

Parents Club Meeting Agenda August 27, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Room A

Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

1. Introductions/ Welcome/Prayer Dykstra/Rapps

2. Treasurer's Report Blake Patterson - Blake will hand out copies of the current treasurer's report at each month's parent's meeting. Current cash is about \$25,000. A \$60,000 check for Birdies for Charity should be coming to us in November. The current Clever Touch bill after donations is \$31,000. Once the Birdies to Charity check comes we will need to pay the church back the \$31,000 that was borrowed for the Clever Touch. Blake also mentioned that we have gone over budget by about \$56,000 since 2013/2014. Blake proposed a small financial committee of parent volunteers to look through all financial matters this coming winter. It was also mentioned that we should make sure we are using our 501c tax exempt status when buying things. It's estimated that we spent \$3,000-\$5,000 in taxes, unnecessarily. It was mentioned that we make sure people have the paperwork for our 501c status when making purchases.

3. Secretary's Report Kimber Cartwright- Reviewed the May minutes and several teachers stated that the current social studies textbooks are outdated by 10 years. New text books will now be purchased for 2019-2020 school year.

4. School Report Mrs. Hofer - The first few days of school have gone well. Clever Touches are installed.

Aug 28- Bus Drill

Sep 3- No School

Sept 17- Oct 5 Iowa Assessment Testing for grades 3-6

Sept 21- 5th & 6th Grade Springfield Trip

Sept 28- No school for St. Malachy only- Diocesan Teacher Institute

Sept 28- GHS Homecoming 2 hour early out

Safe environment training is now online, any one who works with the children must take it. To access the training go to Stmalachy.org and the link is on the home school page. Family resource tab and then under safety.

New documentation regarding administering medication is required from the diocese, so if you have not provided the updates forms to the school, please do.

5. Old Business

- a. Back to School: We are in full swing. It's going to be a wonderful year!
- b. Summer Works- A small group of parents and kids showed up, the tasks completed include updated painting on drive, spreading mulch, moved plants, and removed bee/wasps nests. Brian Seals suggested heavy duty mats, in high impact areas such as fall zones for swings and slides. They weigh about 60 pounds a piece and each one costs \$150.
- c. Pool Party- There was good turnout, many kindergarten families showed. Fun was had by all.
- d. Kindergarten Mixer- There was a good turn out, and all but about 6 families showed.

6. New Business

- a. Volunteer Sign-ups- lasagna supper, and room parents are still needed, in addition to several other events.
- b. Upcoming September events-Parents Club Coffee & Prayer is rescheduled for October 14th due to a conflict with the space.
- c. Budget Items-There was discussion about potentially purchasing a playground mat to try out. We didn't use any of the playground budget last year, and there is \$500 available.
- d. Fundraising- We are running shorter each year for funding, now other options are being considered. Suggested a Pizza Hut night, and kids could also get their service hours in, potentially doing it during screen free week. The buffet prices are \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids we would receive \$3 for each adult ticket sold, and \$2 for every child ticket sold. It was mentioned to invite the entire parish, to help support the school. Sara will look into it. Suggested Paxton's Corner Coop, however they stated they were too small and overwhelmed with other endeavors. Scratch Cupcake fundraising as well, however there was discussion on there being a long waiting list. Also suggested were the Buffalo Wild Wings, or Orange Leaf fundraising opportunities. The Fareway Friday Cookout was also suggested and Sara will call at the beginning of the year to get on the schedule for 2019. UnityPoint Health is running an online contest Imagine the Amazing. The winning school will receive \$25,000 and there are several \$1,000 winners. The contest runs from Sept 17th- Sept 30th, unlimited amounts of votes possible. It is encouraged that everyone vote the entire time, and encourage others they know to vote!
- e. Lasagna Supper- The board has talked about making some changes, to include the volunteer shortage, changing the date due to sporting conflicts some families have, and

exploring other restaurant catering options. Brian Seals shared that we contracted out to St. Guiseppe's last year and received a discount of \$50 per pan and they are usually \$95 and serve 24-26 people. Brian also stated that he shared his concerns from mishaps from last year to include the pans not being greased appropriately so servings were lost, and the meat/sauce ratio to noodles wasn't ideal. Joe offered to make the lasagnas on site here at the church and offered to stay and make them through the entire event. If he were to do it this way he would expect to be paid \$75 a pan. Two other local businesses were approached and said our event is too big to cater for their business. Several questions came up: What is lasagna supper? Fundraiser or Fellowship event. It was concluded it is a fellowship event with a small fundraising profit. It was also stated that we aren't getting the parental support, for this fellowship event. Nicky Blaser talked about chairing lasagna supper, and how important it is to her and people in the community, she also changed the signage so it wasn't coming across as not just a church event. She is fearful if we get rid of it being a lasagna supper and the tradition it is, people will no longer support the event. A parent spoke up and said the timing in the year is not ideal with other events going on, especially sporting events. How do we make it work? How do we not kill our parents? How do we make a little bit of money? 60% of the sales came from the car line pick up, is this really a fellowship event if people are staying in their car. It was proposed to split the order between several businesses. Potentially moving the date to November 4th, Father Pakula said this may be too busy of a day. Discussion was had about not increasing ticket prices because the food was subpar last year and some patrons didn't even get their meal because we ran out of lasagna. Suggested set meal times, to help with crowd control and keeping up with everything. A vote was taken for doing away with McDonalds style drive through unless an individual has a disability that limits their mobility. Therefore guests would need to walk in and get their carry out meal. We all agreed to move the date to sometime in November, calendars will be checked. Pricing will still be negotiated.

7. Other Business

The Marie Boone family donated \$3,020 to the school from some of the money donated to her memorials. The gift was presented by two of Marie's grandchildren. We are so grateful to the Boone family for this amazing gift in memory of Marie.

8. Closing Prayer/Adjournment Dykstra/Rapps

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next Parents Club meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.