

Holy Family Home and School Association
(Unapproved) Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2016

Present: Casey Spychala, Tina Meyer, Barb Fischer, Bonnie Massmann, Joan Scherping, Ryan Scherping, Heidi Eiyneck, Angela Rushmeyer, and Jill Roerick.

Call to Order: Chair Barb Fischer began the meeting at approximately 7:05 and Bonnie led us in prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. Angela made a motion to approve the agenda. Tina seconded.

Approval of Minutes from November, 2015 Meeting: Tina made a motion to approve the Minutes from the November, 2015, meeting. Angela seconded. Minutes approved as written.

Review of Finances: Bonnie handed out a spreadsheet of the budget for review. It was mentioned that John Krebs is the new chair for Catholic United Financial. CUF would like Holy Family to have a specific intention for the funds that are raised from CUF breakfasts. If funds are used on something specific, the funds will not show up in the budget. In the past the school has used the funds to pay current bills. Bonnie will discuss this again at their next meeting in February. One possible idea mentioned is putting the money towards added security (school board is working on improving security). Bonnie also mentioned that CUF is looking at having their breakfast for this calendar year in April. It was mentioned that it will probably be difficult to find enough workers since everyone is currently all signed up for fundraisers. CUF mentioned that they could possibly provide the workers if Holy Family School took care of presale tickets. Discussion was held on whether to continue with all breakfasts or to reduce the number of breakfasts. It was mentioned that there are faithful community members that continue to come. If the number of breakfasts was reduced, the profits would have to be made up elsewhere.

SCRIP: Casey is taking SCRIP over for Tina and working with Joan Scherping. A lot of SCRIP was sold before Christmas. The quarter runs from December – February. It was noted that Teals SCRIP can also be used at Teals Liquor. Mills Fleet Farm will also continue the SCRIP program despite being sold.

Breakfasts: Kurt and Tanya Rothstein will be taking over for Ryan as the new breakfast co-chairs. Darryl and Heidi Eiyneck will continue to chair also.

Catholic Schools' Week: Bonnie mentioned that there are a lot of activities planned for Catholic Schools' Week which is the first week of February. The theme is "Spirit". A bounce house will be set up in the gym and classes will take turns going over for this. Because there were enough volunteers, there will be mini courses on Wednesday. On Thursday priests from the area parishes will come to visit and eat lunch with the kids. On Thursday or Friday there will be a movie. A listing of events will go home to families. There will be hospitality after the Catholic Schools' Week mass on Sunday, January 31, 2016.

Snow Ball Night: Bonnie mentioned that currently it is hard to predict where we are at with the sale of dinner and raffle tickets. After January 25th, dinner tickets will be \$25.00. There will be information in the Enterprise regarding Snow Ball. It was noted that the Enterprise has been a great help with this event. It was noted that Paul's Par-A-Dice did not charge a rental fee and is only charging HFS \$10.00 per plate. Joan will be on KASM on Friday talking about Snow Ball. Melissa Gerads has previously been on KASM. It was mentioned that the class projects have turned out awesome. There are pictures on the portal. It was also mentioned that Paul's Par-A-Dice will be nicely decorated for this event. There have been some generous donors and the community seems excited for this event.

CUF Raffle: The kickoff for the raffle was last Friday. Tickets were sent home. The CUF Raffle originated in Minnesota and has spread to North Dakota and South Dakota. The three top selling schools will receive \$3,000 (based on number of tickets sold per student).

School Dance: Bonnie reported that everything is coming together for the school dance. It will be held on Friday, February 5th, after school. A variety of games are being planned this year. There will also be some prizes from the AR store and carnival collection. The dance will last longer this year and end at 6:00. Rachel Blenker and Tara Peterschick are chairing this event.

Feb. Conference Dinners: School conferences will be held on February 8th and 9th. Discussion was held and a menu was put into place.

2016-2017 Officers Recruitment: Open Home & School officer positions will be discussed at the next meeting in April.

2016-2017 Budget/Fundraising Events: The current bank balance was noted. Bonnie went over the remaining income line items that will be coming in. She pointed out that the individual numbers were on the conservative side. Adjustments can be made to some line items. We will have a better idea on numbers after the CUF Raffle and the Snow Ball. It was also mentioned that Ryan Voz will be chairing the 5K. Estimated remaining expenses were also discussed. Bonnie explained which income numbers for the fundraisers were adjusted for 2016-2017 (breakfast income was lowered, and Pioneer Days was increased). The total budgeted income amount is \$85,310. The parish subsidy will be less. There will be a 3% increase in tuition for the upcoming school year. The General Budget needs to be finalized in April.

Update Required Volunteer Commitments/Work Slot Values: Bonnie explained handout regarding number of work slots. There are approximately 70 school families and 420 work slots. 100 slots go unfilled or are covered by families doing more than their 6 slots.

Spirit Wear Survey: A survey will be sent home to see when parents would like to do another spirit wear sale.

Teacher Wish List: The electric pencil sharpeners are wearing out in the classrooms. The approximate cost to purchase good quality sharpeners is \$500.00. Home & School agreed to purchase new sharpeners.

Popcorn Machine Suggestion: Having Home & School purchase a popcorn machine to use at school events was discussed. The popcorn machine used for the dance is the Credit Union's. The cost to purchase ranges from \$50.00 - \$260.00. A good commercial machine pops 5-6 gallons of popcorn. Bonnie is going to check with Tom Griffin to get his opinion on what would be a good kind to purchase.

Other: There are cookbooks remaining for sale. After the successful bouja sale this year, the possibility of having two bouja sales next year was discussed. These should be scheduled at April's meeting.

Adjourn: Joan made a motion to adjourn. Casey seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Next Meeting: April 19, 2016.

- Submitted by Jill Roerick, H & S Secretary