

SS Peter and Paul Home and School

Virtual Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2021 6:30pm

The meeting was opened by President Janell Drummond and the group came together in prayer.

Secretary's Report

Tonight's agenda and previous meeting minutes were prepared by Secretary Risa Venable and emailed out prior to the meeting. Jessica White motioned to approve the 11/5/20 minutes and Lori Rowlett seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Report was given by Treasurer Suzann Richerson. Actual Financials were shared through email prior to the meeting. There is currently a balance of \$125,759.68 in the Boone County account.

Since last meeting, money has been paid out and recouped for line items including: Parish installment, Fund-a-Need STEAM materials, Bracelet fundraiser, and Cookbook fundraiser.

Treasurer's report was approved by Lori Rowlett and seconded by Lindsey Murphy.

Principal's Report

Second semester is underway. Mr. Lammers would like to thank parents for supporting students and teachers with the new masking procedures. [Saints Peter & Paul Parish School has required masks to be always worn by all students PK-8th and staff effective January 5, 2021, except when eating or outside and socially distant. This is to prevent quarantining of an entire grade when a student, or a staff member, tests positive for COVID-19]. Mr. Lammers reported this practice has already helped to keep in-seat learning after one of our younger students tested positive. The school community should plan on utilizing masks in one fashion or another through the end of the school year. Students are doing well with these new procedures.

Continued support of teachers is crucial at this time. Teachers are continuously planning two-three steps ahead to be prepared for any quick transition to virtual learning that may be needed. This, along with keeping quarantine students on pace, can be very mentally-taxing and fatiguing. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for your support.

Catholic Schools Week will look different this year. A teacher committee of Mrs. Kopine, Mrs. Wassmann, and Ms. Ronnfeldt has been formed to address this area. They are working to shape up ideas for a successful week. More to share in New Business.

The school is looking at new curriculum adoption for the subjects of Religion as well as 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Math. There will be a new set of learning standards for Religion next year that will require new learning materials for best instruction.

In terms of technology, SSPP is currently 1:1 (device:student) for 2nd-8th grades. The school has received some generous donations in this area to help make this initiative possible. The school has partnered with Midwest Computech to help with upgrading servers. We seem to be running out of connections with so many students utilizing the bandwidth at the same time.

Old Business

Long-Range Planning committee (Mandy Eichelberger, Logan Comegys, Brent Drummond, Richard Woodson, and Lindsey Murphy) continue to suggest leaving funds where they are at the moment and re-evaluate following the pandemic when regular fundraising events can resume.

All other Old Business has been on-going and will also be addressed in New Business.

New Business

No Fund Requests were presented. Mandy Eichelberger reminded teachers they do not have to wait until meeting time to present requests to the board. We do not want teachers going without.

Allison Frederick gave a Fund-a-Need STEAM Material update (via Janell). *STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics*. \$5,000 was raised for this initiative at the 2020 auction and a little over \$4,000 of new materials have been purchased (a few items are on order or haven't been ordered yet) for the classrooms at this time.

The PuraVida bracelet fundraiser update was given by Heather Rapp. The fundraiser has made a net profit of \$770.34, with an inventory of 113 green and white bracelets left to sell. Bracelets may be sold at upcoming sporting events or possibly to schools/teams with our similar color scheme to continue to profit from this endeavor. Let Heather know if you have contact information for schools/teams with green and white you think may be interested.

Mandy Eichelberger gave an update on the Parish-wide cookbook fundraiser. The fundraiser has made a net profit of \$3,500. We have sold 289 cookbooks and have 211 left to sell. The cookbooks will continue to be sold after masses to help reach our parishioners. If you are willing to be a cookbook vendor after mass please contact Mandy. Shannon Griffy volunteered in the chat section during the course of the meeting.

Lori Rowlett provided an update for the Auction committee. We are going forward with an auction with a new 2021 virtual format. A week-long, virtual auction will be offered Sunday Feb. 21st- Saturday Feb. 27th. All grade-level baskets are underway. Shirts will be available for purchase. 2nd grade parents will not need to prepare a meal this year. Auction will be pared down in terms of number of items sold, as to not overwhelm the virtual participants. A general donations section will also be available. Rather than a Fund-A-Need, we will focus on a

campaign drive to help Home and School meet parish installments for the upcoming year. Sponsorships will continue to be offered. We have a chance to reach many new participants with this virtual format. Please share and re-share the auction information on your social channels to make sure we reach as many people as possible.

The Auction FB Page is: <https://www.facebook.com/SS-Peter-Paul-Annual-Auction-103672406421674>

Nancy Kopine provided a Catholic School's Week update. CSW will run from February 1st-February 5th. Dress-up days have been planned and most of the weekly activities will be held within the classrooms. Movie Day will continue. Coach Ronnfeldt will pop popcorn and drinks will be provided for each student by Home and School. H&S will also provide each student with a pre-packaged prize bag at the end of the week. Other ideas brought up at the meeting were to hire guest entertainment for one day that could travel to classrooms or present to 2-3 classes at a time in the gymnasium (magician, balloon artist, a play) and to have classes play "Minute-to-Win It" games in the classrooms. Classroom winners could compete against each other in the gym (live streamed back to the classrooms to cheer them on). Mandy Eichelberger moved to allot \$5,000 of Home and School funds towards CSW. Lori Rowlett seconded. Motion was passed by a vote of majority.

Ani Weimholt gave a Book Fair update by providing notes for Janell to share. Book Fair will most likely be held during Catholic Schools Week. It will be held on-line rather than in-person. There is no minimum sales goal for the school. SSPP will earn 25% back in Scholastic Dollars on all purchases. Books will be shipped directly to families rather than the school. There are over 6,000 books available for PreK through High School grade levels. There will be free shipping on all orders over \$25.

No Box Top report at this time.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April. 6th @ 6:30pm

The meeting was ended in Prayer (Glory Be)