

**Holy Family School Home and School Association
(Unapproved) Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2011**

Present: Bonnie Massmann, Laura Schmitz, Gina Burg, Jen Boom, Anne Gourde, Karla Zierden, Lori Ehlert, Pam Mareck, Joan Scherping, Tina Meyer

Call to Order: President Laura Schmitz called the meeting to order at 7:00am and Bonnie Massmann led us in prayer.

Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2011 Meeting: Anne made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2011 meeting. Joan Scherping seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Karla Zierden made a motion to approve the Agenda with the following additions- Bar Bingo and Details regarding an Activity at School. Laura Schmitz seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Bonnie Massmann handed out a spreadsheet outlining the current budget for everyone's review.

SCRIP Update: Tina Meyer report that she is working on getting Scrip available online but it is quite a process to set up. A list of Great Lakes Scrip retailers is going home in the parent packet so that parents can have over 500 retailers to choose from when fulfilling their gift-giving needs in the next couple months. The current quarter ends at the end of November.

Breakfast/Fish Fry Update: Bonnie Massmann reported that the Catholic United Financial breakfast brought in \$3,700 which is almost half of our budgeted income for breakfasts. We have 3 school breakfasts yet this year to reach our budgeted income. Joan Scherping reported that everything is under way for the December breakfast. Some discussion was held regarding increasing the breakfast prices. Tina Meyer made a motion to increase the breakfast prices as follows: K-6 \$5, Adult \$8, Senior Citizen (62+) \$7. Laura Schmitz seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Tina Meyer reported that she will check around with other local establishments regarding setting a fish fry date that doesn't conflict with other local fish fries.

Catholic United Financial Raffle: Bonnie Massmann reported that the tickets are available to sell from 1/13/2012-2/24/2012. Tickets are \$5/piece and all advertising & prizes are provided by CUF. Some discussion was held regarding this selling time frame and this overlapping with the carnival raffle sales. It was decided that we the tickets would be sent home right away when they are available rather than waiting until after the Carnival. A suggestion would be placed in the newsletter to encourage parents to sell the Carnival raffle tickets early.

Carnival Update: The date of the Carnival is February 5, 2012. Raffle tickets are going home on 11/16/2011 so that everyone can start selling over the holidays. Laura Schmitz reported that the committee changed the name of the "Mini Raffle" to the "Individual Raffle" and there are a couple new prizes being offered on this raffle. Karla Zierden reported that we got approval to use the church basement the day of the Carnival so that will allow for more space for the Cake/Goodie Walk and Ring Toss. A thank you was extended to the Booms who volunteered to co-chair.

Accreditation Update: Bonnie Massmann reported that the visit went very well. The Accreditation Report is still coming however she spoke with one of the representatives and there are just a few minor changes they are suggesting. The Team that visited Holy Family was very much in appreciation of the treats and snacks that were provided by members of the Home and School Association.

Classroom Milk Break Snacks Update: Joan Scherping reported that this year's snack plan is going very well and the teachers love it. We will need to collect an additional \$15 from each family after the first of the year in order for snacks to be provided in this fashion until the end of the school year. It was calculated that this costs parents 18-cents per day for their child to have a healthy snack during Milk Break. One of the major benefits of this is that the students are getting fresh fruit and other healthy snacks offered to them other than just crackers and cookies.

Staff Christmas Party: Bonnie Massmann reported that a date is not set yet however she will be having some discussion at the next Staff Meeting and a date will be set for this.

Staff/Teacher Christmas Gift Checks: Tina Meyer reported that the letter is being sent home to parents on 11/16/2011.

Funding Request: Starfall Subscription: Bonnie Massmann reported that the teachers have indicated an interest in this web subscription as it offers wonderful learning opportunities for the students and also great methods for the teachers to track student progress in particular learning areas. The cost to subscribe is \$150 for one classroom and \$270 for the whole school. Tina Meyer made a motion to use the money allocated in our budget under "Teacher Wish List" to pay for this Starfall Subscription leaving over \$300 in the budget for other Teacher Wish List items. Gina Burg seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Looking Ahead to Next Year's Kindergarten Needs: Bonnie Massmann reported that there is currently an interest of 29-32 students wanting to attend Kindergarten in the 2012-2013 school year. Discussion among the School Board has already started regarding adding a second section of Kindergarten. Home and School may need to help with some costs associated with doing so. More discussion will follow on this topic at the January meeting.

School Pictures: Discussion was held regarding taking School Pictures at Open House next year. It was decided that we would give it a try next year and see how it goes. We would ask Ludwig Photo to be available a half hour before the start of Open House and start a half hour after the close of Open House to allow enough time.

Bar Bingo: Pam Mareck Mareck reported that she's had some conversations with the American Legion in Albany where they have offered to get the gambling license and host Bar Bingo where all proceeds would go to Holy Family School. We just need to provide the workers. It was decided that if Pam Mareck is able to organize this prior to our next Home and School Meeting, she would get in touch with the Fundraising Committee of the School Board to coordinate workers as we may want to host a few of these prior to the end of the school year. Bonnie Massmann also mentioned that we have been looking to maybe designate a fund-raiser to Technology needs so that any profits brought in would go straight toward Technology.

Activity at School: Bonnie Massmann reported having spoken with Dennis Warner who wrote the book "Beads on One String" based on his song with the same name and has explored having him come into school to do a performance or two for the students. He can do a performance targeted to the K-3 students and another performance for the students in Grades 4-6. The cost for him to come in and do two performances was \$525. Pam Mareck motioned to have Dennis Warner come in and perform. Joan Scherping seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Joan Scherping made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20. Karla Zierden seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2012

- Submitted by Tina Meyer Meyer