

Lourdes Home & School Agenda - November

January 7, 2021

Hosted virtually via Zoom

Attendees:

<u>2020/2021 Home & School Board</u>		<u>Teachers/Staff</u>	
President: Megan Stopulos	x	Jennifer Alongi	x
President-Elect: Jen Foley	x	Amy Paul	x
Ex-Officio: Lindsey Jennings	x	Danielle Behnke	x
Secretary: Angie Kaney	x	Garrin Jost	x
Treasurer: Rebecca Gimbel	x	Angie Gustafson	x
Treasurer Elect: Jill Tandy	x		
Room Parent Co-Chairs: Katie Ellis	x		
Room Parent Co-Chairs: Meghan Cornish	x	Community/Committee Chairs	
Volunteer Co-Chairs: Erin Emerle		Linda Mosher	x
Volunteer Co-Chairs: Amber Edwards	x	Brooke Heckinger	x
Hospitality Coordinators: Kristen Grchan	x	Denise Howell	
Hospitality Coordinators: Trisha Smith		Kris Girsakis	x
New Family Ambassadors: Kim Jondle		Kris Girsakis	x
New Family Ambassadors: Andrea Reilly	x		
New Family Ambassadors: Katie Adams	x		
Publicity: Becca Armstrong	x		

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

2. **Approval of Minutes** – Meeting minutes from November 12, 2020 meeting approved.

3. New Business

- a. St Nick's Shop Online: Feedback/consensus is that in the future St. Nick's workshops should be done the way they've been done in the past. In 2019-20, we spent \$1600, and generated revenue of \$2500 (profit of approximately \$900). This year, sales were \$985 online. We will get 10% back from Penguin Patch. They are also a supplier of in-person St. Nick's shops. Though running the in-person St. Nick's Workshop take significant effort (H&S committee shops year-round, gift wrapping, set up, tear down), volunteers are excited to help out, and it is preferred to this years' experience.
- b. Christmas Concerts – Virtual experience recap. Mrs. Lowe and Miranda Lawrence worked so hard to present it. Thank you to teachers!
- c. Catholic Schools Week - February 1 - February 5. Starts Sunday, Jan 31 – Sat Feb 6. Theme is "Celebrating your Community". The kids will wear uniforms at both weekend Masses to be visible. Students will do prayers of the faithful over the speaker after morning prayers.

d. Other supporting events:

- i. Bingo/Trivia Night. Discussion of a virtual Bingo night or Trivia night. Jen Foley offered to take this lead and explore ideas/options. Suggestion for a family-friendly trivia night. Ms. Alongi will email Mr. Trivia and will follow up with Megan/Jen Foley.
- ii. Teachers Luncheon – they are open to boxed lunches or sweet treats. Kristen Grchn will take recommendations for local restaurants or ideas. Megan S. recommended Oh So Sweet.
- iii. Buddy Lunch – not possible this year. Maybe parents can record a little zoom message. Or room parents can have parents zoom recorded for a short fun message to share in the rooms with the kids during lunch.

e. Starry Night Update

- i. Virtual or in-person? Planning on this being virtual this year.
- ii. Classroom projects: Suggestion to do even more classroom crafts as they are good fundraisers. Maybe we can recruit more parents for helping with this?
- iii. Anticipated Income: Diamond Sponsors are the gym signs, and they normally donate \$20k total. Live auction normally brings in \$5000-6000, so we will not likely be able to raise this. Baskets normally bring in a good amount, but many restaurants are hurting, so baskets may not bring in as much. Total fundraiser for last year raised \$62,000. The committee believes they can raise about half that amount this year.
- iv. Ideas/Discussion. Reference made to a recent United Way fundraiser when there was only an auction, and personal experiences were auctioned off (focusing on what kids would like to do). They pre-recorded a 30-minute video/show and presented the auction items in way, but the auction went the entire week. Suggestion to extend out invitations to more than just the parents in our community. Jen Foley also the format Iowa City catholic school used, called “One Cause”. Some discussion about picking up “to-go” boxes of appetizers. Could volunteers do Lourdes Door Dash with a care package to all attendees? Perhaps people could pick up a wine/beer bag as well?
- v. Event Date: Tentatively March 27th. The auction will likely go over the weekend. Kick off likely to take place on Friday evening.
- vi. Next Meeting: Linda/Chrissy will schedule a committee meeting and ask for help in the Monday Message. Jen Foley (President Elect) and Megan Stopulos plan to attend.

f. **Budget Update**

- i. Losing the activity fee (about 1/3 of our budget) in 2021-22.
- ii. Larger ticket items can be moved back to the school budget to make up for this shortfall (Splash Math, other learning programs, and classroom supplies: \$250 full time teachers and \$125 for part-time teachers). Rebecca recommends we keep some money for school teacher supplies and support within the H&S budget.

- iii. We need to pay the donation to the church yet, but we have not yet received the activity fees.
 - iv. Scrip Update – Katie Carroll will be reconciling SCRIP figures, several months at a time. We still hope to get SCRIP updates regularly.
 - g. **Valentine’s Day Celebrations.** Teacher feedback: We are limited, but we can likely exchange valentines. No food. Small items are ok. Lindsay Jennings had an idea about valentines-grams; recommended Student Council could organize purchasing a valentines-gram. Maybe these can be done for a donation? Mrs. Behnke can talk to Mrs. Heck and Ms. Alongi about these ideas and a plan for this.
 - h. **Hold the Spot/Pre-Registration Forms are Due!** The sooner the better for completing this. Continue encouraging families to sign up sooner rather than later. Suggestion that room parents could send a personalized email to the class parents. Buddy families / new family ambassadors can promote and encourage too.
 - i. **CEW or Christian Experience Weekend Feb 12-13-14** – Have you heard of CEW or been invited to CEW in the past? Now is your chance to experience CEW **VIRTUALLY!** Normally around this time of the year, CEW (Christian Experience Weekend) retreats take place the first & third weekends in February. Due to the pandemic, CEW will look a little different in 2021. The CEW community in Bettendorf is hosting a CEW Virtual Retreat **open to everyone.** Members of the CEW community will be giving talks on the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love, with introductions and insights from spiritual directors. The event can be accessed through the Facebook pages of [Our Lady of Lourdes](#) and [St. John Vianney](#), or simply send an email to OLOLCEW@gmail.com to obtain instructions on how to access the talks in a different way. Mark your calendar for:
 - February 12 at 7pm: “Faith” talk
 - February 13 at 3pm: “Hope” talk
 - February 14 at 3pm: “Love” talk
 - j. Teachers – Mrs. Behnke, Mrs. Gustafson thanked Home & School on behalf of the teachers to parents for the treats and efforts in December to lift the spirits. The effort was appreciated! Teachers loved it!
4. Wrap Up & Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

Meeting Schedule

February - Monday, February 8 at 7pm - ZOOM

April - Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30pm

May - Monday, May 10 at 6pm