



MEETING MINUTES

Committee:	St. Matthew Parent Club
Meeting Date:	2.11.20
Present:	April Stark (Pres.), Leslie Gooding (VP), Matt Schweighart (Treasurer), Katie Huber (Secretary), Msgr. Deptula, Mrs. Biggs, Christine Ruppel, Mrs. Crawford, Cortney Vuglar-Williams, Stephanie Goebel, Amy Rouse.

Meeting Called to Order/Opening Prayer – prayer sheet

Approve 1/10/20 minutes – Lesley Gooding motioned to approve, Matt Schweighart 2nd.

Introductions

Discussion Items:

➤ **Pastor's Report**

- Casino Night was awesome! Congrats to everyone involved to make it a great success. It will only get better next year!!
- The masterplan of campus improvements will be announced at Mass this weekend.
- "Vision to Reality"
- Preparing a survey from pastor to school parents to email soon.
 - This report will hopefully gauge our priorities, what we can do better, what to improve upon and what we're doing that is good!
 - This can help improve our vision of the school.

➤ **Principal's Report**

- Mrs. Biggs reiterated the success of Casino Night!
 - Had great feedback of the night.
 - Proud that there were parishioners and several teachers present!
 - Huge thank you to Amy Rouse and Molly North and PC for their hard work and time that went into this event.
- Enrollment
 - Kindergarten classes for next school year is at 37 and growing!
 - Pre-K has 16 students enrolled for half day, 16 students for full day
 - Continuing to schedule tours and push for early enrollment.
- Social Studies Curriculum
 - New format should be ready for next year.

- Tuition Increase
 - The Financial Committee figures the cost per student.
 - Lack of forward thinking inhibited progress, i.e. retaining and acquiring teachers, being able to pay for things to improve the school.
 - The Committee recommended to increase significantly.
 - ◆ Roughly a 15% increase from this year.
 - Compared to other private and parochial schools, we're still very affordable.
 - If we continue to grow, we must have the money to be competitive.
 - The parish is committed to tuition assistance, i.e. Empower Illinois.
- Catholic Schools Week
 - Another successful and fun week!

➤ **President's Report**

- Casino Night recap – gave the floor to Amy Rouse.
 - Roughly 190 attendees.
 - \$37,750 in sponsorship donations
 - \$20,995 in raffle ticket sales
 - With everything added up, the event raised \$60,000.
 - One Cause streamlined everything
 - Amy and Molly will co-chair the event next year, with the intent to bring in new leaders for the following year by creating a small committee to learn the ropes and train them.
 - Lots of ideas on how to improve upon the event for next year.
 - Overall, it was a success!
- Upcoming Fundraisers
 - Texas Roadhouse on 2/4 had a great turnout and they are rewarding us with a luncheon for the teachers and staff on March 4th during Parent/Teacher conferences.
 - Panera – March 9th.
- Chili Cook Off
 - Ok turnout. Could have been better.
 - Not sure why parishioners didn't come over after 11:30 Mass.
 - April Stark won the cook off with the best chili!!
- Parent Prayer Time
 - We will continue to promote this.
- Traveling Prayer Box
 - Will go home with families on Fridays.
 - Prayer request pouch will be in the teacher's lounge.
- Planning on having a speaker about technology.
 - Announcement on the date/time will be soon.

➤ **Treasurer's Report**

- Still working on final Casino Night totals.
- There is a check request for Science Olympiad needs.
 - Mrs. Biggs will take care of this.

- **New Business**
 - No new business.

- **Adjourning/Closing Prayer, Hail Mary**