

Minutes – St. Mary (SMA) GENERAL SFO

Monday, October 16,, 2017

Fr. Dave Desmond – Pastor	X	Rory Kelly – President	X
Michelle Shields – Principal	X	Kerry Boetel – Vice President	X
Mary T Grogan – Faculty Representative	X	Nicole Barnes - Secretary	X
		Jim Rysavy – Treasurer	X

Fr. Desmond led opening prayer.

1. Welcome-Rory

- a. Opened meeting welcoming everyone in attendance
- b. Introduced the principal and executive SFO members
- c. Please let Michelle Shields or an executive SFO member know if you would like something on the SFO agenda
- d. Dress down tickets will be handed out at the end of the meeting

2. Fall Festival 2017 Updates

- a. General Comments-Alison and Amber
 - i. 557 pumpkins and mums sold
 - ii. 117 silent auction baskets
 1. Some baskets didn't sell-possibly put silent auctions items online next year
 - iii. Raffle-met our goal of \$20,000
 1. All school party on Friday
 - iv. Games
 1. Counted tickets to see which games are the most popular
 - v. Kitchen went well-pizza unplanned but seemed to go over well
 - vi. Bake Sale-items donated down
 - vii. Fun Run-not as well attended as previous years
 1. Not sure if this is because everyone was given a shirt and didn't need to pay to participate
 2. Consider moving this event to the spring as a community builder
 - viii. NEED MORE ADULT VOLUNTEERS!
 - ix. Fall festival email survey will be sent out, collecting feedback
- b. Expenses/Revenue and Spending Fall Festival Funds-Jim
 - i. Scaled back areas of the Fall Festival but still raised a lot of money
 - ii. \$82,000 of money will be spent this year
 - iii. Hospitality pays for food and decorations at preschool and kindergarten open house, other schools in the system have the same expense
 - iv. We will replace 5 promethean boards
 - v. Example of misc expense-lice bags

- vi. Please see handout attachments for specific numbers

3. Playground Improvements-Michelle

- a. Sara Garry is chairing the playground improvements committee
 - i. Looking for four additional people to help her, would like moms and dads and a mix of grade levels

4. Academic Services Team-Amy, Sue, Michelle E

- a. Providing these services is a long term goal for the whole system
- b. Sparks is provided for students who are looking for an extra challenge in the areas of reading and math
 - i. This program is in it's sixth year at our school, it is similar to a program at Holy Spirit
 - ii. Started out as one class, one day per week, nineteen years ago
 - iii. Researched programs in the public school before starting
- c. Beacons is provided for students who need additional help in certain areas
 - i. 20-25 students are in this program in the school
- d. Sparks and beacons is scheduled during the exact same time as the classroom is working on the same subject
- e. The goal of having these programs is to meet the needs of our students, different learning styles to fit their needs
- f. Having Sparks and Beacons provides three different learning environments
 - i. Breaking up the class provides smaller class size
- g. Parents shop around for the best education for their children and look for programs offered
- h. The goal is to have faith filled, happy kids in our classrooms and hallways

5. New Family Initiative-Kerry

- a. All schools in our system have some sort of program to welcome new families to our school and help with their transition
- b. 19 new families in preschool
 - i. They were contacted by phone in the beginning of the school year
- c. Ideas going forward
 - i. Partner them up with another family in their class who has previously been a part of our school
 - ii. Someone they can go to with questions
 - iii. Have them come to open house early, get a tour of school and ask questions when it's less chaotic
 - iv. Have first general SFO meeting before Fall Festival so people can learn about our largest fundraiser and find out information at the start of the school year

6. School Updates

- a. Emily(volunteer nurse and mom of current students)-free flu shot clinic for all SFCS students at O'Gorman cafeteria on Wednesday, October 25 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

- b. Jenni(admissions coordinator)-What's happening at our schools needs to be shared with others
 - i. We can use social media as a marketing tool
 - ii. SFCS and O'Gorman High School have Facebook pages
 - iii. Twitter @ilovesfcs @stmarysfcs
 - iv. Instagram #ilovesfcs
- c. Michelle
 - i. Great year so far, loves her job! Wonderful staff, love seeing all the kids. Honor and privilege to have your kids at our school.
 - ii. All school celebration. All inclusive. Watch a movie and ice cream. Dress down day.
 - iii. November 10th will be make up dress down day for October 20th purchased dress down day at fall festival.
 - iv. Halloween the school will be doing a trunk or treat.
 - 1. Please contact Tamme Berdahl if interested in participating
 - 2. Preschool will have a costume parade at 9:15 a.m. Please come to school with costume on.
 - 3. 1:40-2:10 p.m. kindergarten through second grades will trunk or treat
 - 4. 2:15-2:45 p.m. third through sixth grades will trunk or treat
 - 5. Conferences are coming up. Notes and email reminders will be sent out.

Dress down tickets for Tuesday, October 17th handed out for all students who had a parent(s) attend the meeting.