

Friends of Mother Teresa Catholic School (FOMTCS)
Monday, January 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – School Library

MINUTES

In Attendance: Mr. Fradette, Mr. Rock, Danielle Daigneau, Michelle Hinz, Juanita Theriault, David Sumner, Linnea Spiess, Sharon Sydlowski, Crystal Bernier, Polyana Rodriguez, Rachelle Phenix, Krista Dennis

Regrets: Jena Boyko, Crystal Nataraj, Mehwish Sehgal, Amanda Day, Koreena Farr, Lori Sander, Jolene Morris, Osaretin Giegbefumuem

1. **Call to Order:** 7:29 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

- a. **MOTION** to approve agenda: Juanita
- b. **SECONDED** by: Linnea
- c. **APPROVED**

3. **Adopt Minutes from December 16, 2022**

- a. **MOTION** to approve minutes: Juanita
- b. **SECONDED** by: Linnea
- c. **ADOPTED**

4. **Executive Reports**

- a. **Chair:** N/A
- b. **Treasurer:** Brief financial report was provided; \$500+ proceeds from the candy cane sale; the bank will no longer allow acronyms allowed on cheques; Current account balance \$27,376.53 **MOTION** to approve the treasurer's report: Linnea; **SECONDED** by: Rachelle; **APPROVED**
- c. **Secretary:** N/A

5. **Old/New Business**

- a. **Playground Committee Update:** N/A
- b. **Hope Club Proceeds from Concessions:** The Hope Club has a core membership of about 20 upper-year students plus other students who participate more informally at their events; the committee was grateful for the support they have received from the Hope Club, such as helping with hot lunches and running concessions; the committee discussed some funding for the Hope Club (a cash float) that would allow them to make some small purchases (e.g., decorations) for their events; these expenses would be recovered from some of the proceeds; the club is considering raising funds for Telemiracle and a mission school in Kenya; Mr. Fradette mentioned that school reserve funds are low right now, after \$27k of reserve funds were committed to the playground project last year, and that he is being cautious when it

comes to additional spending during his first year as school principal; Mr. Fradette's perspective on these funds is different than the previous school administration, and mentioned that the reserves are a valuable buffer for the school, especially for spring activities; **MOTION** to provide \$300 of funds (as a cash float) for the Hope Club:

Juanita; **SECONDED** by: Krista; **APPROVED**

- c. **Book Fair:** It will held in-person and coincide with the Three-Way Conferences, on March 15-16-17, 2023; classes would be able to browse the book fair on March 15 and 16; Mr. Fradette confirmed that past book fair funds have been spent, and the book credits from Scholastic to purchase books for the library are helpful and appreciated; it was noted that online book fairs aren't as profitable; in-person book fairs work better for selling books, but need lots of parent volunteers and lots of cash is involved
- d. **Bingo Committee:** Event will be held on March 31, 2023; this is an important community building event for the school; volunteers will be needed to find donations of prizes for the bingo game winners and for door prizes; themed gift baskets were used as prizes in the past, where each classroom is assigned a themed basket to prepare, and the room parent helps gather the items from families; bingos are also held at the end of the school day leading up to event, and prizes will be needed for this these also.
- e. **Gift Card Tree:** There was concern that if this event is held in February/March, we would be asking for too many donations from families in such a short period of time (staff appreciation, bingo, gift card tree); it was decided to move this event to later in the school year; there was brief discussion of a school-year-end barbeque.
- f. **French Education Week Poutine Hot Lunch:** A date of Friday, February 10, 2023, has been proposed for the lunch; a Booster Juice Hot Lunch is already scheduled for the same day; currently looking for a restaurant to provide poutine.
- g. **New Business – Communication:** Privacy issues and challenges of obtaining contact information (email addresses) continue to hinder communication between room parents and families; strategies of asking teachers to send out announcements by email and Edsby don't always work smoothly; it was noted that some parents don't use Edsby; perhaps the consent forms can be sent out at the very beginning of the school year, when there are other forms to fill out?
- h. **New Business – Lifetouch:** There are ongoing issues with photos and yearbooks.

6. **Adjournment:** 8:20 p.m.