



Meeting Minutes

St. Patrick's Home & School Association

September 11, 2017 Media Center

Attendance:

Paula Blackledge

Alyson Demman

Kristi Lynch

Stacie Osborn

Erica Sorensen

Melanie Eich

Susie D'Agosto

Stephanie O'Brien

Amy Cook

Jane Chapman

Amy Wiegert

Lindsay Hastings

Kara Hogan-Beller

Christine Kozal

Anne Moeller

Kristin McLaughlin

Shelly Durbin

Crystal Wessel

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Paula Blackledge.

Home & School Prayer led by Paula Blackledge.

President's Report – Paula Blackledge

Paula welcomed everyone and introduced the Executive Committee members. Then, she had everyone introduce themselves and state whether it was their first time at a H&S meeting.

Paula presented a slideshow highlighting the mission and goals of Home & School. It also touched on H&S committees and a number of activities H&S is involved in, as well as projects funded by H&S in the past academic year. Committee chairs that were in attendance provided an impromptu discussion of their committees, including:

Stephanie O'Brien – SCRIP

Jane Chapman – Directory

Crystal Wessel – Food Committee

Erica Sorensen – Used Uniforms

Susie D'Agosto – Yearbook

Anne Moeller – School Supply Kits

Alyson Demman – Spirit Wear, Catholic Schools Week

Stacie Osborn – Elf, Staff Appreciation

Funds from the past academic year were used to purchase kindergarten tables, entry rugs for the activity center and tables for the new cafeteria. H&S also funded the painting of murals in the new gym.

May Home & School minutes approved by Kara Hogan-Beller, seconded by Amy Wiegert.

Paula mentioned that Laura Dwyer the new St. Patrick's Facilities Manager will be at the October meeting to discuss the policies and procedures for reserving space in Parish facilities.

Kristi Lynch discussed St. Patrick's new Parish mission "Seeking True Happiness." Brent Harris from the Parish Pastoral Council met with the H&S Executive committee to request that we focus on the new mission in H&S and find ways to incorporate it into our activities. H&S will be adding the mission to our directory and yearbook. We also believe that it is at the center of everything we do in supporting our school faculty, staff and students.

Vice President's Report – Stacie Osborn

H&S is changing the way we handle dues. This year, every family will pay for H&S membership with their activity fees. A one-time fee of \$25 will be paid by each family through WeShare by the end of September. This will allow all families to be members of H&S, which gives them voting rights, as well as a school directory.

Get Set for School was very successful this year. We had an 83% turnout, which is large, and some believe it may have been because of the excitement for the new principal and activity center. There were 35 tables, and for the most part traffic flowed well. There was a back-up near the Spirit Wear area, so this will be reviewed for next year.

H&S has a new closet located off of the new cafeteria. They are still working to get a sign for the door. It will house used uniforms and H&S supplies. There also is storage space under the stage in the gym that can be used for decorations, signs, etc.

Treasurer's Report – Alyson Demman

We have a \$36,000 operating budget. There are reimbursement forms available on Sycamore and in the office. It's important that people submit expenses to help keep an accurate budget.

Old Business –

Paula discussed a motion made in May to provide the school with \$16,500 for upgrades to the security system. The initial request was made by Mr. Mumm, but the security system is already installed and it's understood that it's been paid for. Melanie Eich also brought up the fact that the Shamrock Stride letter mentioned using funds to help pay for the security system.

Final vote: 12 No, 2 abstained. The motion did not pass.

New Business –

Amy Wiegert discussed changes that are being made in the 7th & 8th grade religion room. Mrs. Menning is changing the furniture and classroom structure to be more casual and a lounge-type setting. After doing some research, Amy and Lindsey Hastings found quality furniture at an estimated cost of \$2,500. They requested funds from H&S, since it impacts a number of students now and will in the future.

Melanie Eich made a motion to provide up to \$2,500 for the 7th & 8th grade religion classroom furniture and supplies to be paid upon invoice. Susie D’Agosto seconded the motion.

Susie D’Agosto presented information on the Yearbook and TreeRing.com. There is a 15% discount for orders now through the end of September. Photos can be uploaded until June 5th. Susie also is looking for yearbook captains for each grade. The captain should have a camera and be able to upload to TreeRing. Anne Moller and Kristin McLaughlin volunteered.

Paula Blackledge presented information regarding Fr. Tom’s upcoming 25th Silver Jubilee. There will be a celebration at the church on October 15th. The expectation is for all organizations within the Parish to provide a gift for the event. Discussion about the amount H&S should donate and possible fundraisers ensued. One possible source of funds mentioned was money from the SCRIP account. Another idea discussed involved making and selling t-shirts for the school children to wear. One hundred percent of proceeds would go toward Fr. Tom’s gift. It was decided that Anne Moeller would contact the planning committee for feedback and take the lead on determining the best course of action.

Committee Reports

Fall Festival – Amy Cook & Crystal Wessel

This year we added four new bounce houses, a toddler zone and BBQ contest. They went over very well, and there are plans to continue next year. The sponsorship program and silent auction also were very successful. The festival brought in \$25,000 net profit, and H&S donated \$4,800 to the Parish for use of the facilities.

The 2018 Fall Festival will be held on August 25th. Fun Services and the band have been booked. They also are looking at using wrist bands, rather than tickets. Amy Cook, Carrie McLaughlin, Crystal Wessel and Mandy Busch will be chairing the event.

SCRIP – Stephanie O’Brien & Jane Chapman

We are off to a good start. A lot of families have enrolled in MyScrip Wallet & PrestoPay. Individuals who enroll by September 30th and place an order will be entered to win a \$25 gift card. We are working on bringing on a new vendor the Tap House. There also is a new envelope system for take home orders. And, Stephanie and Jane are looking at holding a “SCRIP 101” or “How To” session for those that don’t understand the process.

Room Parents – Kara Hogan-Beller

Coordination of room parents are being handled a little differently this year, since different grade levels have different activities/needs. The grades were broken up by PreS/PreK, which is coordinated by Kara Hogan-Beller and Kristi Lynch. Grades K-5 are coordinated by Thuy Claussen & Jaisy Thomas and grades

6-8 by Kara Hogan-Beller and Amy Wiegert. Each class still has its own room parents, the coordinators just serve as a resource for information/direction.

Family Food Nights – Kristi Lynch

We have a good lineup of events this year. Jimmy John's will occur on the first Thursday of every month. Additional upcoming food nights include Freddy's in September, Arby's in October and Texas Roadhouse scheduled for November.

Additional Announcements –

The April 9th H&S meeting has been moved to 2:00pm.

H&S web site information is being updated.

Closing Prayer led by Paula.

Christine Kozal won a Starbucks gift card in a drawing for all in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.