

**Board of Education Meeting
St. John's-St. Andrew's School
October 18th, 2022**

Members Present: In Person Janice Funk, Kristie Zimmer, Mary Miller, Kurt Meyer, Bridget Kasper, Kate Kelzer, Kathy Gilk, Trista Roelike

Members Absent: Fr. Marv

- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Roll Call

II. Routine Matters

- A. Approval of Minutes: Bridget made a motion to approve the Minutes; Kristie seconded; motion carried.
- B. Approval of Agenda: Kathy made a motion to approve the agenda; Bridget seconded; motion carried.
- C. Approval of Financial Report: Bridget made a motion to approve the Financial Report; Kristie seconded; motion carried.

III. Old Business

- A. **Policy Review – 8020 (Eligibility for Board Membership)** – Table until Fr. Marv is here.
- B. **Magnifi Volunteers on October 10th** - Members from Magni came to school and helped cut out leaves for the Work-a-thon. They also helped staple Deutsch marks and quilt raffle tickets for Oktoberfest.
- C. **Fundraisers**
 - a. Salt Sale-Sale sale raised approx. \$2600-\$2700; there are still a few checks out.
 - b. Work-a-thon-Work-a-thon raised \$20,492; the children raked 4 lawns in town and the school grounds.
 - c. Oktoberfest-Oktoberfest will be held on October 19th. Children need to be in the church basement by 7:15 pm for the performance. Kristin will need to leave by 6:30. The music will be provided by Dave Nathe, Mark Hinnenkamp, Donnie Brang and Fr. Marv.
 - d. Second Pizza Sale- The second pizza sale will run from November 23rd to December 9th with pickup planned for December 17th.

IV. New Business

- A. **Policy Review – Community Relations**

- a. 1010 (Relationship with District 740)-Policy 1010 was reviewed, Bridget made a motion to approve Policy 1010 as is; Kate seconded; motion carried.
 - b. 1020 (Relationship with St. Johns-St. Andrew's Local Community)-Policy 1020 was reviewed, Kathy made a motion to approve Policy 1020 as is; Kristie seconded; motion carried.
 - c. 1030 (Communications with the Meire Grove/Greenwald/Spring Hill Communities)-Policy 1030 was reviewed and a small change was made; the words Melrose Beacon were replaced with Star Post. Bridget made a motion to accept the wording change to Policy 1030; Janice seconded; motion carried.
 - d. 1060 (Use of School Facilities by the Community)-Policy 1060 was reviewed, Kate made a motion to accept Policy 1060 as is; Trista seconded; motion carried.
- B.** Playground Use-Mary brought up some of the issues that have been happening on the playground. Children from town have been leaving trash and clothing on the playground. They have been hitting apples off trees and showing a lack of respect for the grounds. The Board discussed if there is anything we can do to control this behavior. Some suggestions were to put a note in the bulletin. Another idea was to talk to the City Council and have them address it as some of the families involved may not attend church in Greenwald.
- C.** Teacher Retention/salaries-Mary brought up concerns around the current salaries of our teachers. She feels we need to strongly consider raising our salaries to be competitive with other schools and retain our teachers. This discussion will be tabled until March and the steak and wine is complete.
- D.** Enrollment Projections-The enrollment projections were reviewed for next year. There will be four 6th graders graduating this year. The incoming kindergarten class may only have two or three unless we can convince more Pre-K families to stay. Mary is talking with those families. The projection for Pre-School is 9-10 students. Total school enrollment will be around thirty-one.
- E.** Fundraisers-Steak and Wind update-The question was asked whether we should raise ticket prices. Kristie and Kathy will be talking with Jeff to find out what he plans to charge us per plate for food. They will send an email to the board once they know more information. At that time ticket prices can be addressed. Some board members felt we may want to leave the price the same being we raised it last year. Jackie Schoenberg signed up as auction co-chair. The only co-chair not filled is for tickets.

- F. CD Program-Kurt raised the question whether we should consider putting some of the funds in our money market into a 11-month CD. The current rate is 3.25% and the requirement is to invest a minimum of \$5,000 with 50% being new. The board recommended Brenda should be contacted to find out how much is needed in the next 11 months to cover operating costs and see if she thinks we should invest some and how much. We would also want to check with Fr. Marv to make sure he doesn't have any concerns.

V. Information and Proposals

- A. Principal: Mary had no additional comments to share.
- B. Pastor: None-Fr. Marv was absent
- C. Questions/Concerns/Board Members:
- D. Parish Leadership Council-Reports from meeting and questions to the Board.
 - a. Greenwald – Kathy Gilk-Kathy gave an update to the Greenwald parish council on the steak and wine and teachers. No questions or concerns were raised.
 - b. Meire Grove – Kate Kelzer

VI. Future Business and Meeting Agendas

- A. Meeting November 15th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the SJSA School Basement
- B. Prayer and adjournment Kurt made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Janice seconded; motion carried