Minutes

Holy Name School Home & School Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 | *Meeting called to order by* Erin Becquet, President

# Committee In Attendance

Robin McMullen, Principal

Erin Becquet, President

Christine Rhoades, Vice President

Kristy Knobloch, acting Secretary and Homeroom Parent

Kate Smith - Homeroom Parent

Lindsey McCoy, Nominating

Maribeth Dorsch, Student Enrichment

Jen Saxion, Public Relations

Renee Columbus, Membership

Annalisa McCann, Fundraising

Ashley Cassol, Red/White Sale

# Approval of Minutes

The minutes from January were read and approved.

# Board & Advisory Committee

No changes.

# Budget

The Treasurer, Bryan Hurtack, was not in attendance. He forwarded the treasury balance which is $14,351.00.

# Pastor and Principal’s Report

*Pastor’s Report*

Father Brian was not in attendance, so no pastor’s report.

*Principal’s Report*

* There has not been a date given for when the teachers will be administered the COVID-19 shot yet.
* IOWA testing is happening this week.

# Committee Reports

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* Homeroom Parents
* There’s a balance of $65.23 from the online book fair. We will hold those dollars until we have the book fair in the spring.
* Options for spring Scholastic book fair are in- person and virtual. Kristy suggested for a more successful event to hold in person with extra safety precautions. The committee discussed setting up an in person book fair, but using the outdoors for more social distancing and student safety. Mrs. McMullen suggested mid May, before the 21st. Otherwise, the fair must be held online.
* Kristy also inquired if anyone has seen a Read-A-Thon done as a fundraiser. No one was familiar with the program. She will be getting more information and sharing with the group at the next meeting.
* Nominating
  + Lindsey reported that this year President, Fundraising, Secretary and Homeroom Parent positions are up for nomination. She will prepare in inquiry sheet to try to gauge parent interest in the open positions. We will then review at the next meeting.
* School Enrichment
  + No visitors are allowed to come into the school at this time.
  + Mary Beth is going to follow-up with the gentleman from Prince Gallitzin that is willing to do virtual presentations. She is hoping to get something set up for the spring.
  + Mary Beth also mentioned the Erie Zoo is available to do virtual tours, for a nominal charge. She is going to get more information before the next meeting to share with the group.
  + Mrs. Lykens shared the success of the virtual ROCK program that her students participated in. They attended a class on static electricity, she said there was just a little bit of work on the front end and it was a great success!
* Public Relations
  + Jen shared that the Valentines Day efforts were fruitful. 210 pairs of socks were decorated and delivered to the Homeless Veterans Shelters.
  + There were 350 hearts sent to nursing home residents.
  + Father Brian requested 35 gifts for home-bound parishioners. They were given gnomes and mailboxes filled with Valentines!
  + 60 large mailboxes filled with Valentines went to New Story School students.
  + Four large boxes with treats and Valentines were sent to the troops.
  + 60 gnomes and mailboxes filled with Valentines were sent to Meals on Wheels, as well!
  + Mrs. McMullen will be sharing these numbers with the students tomorrow! All were pleased with the efforts.
  + Future outreach:
    - Jen proposed thanking nursing home and our school’s cleaning staff next. The theme could be ‘We donut know what we’d do without you!’ The students could decorate paper donuts and donuts could be delivered with the cards. There could be a coloring contest with Dunkin’ gift cards for prizes. Mrs. Becquet will check with Lori at the rectory to see if there are funds available to help fund the donut project!
    - Mrs. Lykens mentioned that the Lenten Goal for students is to feed 4,500 people in Haiti! $1 feeds 3 people/day. More info on that effort to come!
* Membership
  + Renee stated that there isn’t much to report with membership. She offered her assistance with any volunteering effort.
* Fundraising
  + The Hawk Walk packets will be sent home with students soon! The Hawk Walk is scheduled for Friday, May 14.
  + We will be doing a Chic-A-FIL drive-thru fundraiser in March. The date will be either March 22 or 23. She will call tomorrow to verify the date and it will be put on the school calendar for March.
  + Mrs. Lykens reinforced that all information can be added to the Facebook page and web site, if sent to her ahead of time.
* Red and White
  + Both red/white sale fundraisers were a success. Ashley is organizing one more for this spring with tank tops and shorts!
* Miscellaneous
  + Mrs. Lykens shared that if parents are looking for a way to help enhance student learning, subscriptions (teacherspayteachers, for example) are a great way to help. There are a lot of services/resources available for a fee!

# Old Business

* Catholic Schools Week successes.
  + Jen shared that Bingo prizes for Catholic Schools were: For the big kids - gobs from Clark Powell's, Pizza and pop coupons from Rik n niks, hopefully families will purchase additional food to support small businesses when they go to cash in their coupons. For the younger kids - Wendy’s key tags and stuffed animals that smell like chocolate.
  + Erin shared that the teachers/faculty/staff were gifted a $25 scrip card of their choice! They were greatly appreciated!
  + All other events were enjoyed by the students and teachers!
* Mrs. McMullen stated that the teachers really appreciated the luncheon and that the teacher lunchroom is currently closed, due to COVID, so that time together was even more special.

# Next Meeting

3/9/21 – Location - Zoom. It will be an Executive meeting.

Erin made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM, Christine seconds the motion.