

# Saint Mary's Council ~ MINUTES

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Meeting date | time 4/18/2016 6:30 PM | Meeting location School Library

Meeting called by Sandra Bauer-Heinz

Attendees: Cathy Vanclieaf, Ron Rawlins, Katie Rowe, Sarah Caswell, Cheri Webster, Greg Avdeef, Sandra Bauer-Heinz, Trevor Saari, Catherine Zacal, Vicki Perentisis, Michelle Gardiner

Minutes Taken by Sarah Caswell

## AGENDA TOPICS

Cathy opened the meeting with a prayer related to Catholic Education Week.

Trevor motioned to approve March Minutes, and was approved by Sandra.

### FINANCIAL REPORT: - Vicki

-Vicki handed out detailed summaries of financial statements for this year, showing a closing balance of \$20,944.81 as of April 15, 2016.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

	Person responsible	Deadline
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<b>SOCIAL:</b> Intermediate fun night scheduled for Monday June 20th from 3:30-5:30pm. Cathy will ask these students closer to the date what games they would like. Sandra mentioned that Greg isn't the point person on this event, as it's his busy season, so other volunteers for this event are requested.	-	-
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<b>FUNDRAISING:</b> Upcoming "Showcase" – Tuesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Updates: Mr. Foxcroft's class is doing 2 gift baskets. Katie has a list of those families that donated last year, and will be contacting to see if they would consider donating again. The event time is set for 4:30-6:30pm to coincide with the BBQ and Book Sale. Discussed set-up...won't know until that day as to if it will be inside or outside. Ron, Trevor, Sandra and Katie agreed to meet at the school between 3:30-3:45pm to set up the tables...can't do it too early, as it is a busy time with end of school, bussing, etc. Other jobs will be assigned that night before the auction closes, so if you are available to help, please offer. Also will need help with clean up.	ALL	-
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<b>SCHOOL/PARISH PARTNERSHIPS:</b> Next Family Mass scheduled for Sunday May 1st. There are 19 students who will be receiving their first communion that day also. May 1 <sup>st</sup> the time changes for the services: 9am for Baysville and 11am for Huntsville. There has been lots of positive feedback on the family mass. Father John would be happy to bless family's houses if they wish. The church is doing a parish directory and if families are interested in being included to contact Mary Kudrick.	Cheri	
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<b>PARENT COMMUNICATION TOOLS:</b> Mrs. Baumgart spoke to Sandra about starting a Twitter Account for the school. Council voted in favor of this.	-	-

**CURRENT COUNCIL OBJECTIVES:**

	Person responsible	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Playground Update-</b> Cathy said that Plant Services approved the project. Cathy was asked to submit a summary on why the cheapest option for equipment was not chosen. She has also been in touch with Ab at Board regarding the \$5000 they are contributing to the cost, and that is still a deal. Just waiting on official “go ahead” from Board before getting the purchase order for the equipment. Hopefully by next meeting we will have approval and the purchase order can be put through for the equipment. Based on timing between ordering and delivering we will then have an idea as to when the installation will happen.</li> </ul>	Cathy	ASAP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Family Health &amp; Wellness Night (April 7) – Attendance</b> not that great – only 19 families, but likely due to cancellation from week prior. Message from Carol: It was a great event, she was happy to have attended, and a big thanks to those that helped out.</li> </ul>	-	-

**CHAIR’S REPORT:**

-Huntsville Library is offering school’s a program to share e-books. The Friends of the Library will cover a portion of the costs. Program starts now and finishes at end of this calendar year. There was some discussion that perhaps with the break of summer in there, it might not be worthwhile. Have deferred to discuss again at next meeting.

-Please bring any ideas for next year to our final June meeting so that we can discuss and put a plan in place for the next school year.

Katie mentioned a Discount card for a fundraising idea. People would buy it to get discounts at various participating retailers. She offered to do most of the leg work for getting it together. There was some discussion that we had done something similar in the past that did not prove to be worthwhile. However, perhaps it was the method in which it was carried out, and this idea is a bit different so let’s discuss at next meeting.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

-School Mass on April 26 @ 10:45am – all are welcome

-Rosary Apostolate continuing until May when there will be a special Marian celebration

- Had very powerful moving Stations of the Cross presented by MaryAnn Smith's class on the Tuesday after Easter – students moved from one station to another throughout the school.
- Have a number of initiatives to support Earth Week (which we agreed to run next week due to the ground conditions) Green, Blue and White day, poster contest; Earth Day assembly, Litterless / Boomerang lunch, Lights out for Lunch, and Neighbourhood Clean-Up; continuing with ink cartridge recycling, Bags2Schools textile collection, battery collection – children learning to be stewards of the earth.
- Confirmation students, First Communion and First Reconciliation students have been meeting weekly with Father John and are supported by Cheri Webster and Monica Park re: preparation for these sacraments (Reconciliation April 23, First Communion May 1, Confirmation June 5)
- Father John baptized 5 students this past Sunday with 6 more next Sunday.
- Catholic Education Week is May 4-8 "Opening Doors of Mercy" – family BBQ & Book fair and talent auction; Muskoka Parry Sound Community of schools mass @ St. Dom's.
- Primary floor hockey is wrapping up
- Drama group is going to see "Grease" on Sat. April 30, 2016
- Race of the Readers competition is on May 9 with intermediate and junior teams competing against other school on their knowledge of the set of books they each read.
- Mr Foxcroft has started a running club for intermediate students on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch.
- Canadian author of fantasy stories for youth, Danika Dinsmore will be visiting Saint Mary'

**Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> is next meeting at 6:30pm. Decided against meeting in May, since only a couple weeks away, and we have the "Showcase" that week.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.