



SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SAC Minutes
10-26-22
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Becky Lahr, Alicia Nordstrom, Katherine King, Molly McGraw Healy, Kevin Dempsey, Katherine Johnson, Margaret Andersen, Christine Denton, Elise Hedlund

Others Present: Karen Bursey, Mary Daugherty, Zach Fimon, Fr. Bryan Pedersen (6:41pm)

Opening prayer

Led by Becky Lahr.

Approval of minutes from September

Minutes approved unanimously with minor change of word 'agenda' to 'minutes.'

Principal Report

- Welcome and introduction to Zach Fimon, the school's new advancement director.
- Wreath sales were roughly \$17K this year, slightly down from last year's \$20K, though some orders are still trickling in.
- The school is working to set up a meeting with Fr. Pedersen regarding the new playground structure and vision for its location.
- Turkey bingo will be held on November 18th, turkeys and gift cards are being donated. The school is hoping for a good turnout. Bingo will be held from 5:30-7pm with snacks/water available and the popcorn machine going.
- The school has had several meetings with Officer Norby, discussing additional ways to improve building safety. An upgraded camera system will be put in, including monitoring of the parking lot. Officer Norby will return several times for walkthroughs and training for staff.
- The Robbinsdale Give-and-Get Halloween event is tomorrow, all are welcome!
- Grandparents day will be November 11th. It will include 8:00am mass, a school tour, and activities with students. Each grade and their buddy will sing a song themed around veteran's day.

Financials/Budget

Financials are complete through first quarter (end of September). In general, the school is in good shape and is running under budget due to delays in some vendor billing and running below anticipated payroll due to slight delay in hiring for advancement director. Most tuition accounts are current and the school is working with a few families in arrears.

Marathon Update

Marathon totals are not yet finalized but are currently at \$41,460 with a goal of \$44,000.

Gala update—Feb. 10th

Zach Fimon be at meeting

Zach/Karen

- Gala is coming up February 10th and will have some fun new ideas. Revenue goal is 90K with expenses anticipated to be around 17K.
- Advancement director Fimon shared that the school will be working to build excitement around the theme “we are all in this together.”
- An early bird ticket special of \$50 per ticket will be offered through January 2nd, then prices will be \$65. There will be four sponsorship levels with varying packages. SAC members discussed the idea of an ‘after party’ which would allow people to continue socializing.
- Draping for the event will be done in-house.
- SAC members discussed ideas for sponsors including Old Log Theatre, Citizens Bank, Benilde St. Margaret, Camp Smile, Reese Orthodontics, HyVee, North Memorial, Thrivent, Almsteads, Big Louie’s, Hackenmueller’s, All Star Sports, Bill’s, the Municipal store next to HyVee, and more. The board also discussed ideas for baskets including a pickleball basket, movie night basket, ice skating party experience, use of gym for an evening, etc.
- SAC members endorsed the idea of encouraging individuals to sponsor a teacher’s ticket for the gala.
- SAC/PTC members are all encouraged to attend.
- The official Gala email address is Gala23@sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org.

Bully Policy—review

The board completed a preliminary review of the bullying policy and plans to take it up at several meetings going forward. Principal Bursey noted that the prior version has become dated and requires an update. SAC members recommended considering language about what happens to any individuals who report concerns in good faith (i.e. whistleblower protections) as well as ensuring the policy allows room for school administrators to use their judgement in specific situations.

Garden Grant

Recruitment efforts for the school garden steering committee are underway, please use sign-up genius to signal interest! Molly reiterated that all are welcome and that meetings will be held in a model that will allow individuals to participate when their schedule allows.

New Business

None

Closing Prayer

Meeting was closed in prayer