

## St. Mary's School Family Organization (SFO)

November 20, 2019 at 6:30 in the Math Room

Opening Prayer- Opening prayer was led by Deb Kalhoff with the "Our Father" with about 25 members present.

Secretary's Report -The secretary report has been posted on the school webpage.

Treasurer Report- \$7479.48

### Old Business

- 1) **Preschool Playground Project**
  - After talking with Peggy and Deb, the plan will be to install an appropriate ground covering, a sandbox, and update playhouses. The updates will be made this spring with Andy Price as the main installer.
- 2) **C-Pen**
  - After a trial period with the c-pen, Marsha has decided that the pen would not have as much benefit to students as previously thought. The pen was returned and any parent who is still interested in using the c-pen should talk to the principal about options.
- 3) **Moms on a Mission**
  - MOMs meet Tuesday mornings at 8:30am. Please check Facebook Monday evenings for updates on how many helpers are needed for Tuesday MOMs. Thank you everyone who has volunteered to help.
  - This Saturday, November 23<sup>th</sup> from 10-noon, volunteers are asked to come and clean the school gym. A sign-up genius has been sent out. We would like at least 15 adults and 10 students to help. Students can earn service hours.
- 4) **Correspondence Committee-**
  - We will need to send a card to Mr. Michel for his new baby girl, and sympathy cards to Megan/Ryan Ahlers and Jodi/Keith Eining. Also, SFO received a thank you from Marsha Weiland.
- 5) **"Cardinal Locker"**
  - The "Cardinal Locker" has been placed upstairs in the old art room. We are accepting gently used pants, sweatshirts, gym shoes, and cardinal wear. You may drop off items anytime in the elementary office.
- 6) **T'was The Month Before Christmas Fair**
  - Vendor Fair was Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. We had 31 vendors sign up. Total made for the day was \$1825.32. Thank you to everyone that donated items or worked the fair. Also, a big thank you to Amanda Geraets for organizing vendors, workers, set up and clean up.
- 7) **Specialty Day**
  - Specialty Day is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. SFO is currently looking for presenters. A letter was sent out to elementary students last week. Also, there is a copy of the form on Facebook. If anyone is interested in presenting or assisting volunteers, please let Megan, Kinsey, or Emily know. At this time, we have 2 presenters and 2 helpers.
- 8) **Christmas Concert**
  - This year's elementary concert is Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Families starting with A-L are asked to bring cookies, and M-Z are asked to serve and clean up the kitchen/lunch room area. Tami has cups, napkins, table clothes, and juice. Following the concert will be an art display in the lunchroom. Deb will send out a reminder email and SFO will post on Facebook.

9) St. Nicholas Day

- St Nicholas Day is also Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. SFO will hand out candy canes and the St. Nicholas prayer to all students. Thank you Kendra LeBrun, Amy Kangas, and Lisa Werdel for organizing this.

10) Teacher Appreciation Week Recognition

- After talking with the Principals, the school will be acknowledging teachers at graduation time with different awards. Therefore, the SFO group can decide how to recognize teacher milestones without trying to spend too much. Sandy Bauer made a passing motion to have SFO recognize teachers in 10-year increments. Karey Klein seconded. Deb will give SFO a list of teachers that will be receiving awards this year.

New Business

1) December Christmas Party

- SFO Christmas party will be December 12 at 630pm. This year's party will be shared appetizers and treats. The party will be in the school lunchroom, and a sock exchange will be part of the activities.

2) Teacher Christmas Party Gift

- A passing motion by Keri LeBrun to give each teacher a \$20 script gift card was made. Sandy Bauer seconded. The gifts will be handed out at the Teacher Christmas Party.

3) Catholic Schools Week

- SFO has been asked to supply hot chocolate for students during CSW on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers will be needed to prepare and serve. Tami G has all the supplies. Thank you to Lisa Werdel, Kim Bowers, Emily Lindeman, and Tami Geraets for volunteering already. If there is anyone else that would be interested, please let us know.
- SFO has also been asked to help bag up and hand out popcorn on Cardinal Family movie day before Christmas break. Tami and Tracy Herber will be leading the group. More volunteers are needed, and they should be to the school by noon on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> to help. Thank you to Kendra LeBrun, Lisa Werdel, and Emily Lindeman for helping.

4) Electrostatic Spray System

- Our principal would like SFO to consider helping to pay for a Clorox360 machine. Deb presented on the pros and cons of the machine. The machine will be used to disinfect school rooms. No bleach is used and no odor. The Clorox360 representative would be willing to give a discount. The full price currently is around \$4000. SFO has decided to think on this topic and do some research. We will discuss this again at the next meeting.

Door Prize Winner - Jean Vargus is tonight's winner of the door prize!

Next Meeting – Next meeting will be March 12<sup>th</sup> at 630pm in the Math Room.

Giving Crosses- Please take one if you are able to help out.

Closing Prayer- Deb Kalloff led our closing prayer—the "Glory Be."