

Families in Partnership - Meeting Minutes

11/05/2025

7:00pm-8:00pm

Google Meet

Attendees:

Brianna Lindbloom, Co-Chair

Stephanie Jablonowski, Co-Chair (This meeting's leader)

Kara Kriesel, Treasurer

Liz Sniegowski, Director of Hospitality and In-School Events

Jenny Manuszak (Hospitality and in-school events committee)

Rochelle Miszewski (Hospitality and in-school events committee)

Kaitlyn Jackowski (Hospitality and in-school events committee)

Mrs. Bigalke, Principal

Mrs. Anderson, teacher-liaison

Mrs. Zwick, teacher-liaison

Heather Bluhm

Matt Bluhm

Jade Rassmussen

Kaitlyn Chebowski

Agenda Items:

1. Treasurer's Report - Kara provided a financial report, reviewed the importance of the fish fry as our biggest fundraiser.

2. Fundraising Committee - Ideas for fundraisers discussed: Culver's, wreath sales, flowers. The fundraiser of most interest by group was Culver's. Rochelle expressed interest in helping with fundraising committee.

Jenny is on the planning committee for "Visions Gala", next planning meeting is on December 2nd. The theme this year is "Hearts of Gold". Gala will likely take place on April 25th.

3. Family Social Events Committee- There is nothing scheduled until after Christmas. There will be a potluck at the end of Catholic Schools week which will need to be planned for theme, entertainment, and decorations to be purchased. Mrs. Bigalke stated that the LAC Shamrock prom (family event), which was originally scheduled for April 25th, will be moved to another date to accommodate Gala.

4. Hospitality and In-School Events Committee- Discussed upcoming Christmas Program (December 14th at 2pm) and cookies for those attending the program. It was decided a sign up genius will go out to school parents to provide cookies as well as help set up/clean up. FIP will purchase additional cookies if not enough volunteers sign up to bring them.

Reviewed Trunk-or-Treat in-school event. Well attended with 32 candy stations. The Saints/Religion theme was well received. The new donuts and cider offerings were successful. It was requested by an attendee to have a hot beverage option for next year.

5. Teacher Report by Mrs. Anderson- The firefighter visit to the school was a huge success, as was the trunk-or-treat. Teachers are collecting bags of candy for Mrs. Sawyer's Candy for Troops. The "Kickstart to Career" partnership with West Shore Bank will be collecting deposits on November 20th.

Mrs. Bigalke noted the school's Thanksgiving Food Drive starts next week - donating to St. Mary's in Custer, it is a "Thanksgiving meal" theme with each grade asked to bring items in a specific category.

6. Opportunity to participate in "Aglow on the Avenue" Parade in Downtown Ludington on Saturday, November 29th. Stephanie stated entry into the parade is free, the entry (whatever vehicle used) must be lighted. Group discussed ideas for placing lights on a vehicle, including light-up shamrocks to represent LAC. Mrs. Bigalke clarified that the school transportation vans are not available for use. None of the attendees expressed interest in participating. It was proposed by Kara to put out a Survey Monkey to all school parents to determine interest and available vehicle. Stephanie will look further into event registration guidelines and creation of Survey Monkey.

7. Upcoming Events & Planning- "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" event discussed - this is planned and executed by individual classrooms and the room moms. Catholic Schools Week will be in January. Mrs. Bigalke explained the option to have an overarching theme to the week and then each day of the week would have events/dress coordinating with that theme. There are also National themes offered and can be found online. Group discussed ideas for gifts for the priests and deacons. Heather offered an idea for an open house to conclude the week, however, Jan explained LAC has a scheduled open house to take place April 19th.

8. ****Next Meeting:****

Wednesday, December, 3rd at 7:00pm via Google Meet

9. Adjournment/Prayer