

Holy Family Home and School Association
(Unapproved) Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2015

Present: Vicki Winkels, Kelli Goebel, Casey Spychala, Tina Meyer, Barb Fischer, Staci Kalthoff, Bonnie Massmann, Joan Scherping, Jamie Soenneker, Heidi Eiyneck, and Jill Roerick.

Call to Order: Chair Barb Fischer began the meeting at approximately 7:02 and Bonnie led us in prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. Tina made a motion to approve the agenda with “Home & School Christmas Project”, “Spirit Wear”, and “School Dance” being added. Joan seconded.

Approval of Minutes from September, 2015 Meeting: Staci made a motion to approve the Minutes from the September, 2015, meeting. Jamie seconded. Minutes approved as written.

Review of Finances: Bonnie handed out a spreadsheet of the financial report for review. Fundraising line items were discussed.

Election of Treasurer: Tina Meyer was nominated as Treasurer. All in favor.

Facebook Page: Alisia Soenneker has volunteered to take over Holy Family School’s Facebook account. It was recommended that Facebook should be used more and is a good way to promote and market the school. A parent has been helping with marketing items but there still needs to be someone handling the overall marketing/advertising.

SCRIP: Tina reported that Casey Spychala has been helping with the SCRIP program. Joan will also need someone to assist with the computer work involved with the program. They are expecting a busy holiday season.

Service-a-thon/Rummage Sale/Bouja: The Service-a-thon went very well. It was mentioned that the weather was great and families seemed to have a good time working together. The people that were served were very thankful. Discussion was held whether to continue the Service-a-thon in the future.

The Rummage Sale also went well. There was an increase in shoppers this year. They could use a little more help next year. Future advertising of the Rummage Sale with a larger sign was discussed.

It was mentioned that the Bouja Sale was an awesome idea. There was lots of positive feedback.

Breakfasts: This is Ryan’s last year chairing the breakfasts. There will be a request made for a new chair to be trained in this year. It was suggested to have breakfast chairs on a three year rotation, with a new chair added every year. Bonnie mentioned that there was a discussion with the Parish Council regarding putting guidelines in place so breakfasts can be spread out and scheduled better. The plan has changed for the December breakfast. The profits from the December breakfast will be split with the Faith Formation Program. Catholic United Financial will provide the food. The Faith Formation Program is selling tickets. Holy Family School will still provide workers (currently signed up) along with some workers from the Faith Formation Program and confirmation students. Discussion was held whether to continue having school breakfasts.

Book Fair: Staci mentioned that the cases for the Book Fair will be in on Monday, November 23. It would be great to have at least five people help with setup. The Book Fair will begin on Monday, November 30 – December 8 (online begins on November 18 and ends on December 4). Debbie Moritz is

also chairing the Book Fair. Staci mentioned that they may need extra help during book sale hours.

Cookbooks: There is a case of cookbooks left to sell. They will be sold again this weekend after masses. It was mentioned that the cookbooks turned out very nice.

Advent Calendars: There were 160 advent calendars ordered. Bonnie mentioned that the school is having a living advent calendar each day. It is a secret each day as to which classroom's turn it is. The class selected will do a play, etc., related to the day's reading.

Snowball: Grand raffle and dinner tickets for the "Snow Ball" event/fundraiser will be sent home next week along with a newsletter on what's expected. There will be opportunities for families to sell their dinner tickets after masses. The Buck Band has been booked (sponsored by Albany Family Dentistry). There will be classroom projects as in the past. This year there will be a different project for each class. There will also be classroom baskets. Each classroom will have a theme for their basket. There will be a silent auction, live auction (Dean Mitchell), grand raffle, and 50/50. Dinner will be served from 4:00 – 8:00 with the bank playing from 9:00 – 1:00. Each family will receive two books of raffle tickets and 8 dinner tickets to sell. The goal is to boost this fundraiser in order to cut back on other fundraisers. If "Snow Ball" is successful other fundraising can be revamped in the spring. This would cut down on work slots for the future. It was mentioned that it would be nice to put time and effort into one big event. All of the donors for the various fundraisers could be put into one fundraiser.

CUF Raffle: Bonnie mentioned that everything is on track for the CUF Raffle. Tickets will arrive soon. The prizes currently have not been announced.

School Dance: There will be additional games at the school dance this year. The DJ has been booked. Rachel is chairing the dance part but someone is still needed to handle the rest.

5K: Bonnie mentioned that new chairs are needed for the 5K.

Golf Tournament: The first meeting for the Golf Tournament will be in January or February.

Pioneer Days: The Pioneer Days' food booth was very successful this year. It was mentioned that people had commented on how nice it is that Holy Family has food that isn't fried. This was Dennis Young's last year chairing Pioneer Days. New chairs will be needed to co-chair with Matt and Karla Zierden.

Budget for 16-17: Bonnie mentioned that there will be a preliminary budget prepared for the January meeting. Bonnie would like Home & School's guidance and suggestions when planning for next year. Bonnie mentioned that the parish would like Holy Family to take less out of the endowment so that it can have better growth. There may also be less subsidy from the parish in the future.

Santa Days: It was decided not to have a Holy Family School table at Santa Days.

Field Trip Procedural Changes: Bonnie attended a Catholic School Principals' meeting recently with Catholic Mutual, our liability insurance carrier. There are new guidelines/changes to the procedures. These changes will be mentioned in the newsletter.

Review of Work Slot Values: Bonnie was asked by a parent to review what work slots are worth. Discussion was held. It was mentioned that some slots take a much larger amount of time than other slots. It was also mentioned that it would be difficult to place a value on each volunteer slot. Planning will need to be done in the spring regarding worker slots.

Home & School Christmas Project: Bonnie Holthaus has taken over this project and everything has been organized and sent home to families.

Spirit Wear/Friday Spirit Days: It was discussed whether there should be a Spirit Wear sale before Christmas or to wait until open house for next school year. It was decided to just have the most popular ones available for the next sale.

Other: Discussion was held regarding the future of 6th grade at Holy Family due to the referendum. Bonnie mentioned that there are many different views out there regarding this.

Adjourn: Joan made a motion to adjourn. Staci seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2016.

- Submitted by Jill Roerick, H & S Secretary