

Friends of Mother Teresa Catholic School (FOMTCS)
Monday, March 18, 2024 7:00 pm – School Library
MINUTES

In Attendance: Amanda Day (Interim Chair), Jena Boyko, Crystal Bernier, Koreena Farr, Polyana Ortega, Krista Dennis, Mr. Fradette, Mr. Rock, David Sumner, Juanita Theriault, Allyce Brown, Jolene Morris (online), Lisa Frey (online), Rachelle Phenix (online)

Regrets: Samantha Vandale, Crystal Nataraj, Linnea Spiess, Danielle Daigneau, Michelle Hinz

1. **Call to Order:** 7:27pm
2. **Approval of Agenda with amendment to add item f (playground):**
 - a. **MOTION** to approve agenda: Juanita
 - b. **SECONDED** by: Koreena
3. **Adopt Minutes from February 26, 2024**
 - a. **MOTION** to approve minutes: Crystal
 - b. **SECONDED** by: Koreena
4. **Executive Reports**
 - a. **Chair/Co-chair:** No report.
 - b. **Treasurer:** Closed bank account at the end of February with \$45,920.28. There were \$290 of donations for the staff appreciation. We spent \$352.72. Cheque for Healthy Hunger deposited for \$418. There are upcoming expenses for the dance (waiting to hear from the DJ), but \$488 deposited from concession and \$110 from 50/50.
 - c. **Secretary:** No report.
5. **Old/New Business:**
 - a. **March 1 Family Dance:**
 - Lisa reported that there is some food leftover from the dance concession, which we can use for the hot dog sale.
 - Rachelle was instrumental in this event. A lot of it went really well, but there are a few things we would do differently next year.
 - About 170 people attended, and the DJ did a really good job. The Hope Club did a really good job with decorating the gym.
 - One hiccup was the Healthy Hunger. This was either not communicated properly, or people did not read the instructions because about 40 orders were not picked up. Darren received some calls about the Healthy Hunger, and nobody was upset. Lisa said the Healthy Hunger only made about \$140.
 - The end of the night was a bit disorganized as well, and the custodian was frustrated because there was more work than anticipated. We need more volunteers for certain areas next year.

- After looking at expenses and revenue, will have to consider if this is a 'community builder' or a fundraising event in the future.
- Lisa feels this could be made a money maker event with small changes like selling popcorn. Could also add a cash donation for admission.
- Lisa is willing to coordinate this again next year and has created a binder to help to organize this event.
- The parent that won the 50/50 wanted to donate their money to the volunteers that were face painting.
- Koreena wonders if the grade 8 students might be willing to volunteer to face paint for their grad fundraiser.
- It would be helpful to have one or two parents from council present and responsible for supervising/managing a big event like this, because the volunteers had a lot of questions and needed some guidance. Rachelle had to oversee this and direct people what to do.
- The driver was expecting a tip from the Healthy Hunger delivery. Krista says that this has never been asked before, so potentially this is specific to the vendor? Krista says you can rate the vendor on Healthy Hunger, so this is something that might be considered. However, the delivery did arrive 20 minutes early. The food was also otherwise good and there were no complaints. Seb says that Domino's Pizza has been the easiest to work with of all the pizza restaurants.
- Thank-you to Rachelle and Lisa for all their hard work on this!

b. Healthy Hunger:

- Nothing.

c. Dine Out Local:

- Talked about using the Pizza Hut coupon as a fundraiser. Will table this until the next meeting.

d. First Aid Kits:

- Will need somebody to lead this fundraiser if we are moving ahead with this. The turnaround seems relatively quick and easy. Jolene can potentially lead this for Father's Day. Juanita will check with Jolene.

e. Controlled Social Media Account:

- Koreena tried to create a new account, but Facebook did not allow it because there is an existing account. Jen Gallays created the original account. Krista is able to post on this account, but it does not allow her to add a new administrator.

f. Playground update:

- The MOU has been signed with the Silverspring Association and the city. Have also initiated the process to put the \$3000 deposit down, and will get this back after the playground has passed the inspection.

- The Silverspring Association will be receiving the \$6000 grant, which they will transfer to FOMTCS once received.
- Will review expenses and revenue towards the end of the school year. Will need to pay the remaining 50% owed to the playground installer over the summer, and this will have to be funneled through GSCS.

g. Other: Next month will have to choose a date for the hot dog sale. Upcoming events: Coin war, track and field Healthy Hunger, year-end gifts.

6. Adjournment: 8:01 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 15, 2024 7:00 pm