

Holy Family Home and School Association
(Unapproved) Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2014

Present: Jennifer Boom, Barb Fischer, Bonnie Massmann, Lori Ehlert, Tina Meyer, Melissa Gerads, Cindy Nienaber, Joan Scherping, Staci Kalthoff, and Jill Roerick.

Call to Order: Jen began the meeting at approximately 7:10 and Bonnie led us in prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved with “Catholic United Financial” being added.

Approval of Minutes from April, 2014, Meeting: Tina made a motion to approve the Minutes from the April, 2014, meeting. Staci seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Review of Finances: Bonnie handed out copies of the financial report for everyone’s review.

As of August 30th, there was a balance in checking of \$39,001.46. Bonnie mentioned that having all the fundraising in one place on the budget is working well and makes things more transparent. The question was raised if Home & School would continue to cover some of the school supplies in the future as was done this new school year. Bonnie mentioned that copy paper, Kleenex, and wipes are already a line item figured into the budget.

Catholic United Financial: Cindy Nienaber spoke on behalf of Catholic United Financial. She mentioned that she would like Holy Family School parents to consider working at the October 26, 2014, breakfast sponsored by CUF. It was also noted that the CUF Raffle (for Catholic Schools) is because of CUF. Cindy said that at the last CUF meeting there was a huge amount of support from CUF members for Holy Family School. She did mention that the group will support the religious ed. program also but would like to continue to support the school even more so. She said because of this support it is important for parents of Holy Family to work at the October 26th breakfast. CUF feels very connected to the school and wants to support it so any help we can give to the CUF breakfast would be appreciated. Bonnie will put a note in the newsletter with a number to contact Ralph Blenker.

Cindy also mentioned the “Gather 4 Good” community event that will take place at the Hemker Zoo on September 28th. This is a free event. The whole family is invited and pre-registering allows free entrance into the zoo. Everyone will help assemble care packages for those in need.

Marketing Committee Report: Bonnie will touch base with the Marketing Committee to see what their plans for the school year are. It was mentioned that they did a great job last year and made a positive difference.

SCRIP: A suggestion was made to have thank you notes to the participating businesses done

through the Service-A-Thon. Tina mentioned that Janel Eibensteiner is also helping with the SCRIP program. Teal's Grocery will be approached to participate in SCRIP after they open.

Pioneer Days: Lori reported that everything went very well. All expenses have not yet been figured in but the stand did at least as well as last year. They had lots of great help. Leftover hot dogs, chips, pop, and water will be used at the Service-A-Thon.

Breakfasts: Sign up for the first school breakfast scheduled for October 5th went very well with most worker slots filled. CUF will also sponsor a breakfast on October 26th.

Service-A-Thon: The Service-A-Thon will be held on Saturday morning, October 4th. It was noted that this year's Service-A-Thon is a family event. After RSVP's come in, teams will be set up. Alumni from the school will serve lunch. Three or four parent leaders are needed per team. More indoor service activities will be planned if rainy. It was mentioned that parents need to come with their children.

Rummage Sale: Melissa mentioned that there is a storage unit already filled with lots of things for the rummage sale. Organizing everything was discussed. Melissa also explained how items would be priced. Discussion was held regarding what will be done with remaining items at the end of the sale. Tina mentioned that there is a need for help on Friday evening to set up. Some of the older students can help with this also during the school day. Plans for lunch at the rummage sale were also discussed.

Carnival (Family Fun Night): Jen reported that Family Fun Night will be held Saturday evening, January 31st, which is the end of Catholic Schools' Week. Bonnie has a list of worker slots. It was noted that the number of worker slots for the Carnival will be pretty close to the number of slots families need to fulfill their total requirement. Many of the same things from the Carnival will still be included, with some new things, such as inflatables in the gym and a photo booth. There will also be adult games. Setup will start at 8:00 on Saturday morning and the event will run from 4:00 – 8:00. Shifts will begin at 3:45. Each class will be responsible for putting together a themed basket which will still be on the silent auction. The sixth grade and Kindergarten will be making quilts. Jen mentioned that there are six people on the committee.

CUF Raffle: Bonnie mentioned that the school was selected again to participate in the Catholic United Financial raffle. The school has to apply every year.

Golf Tournament: The first golf committee meeting will be held in January. They are still in need of a General Chair. Bonnie took care of general chair duties this past year.

Meat Raffles: The first meat raffle will be held Friday evening, September 26th. They are still looking for four volunteer workers.

Snack Program: Joan mentioned that she is always looking for suggestions for the snack program. There currently is a variety of approximately 15 different snacks.

Book Fair: Staci Kalthoff will be chairing the event but they are still looking for another chair. A date for the book fair will be set soon.

Playhouse/Shed Raffle: Melissa mentioned that if a decision is made to build a playhouse again this year the design could be changed. It was also mentioned that it would be a good idea to plan ahead a little more and to build the playhouse during the school year. This past year tickets were sold at various local businesses. It was noted that a lot of tickets were sold after the Heritage Day parade. This year's winner was drawn at the church bazaar. Quite a few people were asking to buy playhouse raffle tickets at the bazaar but it was decided beforehand not to sell tickets at the church bazaar in order to not take away from the bazaar.

Spirit Wear: Discussion was held on whether to sell Spirit Wear again this year. It was mentioned that it would be a good idea to check into having a girl style t-shirt available for ordering.

Conference Dinners: Conferences will be held October 13 and 14. A plan was put into place for staff dinners.

Tupperware/Avon/Advent Calendars: Discussion was held regarding whether to have a sale of Advent calendars. They sold very well last year. The calendars were sold for \$5.00 and were faith-based which seemed to be what people really liked about them. A decision was made to have a sale of the calendars again this year. Four boxes were easily sold last year. It was decided to place an order for five boxes.

Discussion was held on whether to do a Tupperware sale again. Last year's sale did not cost the school anything to do and raised a few hundred dollars. Lucy Thelen made it very easy and did all the work.

Adjourn: Joan made a motion to adjourn. Staci seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Next Meeting: November, 2014.

- Submitted by Jill Roerick, H & S Secretary