

**Friends of Mother Teresa Catholic School (FOMTCS)**  
**Monday, February 26, 2024 7:00 pm – Zoom**  
**MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** Amanda Day (Chair), Lisa Frey, Jena Boyko, Crystal Bernier, Rachelle Phenix, Koreena Farr

**Regrets:** Polyana Ortega, Jolene Morris, Krista Dennis, Samantha Vandale, Juanita Theriault, Crystal Nataraj, Linnea Spiess, Danielle Daigneau, Michelle Hinz, Mr. Fradette, Mr. Rock, David Sumner

1. **Call to Order:** 7:03pm
2. **Approval of Agenda:**
  - a. **MOTION** to approve agenda: Amanda
  - b. **SECONDED** by: Koreena
3. **Adopt Minutes from January 15, 2024**
  - a. **MOTION** to approve minutes: Rachelle
  - b. **SECONDED** by: Amanda
4. **Executive Reports**
  - a. **Chair/Co-chair:** No report.
  - b. **Treasurer:** No report.
  - c. **Secretary:** No report.
5. **Old/New Business:**
  - a. **March 1 Family Dance:**
    - The volunteer sign-up has been going very well. Seb suggested making an announcement with 15 minutes left in the dance to get everyone to help with clean-up.
    - Claude was willing to cover the costs of rentals as needed, but council has agreed to cover this (approx. \$100). Made a motion for \$1000 in the last meeting, to cover the honorarium, decorations, and concession. Some of these funds can be used to cover the cost of equipment rental.
    - Purchased glow sticks that will be sold for \$1-2. There will also be a 50/50.
    - No way of knowing for sure how many people will show up. There were 107 pizza orders, but only around 70 are in the Google sign-up. Thinking there could be as many as 150 people. Those are pretty good numbers!
    - Apparently, some families accidentally ordered pizza thinking it was for a hot lunch. Hopefully this isn't the case for too many of the orders!
    - If there are sanctions that day, can we continue with the dance? Rachelle feels that it should be okay since it does not require teacher/staff involvement.

- In terms of games, considering offering Spikeball, a photo booth, and DJ games like the chicken dance. There will also be song requests, so Lisa has printed forms for the kids to fill out.
- Rachele is doing the shopping for the canteen tomorrow, and has volunteered for the first shift at the dance. She will confirm what she has purchased with Lisa, so that the list of canteen items can be updated. Leftovers will be used for the hot dog lunch.
- Somebody will have to ask Darren to remove the cashbox from the safe during school hours on Friday, and have it put in the CSCC locked cupboard. Courtney has a key for the cupboard.
- Lisa is planning to go to the school on Thursday to inflate balloons, and has some inflatable flamingos and palm trees.
- Some tables will be borrowed from St. Joseph's high school. These will have to be separated from the rest during clean-up.

**b. Healthy Hunger:**

- Nothing.

**c. Dine Out Local:**

- Table for next meeting.

**d. First Aid Kits:**

- Will plan to do this for Father's Day in June. Tabled for now.

**e. Controlled Social Media Account:**

- Koreena tried to create a new account, but Facebook did not allow it because there is an existing account. This account is linked to GSCS. Koreena will try to phone the administrator on the account.

**f. Staff Appreciation Week:**

- Staff appreciation week was a success! The teachers and staff were very happy and shared their gratitude with volunteers. During takedown, Koreena says many teachers came in and said they enjoyed the soup and nachos.
- It was very difficult finding volunteers, so Rachele says that we should re-consider what CSCC offers next year. Perhaps we could do catering next year.
- Lisa's sense is that a lot of parents are not looking at Edby. Given this, attempted to communicate by email through room parents for the dance. But 3 room parents did not have an email distribution list for the class. Koreena suggested that a standard email should probably go out to the room parents every fall to go over some basic expectations (such as contacting Courtney for the list of emails).
- Crystal's sense is that it will always be difficult to engage some parents. And this is understandable because families are busy.

**g. Other**

- Nothing.

**6. Adjournment:** 7:42 pm.

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 18, 2024 7:00 pm**