

St. John Paul II Classical School SAC meeting minutes

Location: Teacher's lounge

April 28, 2022

Attendance: Denice, Amanda, John, Gina, Tony Ellis, Jared, Carrie, Jenny, Bob, Jeff, Katherine, Joe, Alex, Patrick (call in)

Call to Order: 6:32pm **Opening Prayer:** Amanda

Acceptance of March 2022 agenda: Motion: John Second: Denice

Acceptance of Match minutes: Motion: Jeff Second: Gina

Treasurer's report: \$53,352 raised so far with \$9,419 in expenses. This leaves us with \$8,567 left to go for this year to hit our \$52,500 goal.

Motion to accept: Jared Second: Denice

State of the school: Alex: Trying to land the year safely and aiming to keep parents and kids spirits high and the kids on task. Enrollment for next year is steady. We expect 160-170 students for next year (about 70+ families). Alex has been in contact with the Diocese of La Crosse which is interested in starting a classical school in that area and is very interested in consulting with us regarding that and would like to use us as a model.

State of the school: Patrick: The spring dance is around the corner and this is a great marketing opportunity for us. We had another shadow student who is interested in enrolling for next year. We are asking the Chesterton families to have their children assist with the Gala event. Next year's freshman class looks to be about 9-10 students.

Teacher update: Jenny: We're still looking for a 4th grade teacher and we're excited about our new teachers. We had our first atrium retreat and the kids loved it. Fr Jose said mass for us. Time flew by for the kids. Mrs. Young was a huge help.

Fundraising: Scrip going really well. April ytd is \$10,800. May is the final month to buy for this calendar year. Regina will be sending an update to families. Parents are showing interest in organizing Chipotle and Pizza Ranch events which is good to see.

Gala: 38 days away. Take fliers and post them! Alex made a request to continue to look for sponsorships from corporations/businesses. Don't be shy! He shared a story of a request he made to a business that provides us with a basic service and it turned out the CEO is a fan of Imaculee's book. Immaculee' will be signing her book. So far we have sold 64 of our max 300 tickets. We are looking for more wine for the wine pull. Chesterton Highschool students will be helping at the event.

GRACE meeting: There was a GRACE-wide meeting to discuss the calendar raffle and procedures for officer selection. All GRACE schools indicated interest in participating in a GRACE-wide raffle for next year. Amanda asked for an official vote from our SAC to participate. The vote was unanimous. Each site will need to specify how many calendars they want for the year. Amanda feels we should keep our quota the same for next year but plans to crunch some numbers. We will need to designate a calendar raffle lead for next year.

It was also discussed whether schools wanted to use a common giving/donation platform. We have been using Auctria and prefer that.

All new officers for SAC will need to be communicated to GRACE and approved by our spiritual director, Fr. Girotti. We also need to notify GRACE of any new events.

Playground update: Bob: We have a shipping date of the last week of May or the first week of June from the playground equipment supplier. The equipment installer, who works with the supplier, will give us a date once they get a confirmed shipping date from the supplier. Work should be before the end of June which means we will beat our August 12th deadline. Landscaping is another matter. Several contractors we had been working with are no longer interested in the project, possibly due to its reduction in size. However, Bob turned to Facebook Marketplace and Craig's List and found two smaller contractors willing and able to do the site preparation work for the playground set. He estimates this work will cost around \$4,000. Unless there is surplus funding available, the remaining elements of the landscape design (i.e., the rain garden, deck/bridge and improvements to the Marian shrine) will have to wait for funding to be available for the "second phase" of the project. Since shrine improvements are very appealing to the parish, we may look at recruiting school and parish volunteers to do some work on the shrine this summer.

Close: 7:35pm