

Friends of Saint Anna regular meeting March 28, 2017 6 PM

Members in attendance Michelle Mainguy, Melinda Marcello, Julia Keiselbach, Bobbie French, Dr. Josephson, Patricia Stacy, Joanne Ciccone, Carrie Piermarini, Marian Priddy, Kathleen Leblanc, Todd Stacy, Amanda Ciccolini

Welcome, introductions and prayer begin at 6 PM

Approval of February minutes: Michelle Mainguy motions to approve, Carrie Piermarini seconds the motion. All in favor, zero opposed.

Presidents report by Amanda Ciccolini: lots to do for the end of the year, thank you to Joanne for organizing the pancake breakfast which was very successful. Thank you also to Donna Little and Marian Priddy for tallying the butter braid orders.

Treasurer's report by Marian Priddy: balance is \$7876.06 available. This takes into account the reserved/earmarked funds and uncashed checks.

Upon inspection the treasurers report does not indicate \$500 reserved at the October 26 meeting for new material for the library. Committee agrees to review October 26 minutes and amend financial report as needed.

Michelle Mainguy motions to approve the treasurer's report, Kathleen Leblanc seconds the motion. All in favor of zero opposed.

Principal's report by Bobbie French: big news in St Anna school, there will be two kindergarten classrooms for next year. This is a long-term plan for this group of kids as the class stays this large. On a practical level, the third grade will move up to the second floor and kindergarten will be in Mrs. Lawson's former room.

The Gala is upcoming this Saturday, April 1 and currently 27 school families are coming. Raffle tickets will be sold this week and at the gala except for tickets that are designed to be won by students. Those will be drawn at a live video presentation on Friday morning at 11:30.

Committee reports:

Pancake breakfast: Joanne Ciccone reports that the breakfast was great and Applebees has offered to donate the salad for the pasta supper next year. \$495 was earned as profit with 126 tickets sold and 123 in attendance. For next time around we need to advertise that this is a cash only event.

Butter braids: we sold enough to get the bonus- about \$2000 worth of been sold. Approximately 50 students sold and this will benefit middle school trips.

Box Tops: a \$91 submission was mailed on March 1- it has been confirmed via email and we are awaiting a check.

Sponsored programs:

Mother son event: as promised last year, this year's event will be basketball. The fee will be \$20 and will include ice cream and a shirt. Five dollars for each additional child. This event is scheduled for May 13

Design squad: Michelle reports that design squad currently has 17 students signed up for the event scheduled for April 8 from 12 to 4 PM. More sign-ups are possible after Friday mail. Activities will include making glow sticks, dance pad mania for which some supplies will need to be purchased. Batteries tape burners etc.

Michelle request \$400 dollars be reserved for this purpose.

Miss Ellis has offered to do a slime making project as well.

Leominster cultural council previously approved a \$429 grant for the design squad although food and drinks may not be purchased with this money. Pizza and drinks will be paid for by the \$400 set aside by PTO. Carrie will ask Papa John's about a deal on sheet pizzas.

Parent volunteers need to be added into the Friday mail.

Carrie Piermarini motions to approve the \$400 requested by Michelle, this is seconded by Kathy Leblanc. All in favor, zero opposed.

Mother's Day tea: \$250 was allocated last year, and Kathy Leblanc motions to repeat the same this year. Michelle Mainguy second the motion. All in favor, zero opposed.

New business:

Eighth grade graduation: Kathy Leblanc ask for PTO to continue paying for tickets for immediate family of graduates. This would include parents and siblings. Other relatives or friends will be offered the ability to purchase a ticket at \$10 apiece.

Carrie Piermarini motions to approve, Michelle Mainguy seconds the motion. All in favor, zero opposed.

Kathy Leblanc asks for \$150 for a decoration budget for this event. Carrie Piermarini makes the motion, seconded by Melinda Marcello, All in favor, zero opposed.

FYI: caps and gowns were worked into the school budget for this event.

Photo Booth possibility: Bobbie French is interested in setting up a photo booth using an iPad and software for the father daughter dance and potentially graduation. She has purchased the necessary supplies already to do this and if it is successful would like PTO to consider a \$600 printer which would make the process smoother in future events. This will be added to the next agenda.

Officer elections:

Several members in attendance express interest about officer positions for the next two years. Julia Keiselbach, Kathy Leblanc, and Michelle Mainguy. Positions will be advertised be a Friday mail and elections held if necessary.

School information app: Bobbie French offers information about an app which would allow the school to customize information via mobile devices and give parents easy access to things like ordering lunches and perhaps option C. The app costs \$500 per year. Kathy Leblanc motions to approve \$500 expenditure, Carrie Piermarini seconds the motion. All in favor zero opposed.

Items for next agenda:

Phot booth printer
Spirit cups for fall
Spell-a-thon

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julia Keiselbach