

St. Gregory the Great Home and School Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 4, 2014 6:00-8:00

Held in the conference room

Attended by: Marisol Krostag, Yolande Lasky, Amanda Lewandowski, Kathy Princer, April Printz, Maureen Unora and Barb Wilk

1. Welcome Prayer
2. Summary of Action Items
 - a. There is still not anyone that is interested in chairing the Mother/Son, Father/Daughter dance.
 - b. The Communication Chair is being added to the new bylaws, so we will have someone from the Board for that position next year.
 - c. Amanda submitted the box tops. This submission was for \$1,082.80. Thanks Amanda for doing that!
 - d. In May, we will do a cookie decorating to celebrate the box tops. There is another submission in May, but we will not get that check until October.
 - e. Cookbooks are still available, but we have sold a majority of them already. We will continue to sell them at the Spring Fundraiser and the Spaghetti Dinner.
 - f. Everyone needs to let Mrs. Lasky know if they can attend the ACE meeting on 3/26/14 from 8a-9:30a. This is where the ACE "consultants" would like to talk to members of the parent organizations and fundraisers.
ACTION ITEM: Please let Mrs. Lasky know if you can participate with the ACE meeting on 3/26/14.
 - g. School uniform sales will be added to the Home and School calendar for next year, we will do it 4x/year. Mrs. Lasky found out that the uniforms are fine in the closet; we do not need to move them at this time.
 - h. Megan has not gotten back to Mrs. Lasky yet in response to Culture Night. Mrs. Lasky will keep us posted on this.
ACTION ITEM: Mrs. Lasky will let us know when she has talked to Megan about Culture Night.
 - i. Mrs. Sherman agreed that Student Council will do a presentation at the Home and School Parent Night. They will present after Principal Time.
3. Bylaws Meeting
 - a. We have had one bylaws subcommittee meeting and it went well. There is another meeting on March 11th. This subcommittee will keep the Board informed as we get a version for everyone to review.
4. Updates on Open Chair Positions

- a. We have a new chair for the Chippe Shoppe, it is Maria Ponce. Thank you Maria! Kathy will help Maria figure out how to do the fundraiser. We have received the information from Joe Schmidt as to how he did it in the past.
 - i. We had a discussion about a fundraising group that Amanda was given information about. It is called Midland Fundraising. It looked very similar to Chippe Shoppe, so we did not think we should switch at this time. However, we discussed that there are some concerns about the quality of food with Chippe Shoppe. We also discussed how Steve Agate used to do Mr. Z's and since Chippe Shoppe bought Mr. Z's, he no longer works there. Since he was so wonderful to work with, April will forward his information along to Amanda so that Amanda can see where he works at now and if we should work with him instead of Chippe Shoppe.
ACTION ITEM: April will give Steve Agate's contact information to Amanda and Amanda will contact him to see where he is working now. She will gather information to see if we should switch to his company.
 - b. We are still in need of chairs for the Wilderness and the Mother/Son, Father/Daughter dance. Amanda said that she might be interested in the Wilderness chair.
5. Community Events-Mother/Son Dance
- a. Sharon Schaeffer said the event went well. About 100 moms and sons attended. They had some basketball relays and played wii sports. She suggests continuing to have activities planned for the children at future events. The event made \$45, this event is not a fundraiser, our goal is break even or just make a little bit of money on the event.
6. Fundraisers
- a. Restaurant Night
 - i. Culver's and Cici's Pizza each made \$84.
 - ii. Tues, March 11th is McDonald's Night
 - b. Spring Fundraiser
 - i. Morgan Avenue Greenhouse is happy to do our Spring flower fundraiser again with us. We can choose either May 15th and 16th or May 22nd and 23rd. These are both a Thursday/Friday combo. The group decided that we will pick May 22nd and 23rd since that is before Memorial Day weekend and with the cold weather, planting will likely be later this year.
 - ii. We talked about how we have been doing the candle sale. Unfortunately we have received requests to also do Tastefully Simple and Avon as fundraisers. Previously we had not seen the "conflict of interest" that arises when we have a fundraiser from a school member's business.

Therefore, going forward, we will no longer have any fundraisers from school member's home businesses.

