Minutes

Holy Name School Home & School Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 | *Meeting called to order by* Erin Becquet, President

# In Attendance (via email instead of in-person due to COVID concerns.)

Robin McMullen, Principal

Erin Becquet, President

Christine Rhoades, Vice President

Kristy Knobloch, acting Secretary and Homeroom Parent

Lindsey McCoy, Nominating

Maribeth Dorsch, Student Enrichment

Jen Saxion, Public Relations

Renee Columbus, Membership

Annalisa McCann, Fundraising

Ashley Cassol, Homeroom Parent and Red/White Sale

# Approval of Minutes

October minutes were shared and approved.

# Board & Advisory Committee

No changes.

# Budget

The Treasurer, Bryan Hurtack shared that the new budget was submitted from Carol. Current balance of the treasury account is $26,659.67

# Pastor and Principal’s Report

*Pastor’s Report*

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

*Principal’s Report*

Mrs. McMullen did not share a principal’s report.

# Committee Reports

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* Homeroom Parents – Kristy shared:
  + I completed the Amazon Wishlists for each classroom teacher and the Admin office. I have been receiving a lot of positive responses to the list and 3 thank you notes were sent to the School Council in appreciation for their/our support.  There are, however, a few teachers that have not received any items yet. Two days after the Wishlists were released 26 packages were sent to the office for distribution and more continue to trickle in, so i think it was a very successful effort! I'm hoping parents will use the lists to buy teacher gifts this year and use scrip for a double bonus!
  + Ashley and I chatted earlier this week and decided that a Virtual Book Fair would be a great way to get literacy into the homes of the students for the holidays. I made contact with an individual from Scholastic and the book fair will be starting next week. I sent Mrs. McMullen an email for parent distribution on Monday. Mrs. Lykens posted it to the Official Holy Name Facebook page (which was shared to the parent page) and the Website [holynameschool.net](http://holynameschool.net/).
  + I ordered some "Kindness Coins" from Oriental Trading Company. They are a plastic coin with a metallic coating, Jen and I have been brainstorming ways they could be used. I thought maybe they could be an incentive for a food drive. If you bring in 3 items, you get a kindness coin to add to your classroom total, once you get to XX amount then you get a reward (movie, etc). If anyone has ideas please share, i was hoping to pick your brains while we were together!
  + Another idea Ashley and I were throwing around was having Santa come by sitting on a fire truck. Not sure logistically how that may work, but trying to think of a way to bring some holiday spirit into the classroom. Maybe he could be in the parking lot before school, so the teachers wouldn't have to bring the whole class out later. At the very least, I was going to get candy canes and ask the teachers to distribute.
    - Maribeth stated that she has a contact at the fire hall, if we decide to go that route.
* Nominating
  + No report at this time.
* School Enrichment – Maribeth shared:
  + On November 18th, students in Kindergarten thru 3rd grade will “virtually” meet Author Bethany Marshall and Illustrator Sarah Vogel. This duo created the children’s book “Pickles and Prayer”. The message in the book is that prayer is both simple and powerful.
  + Then on November 24th, students in grades 4 to 8 will “virtually” meet Author Tom Catalano. Tom has written several books full of poetry with topics fitting for youth and teens and a book dedicated to faith inspired poems. He will share many of his poems and talk to the students about his writing process, inspirations and what he does when he has writers block! Tom will be taking orders for his books and will sign each copy that is purchased.
  + Interesting fact…all these Authors live locally!
  + Home and School is also purchasing copies of the books for all the classrooms so the children can explore the books in school.
* Public Relations – Jen shared:
  + We did end up with 1,259 prayer pockets and over 600 fall crafts and 150 treat bags were delivered to the VA.  Thank you so much to everyone, this will spread so much love and joy.
  + As I think about the Christmas Season, I know it is going to be especially hard on those in our local nursing facilities.  One of the activities I’m sure they enjoy the most is having kids come and sing Christmas Carols.  As we all know that will not be possible this year. I was wondering if anyone in this group would be able/willing to make a video?? What if we asked families to sing a song or send a Christmas greeting (from their home) and then email it to the person making the video. We could send this Christmas video to our local nursing facilities for them to stream to the residents. Most of the nursing facilities already have the capability to stream directly into their private rooms.  If anyone would know how to do this and if approved please let me know, I can coordinate and call the nursing homes, I just don’t know how to actually make the video.
    - Erin stated that she like the idea of making a video, as her daughters were disappointed that they didn’t get to perform in a Christmas recital due to COVID. Erin inquired to Christine Rhoades to see if Ron would be willing to help with the video.
    - Lindsey McCoy: Jen great idea. Thank you for your hard work on prayer cards and treat bags. Beautiful prayer which we really need at this time. Have we asked a business to “sponsor” a ticket. It just means they pay for the price of the tickets and the tickets say “sponsored or paid by” whatever business. Free advertising:) just food for thought. Businesses usually don’t mind and it’s a good write off. Maribeth the upcoming activities sound fun! Thank you for the hard work. I have no updates. Honestly I’m just trying to survive life and stay healthy. The hospital is just filled with covid. UMPC Altoona has about a 350 bed capacity.  Approximately 1/4 of the patients in UPMC Altoona right now are there for COVID. Currently, 1/5 for the COVID patients are in the ICU.  1/2 of the ones in the ICU are on the ventilators. We were transferring patients to Pittsburgh because the hospital had no covid beds. It’s a nightmare. Flu season is here too. Very scary. Thank you all for your continued hard work for our kids and school!!! Stay safe everyone.
    - Mrs. McMullen shared “Jen, Wonderful idea. I will ask the teachers who have made the previous videos if they have extra time with the curriculum to make a Christmas video. I’ll keep you posted.”
* Membership
  + No report at this time.
* Fundraising
  + Holiday Scriptacular Ticket:

458 sold  = $9,160  
49 unsold (36 family tickets 13 extra tickets) = $1,225 unearned; Paid $61 for tickets and raised all but roughly $350 of the money used for the prizes  
Roughly $8,750 profit

* + Pie Sale:  
    Pies will be delivered on Friday, November 20 and available for pick up after 1pm in the cafeteria? 680 pies sold = $1,462 profit
  + No other planned fundraisers until after Jan. 1, 2021.
* Red and White – Ashley shared:
  + Christmas spirit sale is going on now through this Friday, Nov 20th. Baseball hats, winter hats, performance t-shirts, fleece jackets, and decals are included in this sale!
* Miscellaneous/New Business - Erin shared:
  + A budget for teacher luncheons should be discussed. She said that she thought that $200 - $250 would be sufficient. Erin proposed that we use Clark Powell’s for the next luncheon, offering the teachers 2-3 options for the lunch.

# Old Business

* Nothing to report at this time.