

Saint Mary's Council ~ MINUTES

Meeting date | time 11/2/2015 6:30 PM | Meeting location School Library

Meeting called by Sandra Bauer-Heinz

Attendees: Cathy Vanclieaf, Ron Rawlins, Katie Rowe, Sarah Caswell, Father John, Cheri Webster, Greg Avdeef, Catherine Zagal, Sandra Bauer-Heinz, Neil Long, Anthony Asturi, Lynda Cranney

Minutes Taken by Sarah Caswell

AGENDA TOPICS

Meeting was opened by Cathy, who introduced Father John and Father said a prayer.

Motion to approve October Minutes was made by Sandra, approved by Neil and seconded by Anthony.

REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Funding for skis from JumpStart – there is a new Director at JumpStart, and so a grant application must be submitted. Lynda is hopeful that we will have additional skis for this winter.	Lynda	ASAP
Shorts & Jerseys- Has order been put in by Monica Park? – Anthony was to follow up – <i>Anthony will follow up.</i>	Anthony	ASAP
Students Report – Caleigh Wagland has been chosen as representative – not present at this meeting.	-	-

FINANCIAL REPORT: - Postponed until next meeting – Vicki Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:	Person responsible	Deadline
SOCIAL: nothing planned until Social at Christmas Concert-discuss at December meeting.	Greg	December
FUNDRAISING: Katie spoke to Manager at Kelsey's Restaurant about having a St. Mary's night either the 15 th or 22 nd of November (both Sundays)...The Knights have a spaghetti dinner on the 22 nd . so to avoid a conflict, council decided on November 15 th . The Manager said he will be better prepared this time, as the last time was unexpectedly very busy, never had such a turnout from a school. Decided that there would be 2 kids per half hour to help host/hostess from 5-8pm. This way the servers will not be slowed down with shadowing. Will put a note out to families if their children want to sign up for a shift, first come, first served.	Sandra/Katie	15 th of November
Chocolate Bar Sales: About 30 cases have to be returned. The final \$ amount has not been calculated, but overall it looks very positive.		
SCHOOL/PARISH PARTNERSHIPS: Feedback from staff on	Cheri	-

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Person responsible Deadline

emails regarding the following:

Agendas- all in favor – Yes!

Christmas Parade Float – Yes in support of it.

“Showcase”-Some teachers did not submit their expenses, some felt that they didn’t get back what was put into the project, along with the time that was spent on it, as it took away from regular class time. Since it was meant as a group project they can’t make it part of the art curriculum or give individual marks. Teachers are in favor of doing it again, maybe we need more parent volunteers to assist within the classrooms for the projects. Council decided to do it again during Catholic Education week / BBQ – early May time-frame.

PARISH: Cheri had discussed with Father John about school mass for families one evening in February. Perhaps council could provide cookies and coffee? Father John commented on the children and how wonderful their singing was at the school mass. He would like to see a Family mass celebrated one Sunday a month, either the 1st or last Sunday of the month. He mentioned a Christmas mass for Children. He mentioned Maria Downey & a few friends who are part of the Net Ministry and he would like to see a group started up for grades 5-8. The parish would look after the associated costs.

Cheri / Father John -

Questions asked to Father John: What about holding confession at the school? – He said that confession is different for kids than the adults....maybe at Christmas and Easter, along with a priest colleague. What about a Faith Retreat? He suggested perhaps a guest speaker who could speak to kids in Grade 8, and tie in with Confirmation.

PROPERTY: Hilltop came to the school and advised that what we are looking for is not what they can provide. They recommended a company in Sundridge. Lynda will connect with Cathy on a time to meet. Cathy advised that we will need other quotes, and Global Industries was recommend to look into.

Lynda DEC.

HEAD CHECKS: A new lead person is needed to continue.

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CURRENT COUNCIL OBJECTIVES:

Person responsible Deadline

- **Update on Mr. Foxcroft’s Eco Project-** Cathy has suggested he ask for an extension in which to receive the funding, due to the delay in getting information from the board. There is now an extensive list of items from the board that must be looked into.

Cathy ?

- **Communication** – Michelle has been given the guidelines in which to set up Facebook. Unsure of the timeframe that she has to go through the process.

Michelle ?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bussing – Seems to be okay except for one bus coming in at bell time. Cathy advised that she put an email out to parents, on how to get notifications from the bussing company relating to bussing changes, etc. | Cathy | - |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Playground – Ga ga pit has been installed. Katie will take picture this week for thank you's to those that were involved in making it happen<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cathy ordered dice for the Snakes & Ladders game.- New climbing equipment on hold until the spring. Chris Maw has no time this fall for installation...we will have time for paperwork, etc. to be completed. | Katie / Sandra | ASAP |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music Enrichment – Dance Academy is \$3/per student/per hour. Dance Project – Casey wants to find out more about the expectations before putting in bid. Focus is on dance to fit the curriculum, for example, hip hop. Also potential for dance to fit into winter electives. Grace was absent, but was going to look into price on Northern Lights Steel Orchestra. | Cathy / Anthony / Grace | DEC. |

CHAIR REPORT:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Santa Claus Parade – The Knights have approximately 10 guys signed up to help decorate at 2pm on the 27th at the school. They will bring the tree, candies and generator. They are looking for donations of lights. Maybe have 4 or 5 older students to help with the lights. Students can be dropped off at float and picked up at end of parade. Looking into having children singing carols and Mr. Howard playing and/or Mabelle's drama group. | - | - |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Health & Wellness Night: Planning underway...<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Katie spoke to Motivations and they are willing to run a Zumba / Yoga session that evening.- Sandra to f/u with Kim Newberry in regards to support from the Health Unit.- Lynda has a contact through youth and family services for substance use and abuse.- Mrs. Begg possible contact for "mindfulness" session- Potentially invite the Knights to have a booth to advertise what they do, along with the Catholic Women's League possibly.- Discussed potential date for event, to be at beginning of April on a Tues/ Wed or Thurs, and came up with <i>Thursday April 7th from 6-8pm.</i> | Council | - |

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Dental screening JK/SK, grades 2, 4, 6, 8 occurring this week.
- Grades 7 & 8 visiting St. Dom's this week
- Nov. 9th Legion is coming to school for short assembly
- Grades 1-8 going to Cenotaph on November 11th
- 3-way conferences (parent/student/teacher) taking place on Nov. 19th/20th.
- Grades 7/8 going to Tiffin Centre for environmental field trip on Nov. 18th
- November virtue is Peace – Mabelle is working on having 1 or 2 kids do some readings for announcements
- Food orders for Monday's will be discontinued after November
- Basketball practices are still going on
- School Mass on Nov. 24th
- Working on getting Winter Elective information together.

Monday, December 7th is next meeting at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.