

ST. FRANCIS SOLANUS SCHOOL MINUTES

September 25, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE:

15 parents, 8 staff members, Principal Shepard, Fr. Don, and Home & School board.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Brother Macario Torres will be coming to be our new associate. Fr. Don will be taking the train to Chicago to go to his ordination. Fr. Vernon will be leaving for Cross in the Woods in Michigan. Leadership retreat will be Oct. 3rd/4th here at St. Francis.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- *Staff attended The New Evangelizational at Blessing Health on August 11th.
- *There was a training on school safety at Quincy University.
- *Lori attended another safety training through Honeywell Security
- *Firemen did a demo on using a fire extinguisher.
- *Earthquake/Tornado/Code Red Lockdown has been done this year.
- *Pepsi Arena will be the Evacuation place to go to in case of major emergency.
- *Fire drills September 4th and 25th. Students doing very well. Found that a couple of the rooms were not able to hear the alarms. We are working on getting more alarms in the building so this issue will be fixed. October 9th will be next formal drill. Lunch drills & movement in hallway drills will be done to practice during a chaotic time. Green cards & red cards are used by teachers outside to show whether their students are all there or not.
- *On October 9th Grades 3 & 5 the Smokehouse safe house will be here.
- *Police Training will take place on October 14th. Faculty will participate in this event in order to be active role playing to understand what goes on when the police are there during a crisis.
- *\$3000 was raised by the Holy Name Society through the Golf Outing.
- *Rooms were painted, floors stripped and cleaned, and a new faculty lounge created.
- *Technology meetings for 8th grade parents....going over the iPad Air which was implemented on Monday, September 22nd.
- *Parent Teacher Conference are being held on October 30 & 31

BOARD REPORTS:

The Home & School board introduced themselves and told a little about themselves. Diana Real is the President (2nd year), Lori Vranjes is the Treasurer (2nd year), Misty Cramsey is the Vice President (5th year), Alice Arnold is Secretary (4th year).

Alice Arnold will try to get the minutes linked to the St. Francis website.

Lori Vranjes went over the Budget explaining the parts of it with the expenses and income. The current cash balance is \$12,878.98 as of June 30, 2014. Kristy Henrichs made a motion to approve and Vicky Mitchell was 2nd.

NEW BUSINESS:

Question was asked about the church donations that the Home & School Association used to make. Fr. Don and Misty Cramsey talked about the donation and both agreed there wasn't a need to make that donation since the church funds the school as well. Committees were discussed.

Parent's Prom in April. The dinner will be catered in. Small silent auction will be available.

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Each grade will be involved in creating a basket to auction at the event. If you would like to help with the Parent's Prom please contact Diana Real.

Teacher wish trees is a new idea that will be available in the classrooms. It is to enhance the supplies in the classroom that are available or needed in the rooms.

It was brought up by a parent about selling the Tervis cups but trying to sell the smaller ones. Also if we could sell the School logo ones as well as pre-made designs.

Fundraisers were discussed about how much comes in from these & whether it would be a good idea to reevaluate the ones we do and maybe replace them with something fresh.

A parent brought up synching up the Dine Out Nights with the Babysitting Nights that the 8th graders do as a way to raise funds for their annual trip.

Vicky Mitchell brought up that they use to have speakers, class performances, etc.

A new idea for a fundraiser is making cards and the school would make 100% profit. \$3 per card (Mother's Day, Christmas, Birthdays, etc)

Buzz books have been ordered and should be picked up at the end of the month from the printers and sent home. The preschool book should take a bit longer to be distributed. Any questions please contact Misty Cramsey.

Sara Kapp will be in charge of the Room Mothers Committee

\$300 will be added to the budget for the School Play. Contact Misty Cramsey or Linda Dawson to help.

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser was discussed. The school will make an \$8 profit on each \$10 card sold. Contact Alice Arnold for any questions or to get cards to sell.

UPCOMING DATES:

*Trunk or Treat Oct 26th Contact Jen Arens & Karla Fesler

*Halloween Party Oct. 30th at 10:30am.

*Christmas party on Dec 19th at 1:00p with dismissal at 2:00p. No bus service that day.

*Saturday, October 25th is the Christmas Bazaar. Contact Jen Arens if you'd like to help