

St. Mary's Home and School Association December 2018 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Monday, December 3, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Spanish Room

Meeting called to order by President Joe Mlnarik at 6:35pm

Attendance: Liz Wessling, Joe Mlnarik, Lisa Schneider, Dr. Wallinger, 2 teachers, and 3 parents/guardians

Not in Attendance: Mary Sasek, Craig Ames

Minutes: Available on St. Mary's School website

1. Opening

a. Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

2. Principal's Report

Thank you for Spirit day, 1st grade: bbq, baked beans, cole slaw and Eileen's cookies.

Thank you for patience dropping people off due to ice and restrictions due to that.

Calendar has only one day open for the month of December. Teacher luncheon sponsored by H&S preferred dates for it to be on Monday Dec. 17th or Tuesday Dec. 18th. Mary will contact Dr. Wallinger to finalize the date.

Regarding school cancellations due to weather: school daily unless given a note/info otherwise. School Ways is a great way to sign up for info on canceled sessions. Sign up if you have not. Channel 6, WOWT, is the only channel that have given Dr. Wallinger a log-in to run when school has been cancelled. Channel 3 and 7 have not given her permission. We do as Bellevue Public does. If they cancel, we cancel. Superintendent leaves what happens up to each school up to each school. School activities will also be based on Bellevue Public Schools or WOWT channel 6.

3. Financial Update

a. October/November Financials (Joe)

Joe read highlights given to him by Craig Ames, the treasurers.

Income from the past month: Mostly from fall fundraiser around \$12,401, Food nights: \$1947, Trivia Night-\$1270

Expenses: \$2400 for Gaga pit – Crouch Recreation, chairs, and light bulb recycling went under Fireworks projects.

Return checks \$24 for fall fundraiser, \$30 for spirit wear and return check fees \$10

Fall Fundraiser should net \$8300.

Parent commented on how much money H&S has in the bank. Questions, comments/discussion ensued regarding the past amount of monies carried over in the past and potential project that the school might benefit from this funds. The following are the comment made during this open discussion.

Revenue from auction is helping raised the amount in the carry over. Amount left in account carried over into the next school year was around \$30,000.

There was a cautious approach to most spending in the past, but now there is an opportunity to use the monies more with such a large amount left in the account. Perhaps there could be a sizable and large gift.

A potential project: a Pre-k, nature area with a trike path and smaller play set for younger ones. Primary teacher have done some research on benefits of outdoor exploration/play areas. They suggested bringing in a consultant to help maximize the space. Crouch recreation has not been used yet to explore this idea. Another project is a canopy for a shaded area. Other schools have models of what they might want. There are whole child development benefits to having a nature area. Teachers have seen students drawn to playing in the trigs and nature areas for creative outlets.

A suggestion was made to examine finances from the past several years examining beginning of school year balance, end of school year balance, and auction amount from the past 2016.

Questions were asked regarding the school's budget and what the school might need in financial assistance when it comes to continuing education for teachers. Funds for going to conference are paid for out of the school budget and grants, except the sub pay; \$90 a day. Sub pay is very low compared to other schools making it a challenge to get subs.

Questions arose about whether teachers receive paid Personal days that other districts offer their teachers during the school year. The answer was no. Teachers have no personal leave days and have not for a while, but only recently has it been enforced.

Dr. Wallinger commented on how much the Parish spends on helping run the school and she commented that in the future it will be harder to pay raises. Dr. Wallinger only gets to budget for books, supplies, etc. with the monies collected with registration. Grants and donations help supplement the budget.

Ipads went up to \$400 a year this year. Ipad airs not refurbished. Dr. Wallinger wanted 25 but, we could only afford a6. She mentioned the price of the rest of what is needed and was encouraged by parents in attendance and exec board member to resubmit a request for funding so they can get a full class set as original planned. She mentioned all teachers are using the online plan book, but the school is still integrating technology.

In addition another area of need it so replace blinds in the classrooms.

The school was also gifted 100 school chairs from a school that is closing.

Movie day details coming this week. Solicitations for Christmas gifts for teachers coming soon

4. Past Activity Review

a. November

- i. Pepperjack's Food Night 11/18 – (Joe)

no update yet

- ii. Fundraiser pick-up was 11/27 – (Joe)

No totals yet, Craig has paid invoice, so he will have final profit by next meeting – he thinks it should be \$8300.

5. Upcoming Events

a. December

- i. Spirit Day 12/3 – (Lisa)

Thank you to first grade room parents for a wonderful food day experience on such a cold, snowy day.

- ii. Food Night: Don and Millies 12/13 4-8pm – (Joe)

Mention St. Mary's at register and they put receipt in a bucket. 20% on sales.

- iii. Christmas Room parties 12/19 – (Lisa)

Assuming room parents; staggered times for younger at 2 and older kids at 2:30.

Paper products will be on the bench for those that need them.

- iv. Teacher luncheon: TBD - (Joe)

Mary is setting up date and time for this with Dr. Wallinger. It will be last week of school before break. Perhaps MOnday or Tuesday Dec. 17 or 18th

b. January

- v. Spirit Day January 7th– (Lisa)

3rd grade – is hosting

- vi. Food Night – (Joe)

Panera Jan. 17th 4pm-8pm

- vii. All Hands on Deck Auction meeting 1/13 at 6:30pm in the Spanish room – (Joe)
- viii. Catholic Schools week kick off pancake feed 1/27– (Joe)
H & S will host pancakes after 7:30, 9:30, and 11 am masses in parish center
There will be a call for volunteers. Not sure how many volunteers will be needed at this time.
Also we will kick off selling auction tickets and raffle tickets that day.
This week in school newsletter will be info about talent show which will be Friday Feb. 1. This will be an 8th grade run event. C. Legner is going to talk with 8th graders Tuesday Dec. 4

6. Wrap up

- a. Around the room –

C. Legner-the adopt-a-student funds that H&S supports began about 5 years ago at the spring auction. The legacy table generated the funds for the first year and after that the H&S made it a continuous donation.

J. Lee- Spirit wear submitting today and we should have it before break.

Dr. Wallinger- 5th grade project was completed and is in need of a display case. C. Shultz, the student teacher, was encouraged to fill out a HS form to help pay for it instead of out of her own pocket. Her last day is Friday Dec. 7. Several special things put together for her to celebrate her completion of student teaching and a show of appreciation for her hard work. The 5th grade class is very fond of her. 5th grade parents are providing her a special lunch on Friday.

7. Closing Prayer – Our Father

Next meeting is 1/14/19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Spanish Room

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Minutes compiled by Elizabeth Wessling, Recording Secretary