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Holy Rosary School Board Meeting Minutes February 10th, 2023

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- I. Opening Prayer: **8:16a.m. Fr. Flores.**
- II. Approve Minutes: **8:18a.m. minutes approved.**
- III. Marketing Report:
 - a **Auction: We just exceeded last year's money for sponsorship and will probably get a few more trickling in.**
 - i **Procurement is the biggest need right now: getting auction items and donations.**
 - ii **Timmy is handling the live auction and no one is helping her so we need more volunteers for that.**
 - iii **Katie is doing silent auction this year and this is her first year. She is capable but no one else is helping her so we need another volunteer(s) to help her.**
 - iv **Ticket sales start on March 13th. We will sell them in person as it's a difference of \$1000 to do sales in person vs. buy online.**
 - 1 **Rebecca will continue to discuss with Mary Murry.**
 - 2 **We are hoping Kiersten can help with some publicity.**
 - 3 **An additional auction idea is to auction off a parking spot for Christmas Mass and/or Christmas performance along with or in addition to the front row.**

- b We promoted the school during Catholic Schools week at the campaign pulpit and had a table set up to support the school. Former students came and spoke.
 - c We are working on getting banners up outside at Christ the King church to promote the school.
 - d We are having Holy Rosary car stickers made and an incentive to get people to participate would be to get hours off their service hours in exchange for putting these stickers on their cars. Maybe about 5 service/volunteer hours per car.
 - e Catholic Schools week donations brought in 240 pairs socks, 40 lbs. toiletries, 140 lbs. of food and \$113 in loose change and resulted in 4-5 big boxes of donated items. It takes 15 lbs. of food on average to feed 1 family for a day.
- IV. PTO Report: Upcoming meeting is on Monday at 3:15p.m. The carnival was a good turnout and it brought in \$338 compared to the cost of \$200. We just wanted to cover costs v.s. a fundraiser.
- i Feb: 21st 5-7pm is the science fair; PTO is providing dinner for teacher conferences and we will be doing another sushi fundraiser for the school. Posters regarding sushi fundraiser will go home with the fliers during conferences and on Thursday, March 16th will be the sushi pick up date.
 - 1 This time there will be vegetarian rolls offered.
 - 2 The Park family is doing this at no cost to the school.
- V. We want to do ski club make up day. We are asking Kelly Canyon for Feb 28th and we are still waiting to hear back.
- VI. Principles report: Carina announced a new award at the awards assembly last week: The pursuit of G.R.E.A.T.ness award sponsored by the Kantack Family. Criteria: Academics, Spiritual, or Social.
- i. Students and faculty can nominate a student in the 4-6th grade each month and students awarded will receive \$20, a certificate, pen, and will get their picture in the bulletin.
 - ii. This award helps us look for and honor greatness in our students.
- b. Every kid in the school went to Adoration.
 - c. The school is preparing for lent and we want to make sure we remind parents and support teachers in not doing parties until after Easter in the classroom.
- VII. Old Business
- a. Carnival discussion. Anything we learned? We will continue to talk about this on Monday at PTO meeting.
 - i. Let's not use acrylic paint on kids' faces next time.

- ii. We need to remember that PTO events are PTO and parents' responsibility, and school events are the school's responsibility.
- iii. Maybe next time we should use name tags of who is in charge so people do not default to Carina as it helps to have responsibility on the people who are running the event.
- iv. We need to have a more intentional way to look out for and meet new people so parents and students aren't only visiting with their friends but also helping to welcome new families.
- v. Set up was from 3-6p.m. and Carina and Heather and two parents setting up were basically done by 4p.m. so set up time doesn't need to be as long. And it's important to have someone from PTO there at that time. Maybe we only need 1 ½ hr. set up time.
- b. Rebecca is working on updating why we love Holy Rosary video.
- c. We are updating bylaws to reword emergency meeting so we are not waiting 5 days until board can meet.
- d. We need to deconflict when elections are as there currently is a discrepancy.
 - i. It's nice to do elections in April because its especially helpful for new officers to come to a May meeting so they can participate before holding office.
 - ii. So we may want to discuss memberships for new members in March/April so they are already elected and ready to come in May.

VIII. New Business

- a. **Movie Policy.** The board has a list of PG movies that is outdated. Currently if a PG movie is going to be shown then a teacher reaches out and gets permission from the parents. We need to reflect this in our policy. A rated G movie is ok, but with PG we want to say we want to show this movie, it has this rating because of this reason, and then let parents make the decision.
 - i. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a list of movies that are approved by them so you are already on solid ground with the list as those movies has been vetted.
 - ii. The spin the teacher puts on the movie is important as far as the purpose of the movie.
 - iii. Overall policy should be looking at the movie on case-by-case basis. Its valuable to show parents why we are watching this movie.
 - 1. It's another chance to provide parents with one more opportunity to know what is going on in the class.
 - 2. If parent says no, we don't want a kid to feel like they are being punished so Carina will work out what would be fun for that child to do instead and again takes this case by case.
- b. **Ways to live the faith:** HR is a catholic school or parochial school which means the parish has made a choice to establish a catholic school. The

primary concern for the parish is life of faith in the parish. What often happens is the school becomes about the school and the parish is on the side. Fr. Flores wants to challenge us to look at us a parochial school. The catholic families are also active members of the parish but at a minimum challenge our members to be practicing Catholics.

- i. Father Flores doesn't see a lot of the kids from school at mass on Sundays and feels like attendance would help strengthen both the parish and the school. Maybe students can wear their school mass sweater on Saturdays.
 - ii. A lot of times parents feel like school takes care of teaching faith but in turn parents are the primary teachers.
 - iii. Father doesn't want to guilt people into this but wants people to think about this. He wants people to know there is a place for them in the Parish community, he wants to promote informal encouragement, and brainstorm ideas. What can we do to put it out there and challenge people to do this. Examples:
 1. "Let's go skiing after mass."
 2. "Let's go to mass and then go to breakfasts after."
 - iv. A lot of people are socially involved in other ways.
 1. It's a lot easier to go to Mass with a group of friends at similar age, kids look forward to it, there is less of a struggle, and a nice incentive is to go to peoples' house for breakfast after.
- c. Committees: After last month's post board meeting training discussion, we have started to put together new and rebuild past committees that broke down during Covid. Some of the committees include a financial committee (vets people who need financial aid), marketing committee, strategic planning committee etc.
- i. New family ambassadors or welcoming committee is a topic we will table for next month's meeting.
- d. A student had a YouTube channel using the school's name so we need something in the handbook that says you can't use the school's name with social media purposes without our permission.
- e. Strategic planning-We tabled this topic for next meeting and possibly will form another committee that then reports to the board.
- i. Fr. Flores points out that lots of catholic schools are struggling right now and nationwide the trend is to close down catholic schools. We are nowhere near that as a possibility and that's a very good thing but looking at the future is incredibly important.

IX. Closing Prayer: 9:27am closing prayer Fr. Flores

Mission

Holy Rosary Catholic School's mission is to use its Christian Catholic traditions and community resources to empower and celebrate student achievement, so that our students will have a secure environment in which to grow in their knowledge of God, themselves, community, and academics and use that knowledge to reach their God-given potential.

Vision

Holy Rosary School will be the most outstanding elementary school in the Idaho Falls area.

Values

- G - Gifts from God
- R - Respect and Responsibility E
- Expressing Excellence
- A - Academic Achievement
- T - Togetherness with Community