

St. Robert Home and School Meeting Minutes, Oct. 21 2020

Present: Tisha Burke, Lauren Foy, Kelly Fricano, Barb Henderson, Lisa Makowski, Teresa Mambu Rasch, Amy Schmidt Erin Stilp, Angela Williams, Cory Wycklendt

Excused Absences: none

Reflection: Lisa led the reflection.

At 6:30 Erin Stilp called the meeting to order.

The August meeting minutes were approved.

President's Report (Erin Stilp)

- Erin and Barb attended a St. Robert Leadership meeting which included representatives from development (Kristi Felber, Kevin Casper) and SAC (Carl Cahill & Kathy Fletcher) with the objective to improve coordination of the approaches to fundraising and community building given the challenges resulting from COVID-19. No decisions were made and a second meeting is planned this week with an expanded group, including the auction chairs and Cory as the parish liaison. It was agreed that a shared understanding of how we approach events (e.g. virtual or in person) is important.
- The St. Robert mask fundraiser is underway. Val Lohse is coordinating this project.
- There may be interest in a virtual trivia even. Barb & Lauren will discuss with those that have coordinated it in the past and make a recommendation at the next meeting.
- The "Stock the Teacher's Lounge" initiative is going well. Thank you to Cory for coordinating parent sign-up by grade each month.

Fundraising (Kelly Fricano)

- Pretzel Run: The net is currently just under \$18,000.
- Emerald Auction: The chairs are considering options for this event and they asked for feedback from the board on timing and venue. Lots of feedback that a hybrid approach with smaller groups gathering in person at host homes and postponing the event to mid-May when the weather is warmer may be the best option this year given the uncertainties.

Treasurer's Report (Tisha Burke)

- Tisha was notified that there was communication with a donor with a \$10,000 commitment that payment will be forthcoming soon.

Other Business

- Erin will check with Mrs. Beckmann to see if parent coverage is needed at recess as it was reported the teacher doing this left due to an emergency.
- Planning for the teacher appreciation holiday bonuses: Communication will begin next week to parents, including increasing the suggested donation as it has been the same for several years and ideally we would like to provide larger gifts given the unique challenges of this school year.
- Terry will contact Kristin Hansen to discuss how we might enhance the family ambassador program beyond the initial few months of school to better support and connect with new St. Robert families given the challenges of limited in person events, etc.

Parish Report – Submitted by Cory Wycklendt

- Christmas Mass times will most likely change this year to better accommodate people and distancing.
- The 5th Sunday collection will resume shortly
- The Parish Council is in need of new members as some current members are nearing or past their term.
- The Annual Saint Nick party will be cancelled.
- The board desires to offer responsible events to further engagement. A partnership with the school to execute and take scrutiny off of the school will be explored.
- Please support our Scrip program. You can order and reload cards online or through Kathy Wyatt. <https://www.strobert.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/SCRIPOrderFormRev2020.pdf>
There's even an app! <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/raiserright-fundraising/id1498234012>

Enrichment Report – Submitted by Barb Henderson

- Battle of the Books is off to an amazing start this year. Lisa Makowski, Maggie Newbold and Alicia Manning are chairing the event - which will be conducted virtually and outside of school hours to avoid classroom disruptions. A good number of students have already signed up, and there will likely be more signing up soon. Teachers have been kept in the loop and are aware of the new format this year. The Battle of the Books budget will be used for t-shirts and end of year prizes.

Erin adjourned the meeting at 7:52p.m.

Next Home and School meeting is Nov. 18, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Makowski, Secretary, Oct. 21, 2020.