**November 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes. St. Michael School - Home and School**

Call to Order 6:05pm Ryan Wernette

Parents present in-person at this meeting: Niki Ray, Kayla & Tom Stickler, Alyssa Bobos, Tracy Jernstadt, Hillary and Jeremy Lubbers, Karleigh Franks and Mikki & Joe Edwards.

On-line Attendees: Heather Q., Karen Gostomski, Jen Denslow, Dee Powell.

H&S Officers present: Ryan Wernette – President, Casey Carr – Secretary.

St Michael School staff present: Mrs. Gostomski on-line and Niki Ray in-person.

All those present read the mission: We are committed to providing students with an exemplary education centered on traditional Catholic values, inspiring them to walk with God, learn, grow and serve. Opening Prayer: Ryan Wernette.

**2024 - 2025 Home and School Meetings:**

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| August 13, 2024 Done | January 14, 2025 |
| September 10,2024 Done | February 11, 2025 |
| October 8, 2024 Done | March 11, 2025 |
| November 12, 2024 Today | April 8, 2025 |
| December 10, 2024 Canceled | May 13, 2025 |

Mikki was making sure we are ready for accreditation with our Mission Statement. Karen and Niki are following through on this.

Roughly $92K from Auction. YTD is $107K H&S current total.

**Auction Feedback** on Advertising: Example: Someone gets 4 scheduled posts. A late entry will get that too, but it isn’t spaced out because of late. Niki suggests we schedule those for after the auction. Suggestion make a link to share with St Mikes Page too. Karen wants a list of sponsors complete list to share with everyone.

**More Auction Feedback**

Folks were happy about the event. The food was phenomenal. Huge THANK YOU to Jill and Co-chairs.

Kayla suggested home and school parents are burned out from the work of the auction. Kitchen Staff did not stop for 72 days.

Karen: We are the only school out of hundreds of schools that has this kind of a model. That H&S works so much. We should be able to redesign it so parents are working less.

Questions: - Why do we have an OPEN BAR? Who and why is getting complimentary tickets? White Elephant did not work – take a closer look at the items that are allowed in to it. Buy it now did well, but people did not even know about it.

ATM was donated by Community First. Not everyone thinks we should have allowed this free ATM service and trailer with CF logo on it because of other Banks making donations too.

The Blitz rules were not clear. **It was overlooked.** That Indiana Game should not have gone in the Blitz. We need to pick those out beforehand. BUT it made a lot of money from money per Blitz Cards 52 \* 2 decks plus a part of a 3rd deck were sold.

Silent Auction not sure about the tables formation, could discuss later after the numbers.

At Sacred Heart there is an on-line silent auction to start the bidding – an idea. It is linked to a credit card so nice to close out items that are not out bid. We need to discuss it more. Opposed ideas suggested that people buy tickets to exclusively bid on the stuff in person.

**Trivia Night** – people like the idea. Who would like to chair it this year?? Ask Megan R. if she would be interested. If Megan is not interested Niki will look into it. You pay for the table, 8 or 10 people = $100. Buy drink tickets. Food is bring your own. People really like it.

**Bourbon Raffle –** Ryan will chair it. Ryan and Karen will discuss how to purchase the Bourbon.

**Fish Fry Chairperson is needed.** Karen and Jill did reach out to parents to request them to help during auction. A couple people did respond to Karen.

Little Ceaser Fundraiser is in the works.

Christmas Party: Date is December 20th at 1:15pm. Needs to go on Sign-Up genius.

Electronic Sign Quotes: $25K, however people in the parish are interested to. To advertise mass times all of it. It would benefit all parties. Karen would like Electric Sign Sponsors suggestion. Ask people to pay for it and get advertising out there. NCCW will help donate too.

Thanksgiving dinner. Monday November 25th at 11am. Cost is $8.00 for all participants including students. The kids are making the desserts. The 5th and 6th graders wanted to do this for everyone to be together. Mrs. Q also have 4th graders that met with 5th & 6th graders. Great stewardship and leadership. 5th and 6th graders have started a Student.

Hot Cocoa Bar Friday Dec 27th 5pm – 9pm ish. We have to run the cocoa bar. Get to sell crafts and baked goods. It sold crazy good. Sign-Up genius is going for it. It’s over Xmas Break. Needs volunteers and baked goods. Light show at the castle. $5K profit last year. Lots of fun.

Christmas Store – No date yet. It will go out later.

Considering parents do readings, usher at a mass. Like our students do. Casey will talk to Niki more about it.

Christmas Tree ceremony with angels for and prayer. Not a mass but a service.

Ideas about family game nights. Maybe a few a year for all families and parish.

Adjourned. Ryan Wernette adjourned 7:15pm