact award, and Amy encouraged the school to apply for this grant.			
<b>Walk for Virtues</b>	Bri Gaard	1 minute	
Bri Gaard shared that the 2023 Walk for Virtues will be held on May 5, 2023 with a rain date of May 12, 2023. Bri will book the track for the event.			
<b>Eagle Edition Update</b>	Elise Gregory	2 minutes	
Elise Gregory is coordinating the 2022 Eagle Edition. This is an outreach piece or newsletter that covers information about the School and gets mailed to all St. Francis church members, school families, and donors. A small committee is working on the newsletter and it will go out the end of October or early November.			
<b>Glow-in-the-dark Dance</b>	Elise Gregor	3 minutes	Save the date: Friday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>
The H&S was planning on hosting a glow-in-the-dark dance in October. However, after further discussion, it was decided to move this event to later in the year since so many other events were occurring around the same time.			
<b>Seasonal School Gatherings</b>	Elise Gregory	3 minutes	
The Happy Earth Orchard offered to host the St. Francis School and their families on Saturday, October 8 <sup>th</sup> . More details Will be coming out soon.			
<b>Roundtable discussion</b>	All	5 minutes	
-St. Francis School will participate in the Homecoming parade on Friday, September 30. Ashley Herbert has a trailer and Mike Baker will haul the trailer with his pick-up. There is no school on this day. Students and parents will gather before the parade to decorate the trailer. Specific times will be coming out soon. -The St. Francis Church is celebrating their Jubilee Anniversary. A celebration will occur on Friday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> at Tattersall Distillery in River Falls. Tickets can be purchased online. Contact Amy Loberg with questions.			
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 8:43PM by Mike Baker with a 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Ladonna O'Neil.		

