

Attendance: Amanda, Alex, Jared, Katherine, Carrie, Jeff, Ethan, Bob, Denise, Joe, John, Patrick

Call to Order: 6:35pm **Opening Prayer:** Carrie

Acceptance of March 2022 agenda: Motion: Jeff Second: Joe

Acceptance of February minutes: Motion: Ethan Second: John

Treasurer's report: We've grossed \$51,173 for the year so far towards our \$52,500. Our expenses so far amount to \$9,282. This leaves us with a target of \$10,609 for the rest of the year.

Motion to accept: Joe Second: Carrie

State of the school: Alex: Our Fine Arts night for upper class is tomorrow. We are having it in our own building and seeing how it goes, splitting the days up between lower and upper classes. We are searching and screening for future employees. If you know anyone looking for a job working someplace like this, just call. We're staffed pretty well for the fall. There is one open position. Student enrollment: we could be full by the end of this week. We continue to get regular interest.

State of the school: Patrick: We had two shadow students today. It went well. We have two additional students locked in. We had a great meeting with our design and build team that is working on a science lab for us. This will allow us to offer what other schools would refer to as a STEM experience for the students. Cinco De Mayo invitations are coming. We hosted all of the other GRACE school principals in our building.

Scrip update: We're at \$9,900 profit for the year. Amanda spoke to the Scrip coordinator for the Oratory and she was very appreciative of our cooperation. Regina plans to do more check ins with families.

We're holding off on the Chipotle fundraiser until the end of summer.

GRACE meeting: There will be a GRACE-wide meeting and Dr. Young and Katherine will attend. Best practices for SAC will be discussed and there will be a vote on whether the GRACE-wide calendar raffle will be a fundraising item for next year.

Playground update: Bob: We have received four bids for the fencing portion of the playground project. In the discussion that followed it was noted that we needed to go with our second color choice of black instead of dark green due to lead time and warranty issues. To keep the work within budget, it was decided to go with Version B of the project which requires just 460 feet of fencing and four gates. In addition, it is important that we make a decision regarding a contractor as soon as possible to meet our August 12th completion deadline, since contractor schedules are filling up fast.

Motion: Joe Second: Jeff

Members voted to approve the recommended selection of Ellis Fence Co. LLC as the vendor for Version B of the fencing portion of the playground project and the expenditure of up to \$10,000 for this portion of the project.

The playground set equipment options were presented to the SAC and discussed from the perspectives of child safety, annual maintenance costs, play options, appearance, and lead times that would allow for delivery and installation within the 19 weeks that we have remaining before the August 12, 2022 completion date for the playground project.

Motion: Joe Second: Jeff

Members voted to express their preference for the Granite Manor model from NVB Playgrounds Inc. and approve the expenditure of up to \$20,000 for playground set purchase and installation.

The group also discussed continuing to fundraise to procure a double-bay swing set for the playground (\$5,000 to \$6,000 estimated cost), a tire swing (\$4,000 to \$5,000 estimated cost) and additional smaller, in keeping with our natural theme.

Finally, the selection of a landscaping contractor and the preliminary landscaping design plan for the playground were discussed. Based on the design plan, the landscaping portion of the playground project has four major elements: 1) leveling and surfacing the playground equipment area, 2) construction of a 5' x 60' deck/bridge; 3) creation of a rain garden, and 4) improvements to the existing shrine to the Virgin Mary. The current challenge is to find contractors willing to bid on the landscaping work and getting all four elements of the work done by the Aug. 12, 2022 completion deadline.

Close: 7:35pm