

# St. Joseph Home & School Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

The September 12, 2023 meeting of St. Joseph Home and School was called to order by Vice President Tessa Barnett. She then led us in the Parents' Prayer. Twenty-nine families and 7 staff members were present.

## **Correspondence:**

Tessa Barnett, Vice-President, read correspondence from SJS staff thanking us for helping start the year off great. A note was read from Sofia Fennewald thanking us for our contribution for her Aquinas Academy attendance. Also a thank you from Mrs. Poindexter for the many treats during last years teacher appreciation week.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Dawn Miller moved to accept the secretary's report and Kerrie Robnett seconded it. Motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Our checking account balance is \$33,978.04 and the athletic fund balance is \$5,717.53. A motion was made by Dawn Miller to provide \$1000 for the AR fund, and it was seconded by Kerrie Robnett. Motion passed. Katie Swaim moved to change the amount for red ribbon week from \$75.00 to \$200, Dawn Miller seconded. Motion passed. Katie Swaim moved to accept the report and Patty Fennewald seconded it. Motion passed.

## **Teacher's Report:**

**Mrs. Harby:** Reported they are off to great start. The class has been working on shapes, numbers, colors, letters A-D, holding a pencil correctly, and discussing feelings.

**Ms. Thomas:** Reported that 1<sup>st</sup> grade is practicing lowercase letters, working on vowels, and calendar time. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is reviewing blends, diagraphs, and bonus letters. They will begin CVC words and glued sounds.

**Mrs. Rice:** reported her class is studying force and motion, continents and oceans, counting and number sentences, and plot, characters, and settings.

**Mrs. Poindexter:** Reported 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> are working on spelling, proper sentence structure, and reading comprehension. For Science they are studying matter and energy. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have started spelling unit 2 and are beginning a narrative piece. They are starting speeches and the first speech meet is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> in Monroe City.

**Mrs. Deimeke:** Reported the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> will be attending Walk back in Time. They are studying ancient civilization. For math she suggests study their math facts for 10 minutes each evening. 7<sup>th</sup> and Grade students are studying coming to America and algebraic equations.

**Dr. Willingham:** PreK/K is working on God is Love. 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> is discussing creation, and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> are working with their bibles.

**Principal's Report:**

Mrs. Hombs reported that the school year is off to a great start. We have 63 students. Upcoming dates are Walk back in Time on 9/22, School pictures and farm safety day on 9/29. Achievement testing will be 10/3-10/6 grades 3-8. She explained our new AR program that takes place of IReady and its point club. It was asked that parents please help motivate students to read, study math facts, and grow in faith. This year's school theme will be "Be Your Best Self". It was also asked that students sign up for liturgical roles during weekend mass.

**Pastors Report:** Father Derek was in attendance. He said he is happy to be in the community and hoping for a great year!

**Committee Reports:**

- Golf Tournament: Rescheduled for 10/7/23. Needing more volunteers to fry chicken. Also looking for another person to co-chair next year.
- Sporting Clays Tournament 9/10/23: Carol Rohan reported it was successful with 69 shooters. The \$500 gift card winner was Jeff Arens. She thanked committee members and Ms. Thomas and her mother for all their help making this a success.
- Oktoberfest 10/1/23: Beth Cochran reported this year there will be a goodie walk and 3 on 3 tournament. It is asked that parents sign up for shifts, sell raffle tickets, and start sending in prize donations.
- St. Louis Cardinals Calendars Oct/Nov- will still be doing this year
- Snowflake Dance: Tentative date of January 20<sup>th</sup>. They need more committee members.
  - Shed Golf 3/16/24: Will start selling spots in January
  - Grandparents Day: Working on setting a date

**Old Business:** Yard Bird LLC fundraiser

**New Business:** Samantha Bohr moved to transfer \$17,000 to the parish, Kerrie Robnett seconded. Motion Passed. Jeff Arens brought up that the American Legion would like H&S to take over their chicken dinner. It was decided to re-discuss in April when committee and events are planned.

**Banner Count:** PreK-K were the winners with 89% attendance

Samantha Bohr moved to adjourn the meeting. Mackenzie Chism seconded it. Motion passed and meeting was closed with prayer lead by Father Derek.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Cochran