

Lourdes Home & School Agenda - November

November 12, 2020

Hosted virtually via Zoom

Attendees: Megan Stopulos, Jen Foley, Angie Kaney, Becca Armstrong, Andrea Reilly, Rebecca Gimbel, Jilly Tandy, Garrin Jost, Danielle Behnke, Erin Emerle, Katie Adams, Meghan Cornish, Amber Edwards, Brooke Heckinger, Kristen Grchan, Amy Paul, Jennifer Alongi, Angie Gustafson, Linda Mosher, Kris Girskis. Not present: Kim Jondle, Trisha Smith, Lindsey Jennings, Katie Ellis.

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for the opportunity to meet today. May we engage with each other with faith and perseverance. May we manage each situation with wisdom and value. May we speak and serve with integrity and purpose. Lord, we invite you to work within us today.

2. Approval of Minutes – October 12, 2020 Home & School meeting minutes were approved and are posted [here](#). Approvals from committee attendees were received by November 11th, 2020 can be found [here](#).

3. New Business

- a. **Haunted Halloween Driving Tour Update** - WOW, \$1600 was raised!! It was recommended to have more little kid / kid friendly options for house during the driving tour. It was fun, and a good idea, but we need more options for little kids next year (perhaps not so scary?). Maybe we can consider more tour/updates for future holidays (Christmas driving tour?). The kids in the cars loved it.
- b. **St Nick's Shop Update** – It is recommended we do not hold St. Nick's workshop this year, due to Covid and uncertainties. We typically usually about a \$1600 fundraiser, and Kris Girskis recommended we consider using it as a more substantial fundraiser for future years.
- c. **Fall Book Fair Update** – Kris Girskis reported we had \$2812.50 total sales for online fair, which was about half of what is typically done in person. We get 50% of scholastic rewards for in-person book fairs. If we were to take the cash of the rewards, we would receive only 25% for in-person book fairs. Therefore, we typically take the scholastic rewards options and use the scholastic dollars to buy books for classrooms and supplies, as well as prizes for students throughout the year. Online book fairs do not allow us to take out the cash rewards. Also, we only get 25% scholastic rewards for online events. It is strongly recommended we have an in-person book fair going forward, and we have the option to do one in the spring, likely in May. Kris has committed to doing a fair in the spring, but the date is TBD at this time.

- d. **Lourdes learning plan/Covid-19.** Update provided by Ms. Alongi. She reported on the concern for community spread in our area. Dr. Katz is concerned, but has noted schools have a high level of compliance with social distancing and mask wearing and are generally considered one of the safest places to be right now. See referenced article [here](#). Local public schools will be voting on learning strategy / planning within the week. Absenteeism was discussed, and 10% of students were absent on 11/12/20 due to having to be in quarantine (close contact to someone who has tested positive or symptoms and are waiting for a test). According to the return to learn plan, if there are 3 days in a row that we are above 10%, we will need to go back to online learning. One student and one staff member are positive, and they did not get it at school. Today is the highest day we've had for absenteeism percentage. LCS has also been short subs this week. We have staff who are in quarantine. It's good to note that the Davenport diocese guidelines are more strict than state guidelines. As for substitute teaching, teachers' aides can also volunteer, and parents can easily sub as an aide with only VIRTUS training completed. Email Ms. Alongi or Katherine Wermes if you are interested in volunteering in the classroom OR becoming a paid teacher's aide.
- e. **Thanksgiving/Christmas Activities**
- i. Are there any ideas we have who can make some fun activities for Thanksgiving? These volunteers would like to be a part of a committee to help bring the fun for the holidays: **Erin Emerle, Megan Cornish, Jen Foley, Becca Armstrong, Linda Mosher. Andrea Reilly.**
 - ii. Christmas concerts – These will be recorded this year, however, parents will not have to purchase the recording. It's uncertain what format the video will be shared; the link might be recorded and emailed out, or it may be shared on Facebook. Mrs. Lowe will coordinate the plan and is researching copyright rules, etc. Angie Gustafson is in charge of the Preschool / Pre-K concerts.
- f. **Pre-School Conferences** – will be held Monday / Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Monday night until 6pm. Six staff members are involved with conferences. Kristen Grchan plans to do the same snacks/refreshments for preschool / pre-k, and will recruit someone inside the school to help coordinate. Ms. Alongi can use a cart and keep the refreshments / snacks on the cart in the Preschool-Pre-K hallway. Sign up Genius will go out early next week.
- g. **Budget Update** – We need to confirm what the donation needs to be for the church for this year, so we can budget accordingly. Rebecca will reach out to Sheryl to confirm. DVD sales for Christmas will be zeroed out.
- i. Scrip Update – Scrip transactions are now running through the home & school account. Rebecca can now pull up a profit and loss statement. Rebecca will reach out to Katie Carroll to help interpret the quick books information.

- h. **Additional Spiritwear Online Store** – Linda – In the past 5-7 years, we've held a webstore for Christmas gifts. Though we've already held three, the group provided feedback that another Spirit-wear store would be well received.
 - i. **Feedback from Parents.** Becca Armstrong commented and reiterated how appreciative we are for our teachers to be teaching in -person. We're so grateful for all that the teaching staff is doing! THANK YOU!
4. Wrap Up & Closing Prayer: Prayer to St Joseph the Worker

Loving God, we come to you full of anxiety about what may happen in the coming days and weeks. Shower us with the peace Jesus promised to his disciples, and make us into steady pillars for those around us. In this time of uncertainty and epidemic, wake us up to the reminder that we are not alone.

Even as we are asked to keep our distance from others, help us to find ways to reach out to those who need our support. We pray especially for those whose incomes and livelihoods are threatened. For the children who will miss meals due to school closures. For those already isolated, lonely and scared. Loving God, give them your peace, and through our hands ensure they have what they need.

Remind us, each time we wash our hands, that in our baptism you call us to let go of our fears and live in joy, peace, and hope. Amen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm

Meeting Schedule

January - Thursday, January 7 at 6pm

February - Monday, February 8 at 6:30pm

April - Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30pm

May - Monday, May 10 at 6pm

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