

Attendance: Amanda, Alex, Jared, Patrick, Jeff, Joe, Regina, Bob, Denise, John, Jenny, Gina, Ethan, Katherine

Call to Order: 6:33pm **Opening Prayer:** Jenny

Acceptance of February 2022 agenda: Motion: John Second: Joe

Acceptance of December minutes: Motion: Joe Second: John

Treasurer's report: We have strong financials for '22. We are just ~\$12,000 short of our TSF goal for this year. The February numbers for Scrip may look different as a number of families have hit their goal and additional Scrip profit is going back to their tuition. Amanda advises that we need to start brainstorming now for next year in case our TSF target is raised. There was a question about whether Chesterton enrollment will impact TSF as the original plan was for Chesterton to become self-sufficient. For now, Chesterton is part of GRACE, so enrollment may impact TSF.

Michael Aschinger has been promoted to a command position within the military and, due to world events, will likely be deployed. Needless to say, this makes it necessary for him to step away from the SAC Treasurer's position. He has asked for a leave of absence which SAC has granted. SAC fully supports him and his family in this change.

State of the school: Alex: Enrollment is going very well. Nearly capped in the grades on the first floor. Cap is 15 students per class. We need to manage the building for what it is. We are in the process of hiring new teachers. We had a new teacher accept a position just today. We are striving to keep things moving during the dreary winter months.

State of the school: Patrick: We had 3 shadow students today. It went really well. One family commented that they had only just heard about us "yesterday". Patrick highlighted that this indicates we can probably do a better job of getting the word out about Chesterton. So far freshmen enrollment for next year is weighing in at 9. We had a great fundraiser on Monday for charity and we have a fundraiser coming up on Fat Tuesday. Steven's Self Defense Academy was here for health class which was great.

Teacher's representative report: Jenny: All is well. Looking forward to spring.

Scrip update: Regina: 4 months left in this Scrip year. After the share we owe the Oratory, we have made \$7748. 16 families have made the quota and are now receiving tuition reimbursement. Regina has also looked into Chipotle fundraisers which looks promising. The school would get 33% of the day's profits. There is no need for us to provide servers as you do for a Pizza Ranch fundraiser. Customers must mention our school. Panera and Culver's have similar opportunities available.

Chess fundraiser: Joe: We served burgers and brats. We got lots of positive comments about our prices. We made about 50-75% profit on these items for a total of \$457. More importantly, everyone was fed. Great volunteers. Lots of great positive energy.

Playground update: Bob and Amanda met with the St. Philips parish leadership group (i.e., Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Buildings & Grounds Committee) for about an hour-and-a-half on Monday, 2/21/22. The group was genuinely appreciative of the information that was provided and the many questions that were answered. The fact that we're developing the playground as a resource for both school and parish children was a major selling point, along with developing a plan for addressing the playground's annual maintenance needs and costs.

Having the new playground blend in with the existing landscape/natural setting, along with creating an opportunity for the parish to provide volunteer labor and donated materials, were also received positively. As a result of the meeting and follow-up since, the parish has now approved the installation of a 4-foot high, dark green, vinyl coated chain fencing around the playground area and leveling/filling that portion of it that tends to fill with water in the spring. In addition, a site plan has been approved by the parish for the new playground that provides as much, if not more space, than the current playground (modified Option #2). The site plan now includes three 12-foot, swing gates that can be opened for lawn maintenance and the parish picnic/fiesta but will not compromise safety/security of the school playground when closed the rest of the time.

We are now in a position to begin requesting bids for fencing and landscaping work which will keep the project on track to be completed by the start of 2022-2023 school year. In regard to playground equipment/elements, we have completed eight site visits to playgrounds that have been identified as models for our new playground. There are still some sites to visit, but we've gathered enough information to begin identifying options and making decisions over the next 30 days. As a result, we should be ready to begin ordering equipment at the end of March which will keep us on track with the planned opening date. The only concern is possible supply chain issues involving the fencing and playground equipment/elements.

The cost information that we've collected so far continues to fit within a \$45,000 overall project budget with about \$15,000 being used for fencing/gates, \$15,000 for landscaping/play area surfacing, and \$15,000 for playground equipment/elements. During the discussion of the update, Amanda noted that \$30,000 in funding is already available for the project and another \$15,000 in funds needs to be raised. Gina noted that there are new technologies for play area surfaces that will last longer than wood chips and require less maintenance. Bob noted that this will be part of the discussion of the playground equipment/elements. Joe asked if there will be a rendering of the playground available for the Gala fundraiser, and we believe so.

Gala: 100 days away. The theme will be "The Two Wings Gala". The two wings refer to Faith and Reason which are principles behind classical Catholic education. There will possibly be formal invitations. The Marq will let us set up on Thursday night. We will have the entire facility. Alex says to bring your friends. Corporate sponsorships are in the works. Pricing for tickets and tables has not been determined yet. The class projects for the event are going amazingly under the direction of Mrs Budde. There was a recommendation for the Chesterton students to attend in some capacity. This will be discussed. Amanda made a request to SAC members to help with the 50/50 raffle. Mrs. Williams is looking for suggestions for auction items.

TSF guidelines. Denise is compiling a list of items that count for TSF fundraising hours and TSF service hours for next year.

Close: 7:30pm