

November Parents Club Minutes

November 29, 2018

Welcome/Prayer - Provided by Dykstra's and Paul Rapps.

Styphanie Palmer presented information regarding a financial need to help support the family rollerskating night. Last year 120 people attended family night. The prices increased about four to five years ago, but St. Malachy school was grandfathered in to the old price. The budget for last year was \$1,400 and \$1,600 to \$1,700 was spent last year. It will cost \$981 to cover the cost for the rollerskating lesson that is provided to the children during their gym class. It will cost approximately \$1,000 to cover the cost of family night. A request will be sent out to families to pay for their family to attend the rollerskating night to offset the cost.

Treasurer's Report - Provided by Blake Patterson. We earned \$4,920 from Birdies for Charity, which was an 8.2% return. We repaid the Church \$37,000 to cover the advance for the Clever Touch purchase. Lasagna supper earned roughly \$7,290. The apparel sales cash and checks have raised \$1,700. The online sales will cover the costs of the shirts and cost to print the logo. Any additional money left over will be turned in. Technology is what we will need to focus our money on next year.

Secretary's Report - Provided by Sara Dykstra as Kim Cartwright was out ill. Reviewed minutes from October, which indicated that technology needs will continue to increase. October coffee raised \$202. Lasagna supper updates were discussed. IA Assessment scores were some of the highest in the Diocese. Tuition study is underway and a survey was sent out, with a response return of 98%. Erin Wyffels is donating her talents for the apparel sales. We will earn \$10 per shirt sold, which is a huge cost savings. Potential fundraising opportunities were discussed. Discussion about using Heaven Sent and to encourage families to use the program.

School Report - Provided by Mrs. Francque. She passed out a tuition and technology handout, which was a detailed explanation of where all of the funds are going. The Parish is donating 50% towards tuition right now and the Diocese has indicated they want this to be closer to 35%. The recommendation for next years tuition would be to increase the Kindergarten tuition to \$2,200 and grades first through sixth would remain the same. Families that are only paying partial tuition are encouraged to pay more to offset the tuition difference. A \$400 donation was received from the Frank and Mafalda LoGiudice - Geneseo Trust. The school received a \$2,500 grant from the Geneseo Education Fund. A grant application was submitted to the Geneseo Communications Charitable Foundation

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and a decision has yet to be made. The family of Brenda VanMeenen (memorial) donated \$1,000 to the school. Advent prayer services will start on December 2, 2018, which will consist of 10 minutes of prayer each morning. Second grade will have their field trip to Circa 21 on December 4, 2018. The school Christmas program will be on December 20, 2018. There will be early dismissals on December 20 and 21, 2018. The end of the first semester will be December 21, 2018.

Old Business

Lasagna Supper Report - Provided by Margo Hone. The event overall was successful and many positive comments were received. A nice thank you card was received from Bruce and Marilyn Boardman stating how nice the event was and how welcoming everyone was. Ticket sales were down \$500 this year. The extra lasagna, sauce, and desserts were sold to raise extra money. A discussion was held about mentoring people to take the spot of chairs or key people as new families come in and older families are preparing to leave the school.

Apparel sales Report - No one from the committee was present, but as noted in the treasurer's report, the sales have been going well.

New Business

Heaven Sent Challenge - Provided by Kristin Wilson. She provided a visual explanation of how Heaven Sent is a crucial piece to raising money. Any money earned is split between the school and Parents Club. Families need to establish habits of using Heaven Sent throughout the year. The Christmas challenge is asking families to spend \$200 on Heaven Sent gift cards. Discussion was held regarding the reason it is not used as much as it could be. All of the cards are in inventory in the church office, so there is a quick return once purchased. If all of the families can commit to the challenge, then the children will have a pajama day to include donuts and juice on January 11, 2019. Discussion was held to create a sub-committee of Parents Club to market Heaven Sent.

Kindness Challenge - Tabled by Mrs. Francque.

Christmas Caroling - Will be held on Friday, December 14, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at local retirement homes. More information will be sent out next week.

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Christmas room parties - Will be held on December 21, 2018, from 1-2 p.m.

There will not be a December meeting. The January meeting will be held on Monday, January 18, 2018.

Closing prayer by Paul Rapps.