

St. Paul School Committee Minutes

September 11, 2017

Present: Matt DeMarais, Ally Blonien, Julie Pheil, James Maloney, Jim Meyer, Rick Drolet, Cindy Robinson, Janel Welscher, Barb Romanello

Absent: Chad Bartell, John Skatrud, Gina Rhodes

Alpha: Mary Kral gave the committee a preview of the upcoming program. Once a week program beginning in October focusses on basic Christianity. It gives us an avenue to speak about our faith. This is a global program giving us ways to build or rebuild our faith. Monday mornings at St. Bruno and Tuesday evenings at St. Paul.

Carnival: Julie recapped our community building event. She believes it was a success for the first time. Her take for next year – more volunteers, a place to sit and relax, beer tent, and better signage. Without tabulating donations, the event broke even. With donations, a \$1500.00 profit was made. Next year, there will be more time to get necessary permits to make the event even bigger.

Principal's Report: Our enrollment is at 92 students as of Sept. 11. Our 3K is completely filled. Ally reported the Milbrath family has returned. The After-School Care program is looking for more help. This is a paid position. All students and staff are currently working on their routines and schedules.

Upcoming calendar reminders:

September 14 - 6:30 Safe Guarding God's Children

October 2 – Golf Outing, no school

October 21 – Soles Walk

October 28 – Trunk or Treat

November 8 – Ice Cream Social

There is a need for tech support at St. Paul to clean up and organize the mini iPads and Chrome Books. A volunteer crossing guard would be beneficial each morning and after school to help students and parents safely cross the parking lot near the church. Our partnership with KM and Mukwonago schools for 4K is going well.

Fundraising and Task Force:

Golf Outing is scheduled for October 2 at Merrill Hills. There is a need for both silent and live auction items. No information was available about numbers of golfers, sponsors, or volunteers. There is a scheduled meeting on Thursday 6:30 at Vine and Vittles.

Tuition Raffle is up and 5 tickets will be going home to each school family to sell (1 for \$25.00, 3 for \$60.00). Prize is either a year tuition or \$2000.00 cash.

Scrip is running smoothly. Last year's Scrip income was \$11,000.00 down from the previous year. Year to date is \$3000.00 (May-August) also down from previous year of \$3800.00. Janel said she has received new family orders so this is encouraging. The availability of blank forms will be more accessible to families as well.

Fish Fry is chaired by Peter Lampe. The school will be responsible for 2 this year - March 2 Home and School, and March 16 Marketing. Funds from each of these go into the school's budget line item for each organization.

Home and School will not meet until October after the Golf Outing event. Gina Rhodes is currently the only representative on Home and School. School Committee discussed ways to make this task force more viable to St. Paul. Having regular scheduled meetings with an agenda would be beneficial as well as a core of volunteers to serve on this task force. Defining the role of Home and School and the job set for each representative on Home and School will be a goal of the School Committee.

Dinner Auction is scheduled for 2018. Twenty percent of monies raised from this event go directly to the school's operating budget. School's role is to provide classroom baskets and art work to be auctioned off the night of the event. There is always a need for volunteers to work the event and attendees for the dinner.

Mentors have each been given 4 families to contact. Members have contacted their perspective families with some good responses while others no response. The Carnival was an excellent time to meet the new families. This is an ongoing relationship between mentor and new families. Ways to get St. Paul information out to these families was discussed. What are new families' expectations for St. Paul and what will get them to remain? These were questions which the committee needs to address. More energy about the school put to good use. Maybe more testimonials, flyers posted in community, social media, inserts in the church bulletin or in the pews, student involvement at mass to name a few. Bussing for next year also needs to be addressed. Families want transportation.

Soles Walk money donations go directly to the school for tuition assistance. St. Paul is looking for some volunteer to take the lead. This person would register St. Paul with the Arch, organize a bus for transport, communicate to school and parish families, initiate shoe drive, and recruit walkers.

Trunk or Treat is fast approaching. All vehicles are welcome to attend. This is a community building event.

Grant money has been given to St. Paul School to purchase a 3D Printer. Ally and Anne Brockel will receive the award in October. The school will be researching ways to best integrate the printer into the curriculum. The 3D Printer will provide students the opportunity to explore engineering activities and much more.

“Beyond the Bell” is an opportunity to initiate after school activities for all ages. Activities could include LEGOS, Robotics, Hiking, Gardening, Sports Skills, etc. St. Paul is looking for avenues to get students involved and excited about what St. Paul has to offer. Leadership for this is needed to undertake and organize the events; while volunteers would staff the activities. The committee will continue to brainstorm. Ally pointed out that St. Paul will be offering courses from the company that offered Chess for a fee.

Pastoral Council will meet on September 26 with Ally and Matt presenting the status of the School Committee. Matt asked the committee to write a thank you note or answer the question “What St. Paul means to you?” or “Why I like St. Paul School?” Please send these to Matt prior to Sept. 26.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 9.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Romanello