

St. Matthew's Catholic School

Parent Association Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2019

Present: 16

Welcome and Opening Prayer

All participated in the opening prayer. Shannon, PA president welcomed all to the meeting.

Introductions

All parents present introduced themselves to the group.

Discussion of Spending Priorities/ Treasurer's Report- Marla Tursi School Board Meeting for Budget Approval 9/12/2019

Marla discussed the fact that by far the largest of the fund-raising efforts is Mardi Gras, which the PA typically has received 50 % of all funds raised. Other efforts include the Amazon Smile account, Hy Vee receipts, etc. It was also discussed that it is expected that the PA will contribute \$25,000 to the school budget. It appears ½ of this will be done in August and the other ½ in the Spring of 2020. Furthermore, it was discussed that the School Board has the final say on the PA budget that will be presented by Shannon and Marla on September 19.

Additionally, Marla distributed a paper copy of the Treasurer's Report. (It is located on the back of the Meeting Agenda for today's meeting.)

New Business:

It was discussed that the PA would like to do something for Principal Conlon due to the recurrence of the cancer. Various ideas were discussed. It was moved to provide her a \$200 gift card for her to defray various expenses related to the recurrence. It was seconded & all approved.

Volunteering and Committees:

Shannon brought up that we are recruiting for volunteers for committees for Matt's Many Hands. There has been some volunteering but there are still significant numbers of openings. All are encouraged to donate their time to assist by volunteering and signing up to do so.

It was proposed that the PE, Art, and Music student of month get T-shirts as it has been tradition for the PA to fund these. It was moved, seconded, and all approved to spend \$350 for this.

Xavier Tailgate: The Xavier Tailgate will be held on October 18th this year. The School Board volunteers will carry out the event. Parent Association pays for the food. It was moved, seconded, and all approved the spend up to \$600 for this event.

Food for Parent-Teacher Conferences: It was decided to provide a taco bar and Jimmy John's sandwiches for the conferences. It was moved, seconded, and all approved for PA to spend \$200 for this event.

Red Ribbon Week: It was moved, seconded, and all approved to spend \$200 for this event.

Box Tops collection: St. Matt's is promoting a new easier way to automatically track the BOX TOPS. You can now scan it using an app. You no longer need to cut them out and send them in.

Jaguar Connection: Check out the Jaguar Connection!!!! You can get lots of information about St. Matthew's this way. From your Facebook page, connect to the Jaguar Connection.

Feedback on the First Day of School Supplies program/ fund-raiser: Shannon asked for feedback parents had about this program. St. Matt's parents bought 42 boxes of school supplies. The parents who got them felt like it was fairly affordable and convenient as well as getting all the needed supplies.

Some discussion was held about Grandparent's Day that is coming up. Cookies, lemonade, and coffee will be served for refreshments. Also, it will be held in the afternoon this year in a change from other years.

Next Parent Association Meeting: October 21st at 5:30 p.m at Kearn Hall.

Shannon adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