- iii. We talked about continuing with the candle sale, but to see if we can use a different vendor. Barb is going to look into Yankee Candle to see if they can do a fundraiser.

ACTION ITEM: Barb will contact Yankee Candle to find out what the details are about their fundraiser.

c. Spaghetti Dinner

- i. We decided that Home and School will donate an X-Box One.
- ii. It was suggested that Yvette should submit a "Save the Date" for the newsletter and bulletin.
- iii. We discussed what the proceeds for the Spaghetti Dinner will go for, but did not reach a decision yet, we will need to decide this at the next meeting and let Yvette know. Some of the suggestions discussed were the playground equipment, improving the bathroom facilities and locker rooms, changing some of the windows in TenPenny Hall so they can be opened during events, or adding ceiling fans for TenPenny Hall. Barb said that she will call Gerbar to get quotes on the playground in regards to replacing the woodchips with a padding, doing repairs or replacing the whole playground. Once we get the quote, we will know which options are even feasible. Mrs. Lasky, Barb and Barb's husband will meet with Patti to talk about the playground.

ACTION ITEM: The Board needs to decide what the proceeds for Spaghetti Dinner will go towards so that Yvette can market that.

ACTION ITEM: Barb will get quotes on replacing the woodchips with a padding, doing repairs or replacing the whole playground.

d. Scholastic Book Fair

- i. April will get info on how much scholastic money we made and what it will be used for.

ACTION ITEM: April will find out how much Scholastic money we made and what it will be used for.

7. Treasurer's Report

- a. Patti is requesting that we make sure people are using the sheet when running an event. The sheet is used for collecting the cash and requires two people to sign it.
- b. Maureen is going to follow up with Patti to find out our account balance since it is not listed on the spreadsheet

ACTION ITEM: Maureen will check with Patti as to what our account balance is.

- c. Maureen said she will put together the financial information into an easy-to-read format for the parent meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Maureen will put together the financial information and present it at the parent meeting.

8. Principal's Report

- a. Mrs. Lasky said that we are wrapping up our Iowa Basic Skills testing. There have been a lot of make-up exams due to illnesses.
- b. There are lots of great activities going on in the school. K3/K4 are making blankets with their buddies. 8th graders are completing a circulation activity for a Thomas More scholarship.
- c. Enrollment is going very well; right now enrollment is open to the community. 7th and 8th grade enrollment is on the lighter side, but that is what typically happens due to open enrollment for high school districts.

9. Spring Parent Meeting

- a. We discussed the agenda; we agreed that we will introduce all Board members.
- b. Kathy will ask Yvette if she can speak about Spaghetti Dinner at the Parent meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Kathy will ask Yvette if she will talk about Spaghetti Dinner at the Parent Meeting

- c. Kathy will post in the Great News a flyer about the Parent meeting and reminding everyone that the more that attend, the more that the SCRIP card will be worth.

ACTION ITEM: Kathy will send a flyer about the Parent Meeting in the Great News.

- d. Kathy will ask Angie if she can do the uniform sale. Amanda said she could help set it up. Kathy will also ask Angie what she would prefer for organizing the uniforms, more racks or bins?

ACTION ITEM: Kathy will contact Angie about doing the uniform sale and what she would prefer, racks or bins.

- e. We talked about having a comment box at the parent meeting so that those that do not want to bring up comments/concerns can put a note in the box.

ACTION ITEM: Kathy will set up a comment box and get paper squares that people can write comments on.

- f. We talked about having a student do the opening and closing prayers. Mrs. Lasky will look into this.

ACTION ITEM: Mrs. Lasky will find students to do the opening and closing prayers.

- g. April said she will print the “out of uniform” passes. Mrs. Lasky said that we can do it for March 19th.
ACTION ITEM: April will print the “out of uniform” passes.
10. Open Forum
- a. Father Tom said that we cannot do the uniform sale during Hospitality Sundays
 - b. Kathy suggested that it would be nice to look into having a camp chair fundraiser with the St. Greg’s logo on the back of the chair. These chairs would look really good at soccer games.
ACTION ITEM: Kathy will try to find a place that will do a fundraiser of camp chairs.
11. Closing Prayer

The next Home and School Board meeting is April 1st at 6pm.