

**Friends of Mother Teresa Catholic School (FOMTCS)**  
**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7:00 pm – School Library**  
**MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** Mr. Fradette, Mr. Rock, Rachelle Phenix, Juanita Theriault, Jena Boyko, Crystal Bernier, David Sumner, Polyana Ortega, Mehwish Seghal, Lisa Frey

**Regrets:** Linnea Spiess, Amanda Day, Crystal Nataraj, Koreena Farr, Jolene Morris, Danielle Daigneau, Amanda Day, Krista Dennis

1. **Call to Order:** 7:52pm
2. **Approval of Agenda:**
  - a. **MOTION** to approve agenda: Polyana
  - b. **SECONDED** by: Crystal
3. **Adopt Minutes from June 19, 2023**
  - a. **MOTION** to approve minutes: Juanita
  - b. **SECONDED** by: Crystal
4. **Executive Reports**
  - a. **Chair/Co-chair:** Will proceed with an interim chair.
  - b. **Treasurer:**
    - With the concession and Healthy Hunger from June there was \$1,616.26 in revenue. The concession net \$74.30. Haven't received the cheque from the welcome pizza night. The account opening balance for October is \$43,437.86.
  - c. **Secretary:** Will distribute a member's sign-up form via email for new members to complete.
5. **Old/New Business:**
  - a. **Playground Committee Update:**
    - The city has officially approved our proposal. We have proceeded with a 50% deposit (\$39,988.86). We used the money from the GSCS foundation (money donated for the playground). We get most of the GST back if we pay with the school-based account. Therefore, if the rest of the money from FOMTCS is transferred to the school account, and the invoice is paid directly by the school, there is a tax incentive. The city also has asked for a \$3000 deposit to secure the build. They will return the \$6000 to the school after the build is done, inspected, etc. Given this, there may be some "IOUs" as money gets shifted around to meet deadlines. Will have to deposit the full amount into the school account before the summer.
    - We will have to rent security fencing for one week (not provided by the company or the city). Will put a callout to school families to see if anybody has access to fencing to provide as a gift-in-kind, otherwise we will have to pay out of pocket. OneStop

playground doesn't do any landscaping either. If there is sod or any major landscaping required, the cost would fall on us. And if there are any large ruts or grooves from large machinery, we will be responsible for the repairs. Rachelle has contacted OneStop to see if they would cover these costs, should they arise. The memorandum of understanding with the SCA will have to be signed in February, in addition to the \$3000 deposit.

**b. Fall fundraiser – St. John's kits:**

- Koreena has said that she will take the lead. She said that she has been unavailable to find anything that is Saskatchewan-based. Right now, Koreena is collaborating with Jolene to reach out to some contacts to see if this is still possible. Rachelle will follow-up with Koreena in the next week or so to see if it will eventually be an option. But there is agreement that it's probably too late to organize this prior to the FundScrip fundraiser.

**c. FundScrip Gift Card fundraiser:**

- Krista has created the ordering form. The plan will be to distribute to families in the next week or so. Cut off for payments is Monday, Nov 20. This will guarantee delivery by Dec 4.

**d. Movie Night (or family dance?):**

- Let's stick with our movie night tradition, because it is less work. Last year Koreena had a free digital copy. In the past, have just used a DVD. It might be easiest to just rent through Google. Possibly watch Elemental, and have Super Mario Brothers as a back-up. Have to pick a date and a project lead. Through discussion, Nov 24 seems to be the best option. Darren will block off the gym. The only thing that really needs to happen is organizing and staffing the concession. Lisa is willing to organize a school dance in the new year.

**e. Wish List:**

- Technology needs will be high. Over the next 2 years, 200 devices will have to be updated (after this, will no longer be supported by the network). Will receive \$40,000 through a grant for a tech refresh, but this will only cover about half of the devices. Each device costs about \$500. The division is exploring something called Google Flex, to try to update desktop technology and repurpose old devices. This only costs \$50 a device. This is something they might be able to do with the desktops in the computer lab. Currently have about 25 computers in the lab. We will find out if this is a good option. You can refurbish laptops and desktops, but not Chromebooks.
- The patrollers started today.

**f. Other business:**

- Talked about sharing the Friday concession sale with the Hope Club. Danielle is not in attendance, so will table for the next agenda.

- The Scholastic book fairs during 3-way conferences are more challenging now that we have lost the funding for our teacher librarian. There are centralized library clerks in the division that will be responsible for reshelving etc. We also have nobody to order books for the school anymore, and all book orders would also be done centrally (if any credits are provided by Scholastic). This limits our ability to pursue teacher interests. Unless there is a parent “quarterback” or teacher librarian, the book fairs can’t happen. Could potentially continue with book orders through individual classes.
- Koreena said that McDonald’s offers hot lunches, and this would probably be a big hit if the FOMTCS offered one. Could perhaps do this in January, before lent. Could perhaps table this for our next meeting.
- Koreena asked if anybody knows who is running the Facebook page for the school, because it was recently updated. Having difficulty finding out who is doing this, and nobody in the meeting knows who this is. Koreena also asked if it should be set to *open privacy*, which is what most schools have done in the GSCS.
- Will make sure that at every meeting we have selected who will chair the next meeting. Juanita will be chairing the next meeting.

**6. Next Meeting: Monday, November 20, 2023 7:00 pm**

**7. Adjournment: 8:47pm**