

Introduction

The meeting was called to order by President Katie Sladky. Fr, Faulker led the group in prayer and then Katie thanked everyone for coming, reminded everyone to sign in and explained the purpose of the doggy bank.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting were summarized by secretary Angie Mayberry and there was a motion for approval by Jaci Zelazny and Casi Schmidt seconded the motion.

Treasure Krystal Sund stated the current balance was \$1,461.92. This was after making a \$20,000 donation to the school along with purchasing cookies for field day and teacher retirement gifts in May. Expected upcoming expenses will be start up funds for both the mum plant sale and the craft fair. It was also noted in the report that we never received the \$600 reimbursement from the NE Pork Producers for the pancake feed sausage like we had planned on. There was a motion for approval of the treasures report by Kathy Johnston and Sherie Van Slyke seconded the motion.

Principal's Report

Mr. Weiss explained that he has been sending emails out to help new families understand the way events, procedures and policies all work and are handled at St. Wenceslaus and to continue to watch for them and encouraged everyone to read them to help understand everything that is happening at school. He also discussed teachers wish list items and how these extra items are for our kids and will enhance classrooms and learning experiences but are items that wouldn't be purchased within the school's budget. HE shared that this was our 11th year of doing the T-shirt fundraiser and this year the school will profit around \$33,000. The School Advisory board is still deciding what the spring fund raiser will be. IF anyone has ideas please get in contact with an advisory board member.

Mr. Weiss gave a history of his career in education along with his families. He stated that the school year if off to a good start and that he visited each classroom to encourage students to work hard and not be lazy. He shared some of his top goals for St. Wenceslaus are to learn about our catholic faith, to be successful and become learners for life. Mr. Weiss also introduced the new families at St. Wenceslaus and shared that we have 10 new transfer students in grades 1st-6th. Also reminded everyone to watch for email to come out about the pancake feed date and sign up. We are in need of two volunteers to take over the game committee, if interested please contact Mr. Weiss.

Old Business

Vice President Kristen Nagle shared that the date of Craft Fair was moved to November 17th for this year since Thanksgiving is so late. Next year it will return to Sunday before

Thanksgiving. She also stated that 32 vendors are already signed up so about half way filled and encouraged anyone wanting a booth or if you know of someone who would be interested in having a booth to send them the information. The sign-up genius for concession stand donations and workers will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Mr. Weiss and Fr. Faulker shared that they are working with staff members on layout of new addition to create a best-case scenario for the new space. We will be breaking ground in May and the addition will include a serving kitchen and five classrooms. It was also stated that donations and pledges are still being accepted and that money will go towards finishing the basement for even more space that is already needed. Mr. Weiss shared that he has goals in mind for the school for the next several years before his retirement such as new playground equipment and new doors with keyless entry. He encouraged anyone who knows of any grants or has grant writing skills to talk with him!

During Catholic Schools week we will once again coordinate with St. Johns and hand out cookies to all the Saunders County parishioners as a thank you for supporting our catholic schools. More information will come later in the school year.

New Business

Grandparents Mass will take place on Friday September 27th in conjunction with St. Wenceslaus feast day. A letter explaining the morning events included an RSVP so the school can plan for this popular event. Cookies will be served again after mass, Holly Hansen motion for approval that South Haven residents will bake and donate the cookies for this event. Christine Spreeman seconded the motion. Holly was going to contact Colleen to get a count of how many cookies would be needed. The School Family organization will need to purchase small water cups for the event.

Megan Raabe will be sending out information soon to those who volunteered to do Spot Light on Art this year. Grades 1st through 6th will be participating this year. Anyone interested in helping can contact Megan. Reminder was given that there are ideas and supplies in the storage room in the library.

Thanks to Laurie Sylliassen and everyone who signed up to help with teacher appreciation lunches throughout the school year.

On Sunday October 27th the welcoming committee will once again be hosting a Trunk or Treat in the north parking lot of the church. School Families members asked if anyone would be interested in having a trunk to represent us at the event. Lexi Pommer volunteered for this activity.

The school is looking for someone to continue with making the school scrapbook. For anyone interested or would like more information about what this all entails please contact Colleen at the school office.

Angie Mayberry asked for \$75 to purchase school logo polos for the three new staff members. Laura Lancaster motioned for approval and the Sherie Van Slyke seconded the motion.

Mr. Weiss discussed idea of starting a Mom's Club at St. Wenceslaus and shared that he has been in contact with other catholic schools in the Lincoln diocese to see what they do and put some ideas together. This would be a way for people to get to know each other and grow in their faith. Holly Sutter suggested having a "Guardian Angel" family assigned to new families that they could contact with questions. Other ideas were to have a newsletter to new families and yard signs that welcomed them to our school. The School Family board members will be working with Mr. Weiss to put some of these ideas into action.

Mr. Weiss discussed the CIPA "Child Internet Protection Act" with all that were present. He also explained that new rules have been set that each and everyone individual who plans to volunteer at the school, on fieldtrips etc. will need to complete an online learning course and background check. He will be sending out emails to those that need to complete these.

Closing Comments

Mr. Weiss concluded with some of his favorite sayings from Jon Gordon:

1. Choose Faith/ Not Fear
2. Count your Blessings
3. See Challenges as a way to grow
4. Feed yourself with positive encouragement

Thank you to Carol Barry and Tammy Sassaman for being greeters. The doggy bank total was \$21.10, Mrs. Simons was the upstairs teacher winner and Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Mika tied for downstairs. Sarah Toline and Christine Spreeman volunteered to be greeters for the next meeting which will take place on Nov 6th, 2019.

There were 38 people in attendance for this meeting. A motion for adjournment of the meeting was made by Christine Spreeman and April Hoss seconded the motion.

Fr. Faulker led the group in a closing prayer.