Holy Family Home & School Association

October 23, 2024, at 7:45pm- Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order

A. Prayer - Angie

B. Roll Call - Mary Sowada, Reba Leither, Angela Rushmeyer, Amy Casey, Kayla Feldewerd, Jessica Lust

2. Recommended Actions

A. Routine Matters

1. Approval of the Agenda -Reba approved the agenda, Amy seconded.
2. Approval of the Minutes from September meeting - Motioned to approve to add Jessica Lust. Angie seconded.
3. Review of current finances - bring in more script. Kalie Klaphake and Gail feel that script is down. Come with new ways to get new families involved with scrip. QR Code may help. May not have a QR code yet for scrip? Also, advertising how to use the app and giving an example on how to use the app may help promote script. Let families know you can buy cards or use the app. And can use scrip at self-checkout too. Electronically, you need the e cards. Put a link in the newsletter explaining how to use script and let families know they are not gift cards only.

3. **Event/Committee Reports/Updates**

A. Golf Tourney Raffle Results - Should be finalized. Did well.

B. Fall Festival Results -Very successful possibly due to nice weather. Next year, the date will have to change to possibly the 1st weekend in October. Freeport did have an event as well the same weekend as the 2024 Holy Family Fall Festival. Pushing the event back may also help with the outdoor movie. Kids like to jump when it is dark but should look into shutting down jump houses when the movie starts. Children can find other outside activities to play at this time. There were complications with trying to hear announcements over the microphone and the movie this past year. 462 out of 799 Raffle tickets were sold. Possibly we could start selling raffle tickets sooner next year. Maybe selling them right after the church Bazaar event is over could be an option. Also, do we want to drop ticket availability to 600?

C. Student Service project - Each teacher will pick a month and make

something for the nursing home and visit the residents. Maybe they could play games with residents.

D. Book Fair - Mrs. H recommended possibly no book fair this year. There are a lot of books already. Maybe wait to see what happens with the renovation. Maybe make an announcement in the newsletter. Can still possibly order through Scholastica? Going to double check this. Scholastica does not follow our catholic teachings. Maybe for the future, look into Agnostic or Usborne Books. Donating books is not a good option for the school.

E. SnowBall - Gambling permit is sent in, wanted to get started early. Storage space is needed back for the church. The storage was nice for silent auction items but will need to come up with an alternative. The committee will clean out storage next week. Raffle went well last year with the options that were available for winners. Trying to come up with more ways to coordinate seating so more people can sit and don't feel like they must leave. Silent auction did about the same as virtual. Live auction was down. Quilts can be difficult to sell. Maybe try to sell more experience items for families? Not as many meal tickets are coming back and counts are not always accurate. Maybe come with a different way to sell meal tickets. And up meal tickets at the door? Or a possible idea could be to pay an entrance fee and have hors d' oeuvres instead? Then maybe people will stay longer. And moving the bar to the corner could open more space for tables and more seating with hopes that will allow people to feel they can stay longer. Maybe changing the lighting in the gym to a dimmer setting and adding more candles. Make more walking room for silent auction. Would online bidding be an option? And would it make more money? Look to see what age the people are that participated and won the silent auction items. Make a work slot to help people with silent auction app if we were to do online bidding. Virtual is more difficult to organize but could maybe create more work slots to help with organizing. Discuss the different ways to set up silent auction virtually.

F. Miscellaneous -Consumer labels have not changed. $25.00 in memory of loved one for the 5K. Grandparent passed away. Money from family has been donated to school and donated to the kids. Options for that donation: Divide into classes or donate to special events such as field trips, etc. and have a "In Memory Of".

Budget for purchasing copy paper and glue sticks looks good.

Carolyn from Kasm reaches out frequently. We do radio ads to support events but do parents and others listen to Kasm radio? What time of day are the advertisements being played on the radio? Maybe put more advertising out in other ways? Radio ads may help fundraisers and try to get students to come to Holy Family School. Ask Sue Gully her thoughts. Maybe try a different radio station. Holy Family Fall Festival was not listed on Central MN Catholic. Look into adding Fall Festival and Snowball in the future.

Gifts for staff for Holiday season: Money is budgeted for staff. The meeting is next month for wish list items. Start thinking about when we could do staff appreciation day

4. Future Home & School possible meeting dates:

November 19th, February 6th, April 24th

5. Adjourn - Reba motioned to adjourn. Amy seconded.

Minutes taken by Kayla Feldewerd - Home & School Secretary