**10/11/2023 LEAC Meeting Minutes**

**Present**: Fr. Mike, Father Edward, Janet Schilling, Elizabeth Tokodi, Josh Smith, Matt Krason, Chris Brown, Molly Frye, Aaron Heiss,

**Absent**: Vince Black, Tammi Bradley, Bri Moore

**Approval of Minutes:**approved as read**,**Motion to approve by Chris Brown; Second, Aaron Heiss

**Boosters**: Matt Krason reported.We are going to be giving Sharon Loken some more responsibilities to help with Boosters.  As the AD they feel this will make more sense for fluidity between school sports and Boosters.

**Home and School:** Bri Moore reported: Mum sale we profited around $3,000!  We did put a clip in the church bulletin about sales, but we no longer provide a paper flyer in the bulletin because it gets very expensive.  Not profitable with the number of orders we receive from church members who aren't also school students.

Same deal with poinsettia sales- we will offer a clip in the bulletin offering to take orders through any student but we won't provide an actual flyer.  Father Mike- would you like to order poinsettias this year and how many/what color can we put you down for?  (Last year you ordered 40 small red plants)  (6.5 inch)  (We will likely be placing this order before our next LEAC meeting and we will have them delivered to the Basilica as close to Christmas as possible.  (between Dec. 20-22)

Had a great turnout at our first meeting of the year.  Next meeting is Oct. 26 right after school (and being the day of Halloween parties we hope for good attendance).

We had a lot of good feedback at our meeting from parents who attended.  They would like to see a "welcome" committee of sorts because many new families feel they need more guidance about everything when joining the school.  There was talk that the open house was on the right track but intimidating.  Some of the parents spoke up and said they are still willing to be mentor parents if that program is going to be offered.

On that note, others want to know if there is a way other than H&S school meetings to come and ask questions or voice ideas about school stuff.  Some things that aren't necessarily H&S related- they would love to have an open forum to ask questions and offer suggestions.  (School board meetings at other schools are open to public, I get questioned why ours aren't or why we don't have something like that).

Book fair is going on this week.  We have had several family events which always help boost sales.  Sales are looking great, which earns us cash AND scholastic dollars.  This helps our account and provides books for our library.

We provided dinner for staff twice in the past week during conference nights.

We have a school skating party booked for Friday Oct. 20 from 5-7.  FREE admission and skate rental (on us) as appreciation to families.    We just don't want to ask for any more money this month.

H&S has taken on Haunted House because student council didn't plan on doing it this year.  Ms. Tokodi gave one of our H&S officers permission to organize it.  We have at least half of the 6th-8th grade students committed to helping with it (set up and working) at this time.  All 6-th-8th grade was offered a chance to help.  Some parents are helping as well.  Home & School is funding all new decorations and supplies since what was stored from the past was ruined and disposed of.  We are offering FREE admission to families for this event as well.  Since it is kind of a pilot year and because October is so pricey.  Please keep your fingers crossed for us that it is successful!   It will be held Oct. 27 in the evening.

I am thrilled with the amount of volunteers that we are easily getting through our new volunteer program, Track it Forward.  It is the first time in several years that shifts for mum sorting, book fair, and teacher meals have been filled without having to beg!!!

**Marketing:** Elizabeth Tokodi reported.  The auction was this past weekend. We did better with the online portion of the auction this year.  We didn't sell as many tickets this year for the live but we were up overall due to the online piece.

**Finance:** Elizabeth Tokodi reported**.** Nothing new but we need to have a meeting soon and will have something for next month.

**Principal:**Elizabeth Tokodi reported. We have more Ed Choice still going through.  18 so far have been approved. Most have been for full tuition.  Enrollment is up and we are at 202 kids.  Potentially we will be adding 3-5 more students.  We have a new 4th grader coming in a few weeks.  P3 is full.  We have 6 in half day, 3 full day and 6 that go 3 days full day.  We are at max capacity there.  We are going to create a divided system in the parish center to split out this class with the P3 half day.  We were able to get the permit for this as well.  We will be able to add more students and it frees up more space.  Lunch with a Loved One went well today.  Parent teacher conferences went well the past two weeks.  We are looking for a new religions teacher for middle school.  The time slot for the position is 11:20 until the end of the day.  There is an upcoming diocesan day here at the church in a few weeks.  We are also doing a new breast cancer awareness fund raiser this year.  Everything will go to the Strecker Cancer Center.  We will be doing a holiday pie sale as well with Hucks.  We will be doing the beer advent calendars again as a fundraiser too.

**Old Business: none**

**New Business:** We need to discuss the process for parents to attend board meetings during the next LEAC meeting. There are questions about whether they can attend or not.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 8 at 6 p.m.