



**St. Lawrence Catholic School Parents Club  
2017/2018 Monthly Meeting**

**Minutes  
November 3, 2017**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:16am, by President, Erica Morris, followed by the opening prayer.

**New Business:**

- **Mandy Couret:** A Parish Council Meeting was held with discussion re: getting more families involved in mass activities (greeters, chalice, bringing gifts, alter service, volunteers for video screens). Parish Council inquired if STL Parents could get service points for their service at mass.
  - *Does this present conflict with Parent Club's need for parent volunteers with school-related activities?*
  - Incentive for kids/student service hours (community volunteer hours)
  - Incentive for kids/families to get families to attend mass
  - Concern re: lack of communication between STL School and Church re: opportunities for family participation at mass. Currently, communication is handled by Audrey.
  - 8th Graders are encouraged to earn volunteer hours for Confirmation / Graduation / high school service hours.
  - Next P.C. Meeting is December 7th ... Parish Council also meets that night ... P.C. will re-discuss the issue at the next meeting re: potential ideas.

**Principal Report: Ms. Freund**

- **Concerns re: Middle School Dance:**
  - Parents voiced concern re: appropriate dress code, use of cell phones at dance, and posting photos on social media.
  - Dance Invitation contained appropriate dress code.
  - Discussed implementing policy requiring students to drop phone in a basket when entering dance and prohibiting photos/videos while at the dance.
  - STL Photo Policy prohibits "tagging" STL in online photos.

## **Treasurer Report: Leslie Montoya**

- The Parent Club bank account had a total asset amount of \$120,753.73; it is now at \$175K.
  
- **APEX Fun Run**
  - STL received about \$38K in pledges for APEX Fun Run.
  - STL earned a profit of approx \$23,000 from APEX Fun Run.
  - 5% of the profit will be available to each class/teachers, which equated to about \$1200 per class.
  - *Question re: specific use the \$\$ from APEX Fun Run ... goal was to set aside profit for Techology ... Goal to implement iPad Lease Program for ALL students.*
    - Teachers/Staff would first require training before implementing iPad ProGram (I.e., staff development training would be required for appropriate use of technology in the classroom).
    - Suggestion to use the \$23K profit to create the infrastructure for the iPad Program ... strong argreement that program should first be implemented to benefit the Middle School Students who will be entering high school.
    - iPad Program would need to be regulated by the school admin.
    - Text Books will eventually move toward E-Books
  
- **Pot-O-Gold Raffle**
  - As of Wednesday, ticket sales were at \$76,500 ... still over 1 month to go. There is incentive to be top-selling family (front row seats at Christmas Show). In the past, top 10 families received reserved seating.
  - Parish sales are already over \$13K; last year parish sales were approx \$10K.
  - Amanda is doing a great job!
  
- **Trunk or Treat**
  - Amount collected for entrance fees were approx \$4K
  - Last year collected approx \$3500.
  
- **Collection from Invoices:**
  - Resolved approximately 30% of the \$12K past due from 2016-2017 parental financial commitments ... to date, past due amount is now approx \$7,500
  - Two sets of invoices have been sent to parents for past-due amounts.
  - *What is the next step?? How should future collections be handled?*
    - Improvements for next year's collection are in the works, but a new policy cannot be implemented for this school year.
    - Suggestions to set up "incidental collections" thru FACTS ... parents would get an email re: any over due balances.
  - Questions were posed re: use of FACTS for collecting financial commitment money; however, the current system does not allow for a separation of funds for St Lawrence School and St Lawrence Parents Club.

## **Review of Current & Upcoming Events: Erica Morris**

- **Trunk or Treat (Friday, October 20)**
  - Chair: Lori Gibson, along with Erica and Alison
  - Event was sold out -- 227 vehicles participated (last year there were 155 vehicles)
  - Families had 3 parking options: (1) VIP, (2) General Reserve, and (3) Church Parking.
  - Only 13 reservations for "general reserve". For next year, suggest only having 2 options: (a) VIP and (b) Church Parking.
  - Sales included \$4,070 for parking passes and Food Truck gave back \$72.50. Last year, sales included \$3,530 for parking passes and \$70 from food truck.
  - There were some maintenance issues ... United Rental's light did not work (brand new) ... delivered the light but no "set up". We did not pay for the light and the park lot lights were sufficient.
  - Lori Gibson welcomes any feedback! There were lots of volunteers (18 per shift ... we had 3 shifts but probably only need 2 shifts).
  - Another Issue: Keep the kids off the field and out of cafeteria.
  
- **Thanksgiving Pies**
  - November 16 and 17th (1/2 day)
  - Need people to help hand out and put together ... deliver to Parish and school
  
- **Christmas Program & Tree Lighting (December 1, 2017)**
  - Chair: Grace Berro
  - Everything is ready except the Tree Stand (talk to Father Mike re: stand). Tree will be delivered by Martuccci Family on Thanksgiving Weekend. Will need volunteers for delivery.
  - Santa is scheduled (7pm), along with elf toys and candy canes (3rd Grade and below!). Parents will do own photos.
  - Christmas Program will end and lead to caroling to the Christmas Tree ... 7:10 Blessing and 7:30 Lighting of Tree.
  - Christmas Boutique (venders/spirit boutique) and Snacks will be set up in Cafeteria, as well as Student Council Bake Sale
  - Flyer/E-Blasts to be sent out.
  - 6-8 Volunteers will be needed
  
- **Movie Night (January 12, 2018)**
  - Chair: Nicole Lopez
  - Equipment has been reserved with Dan Allen (?)
  - 3 options for Movie
  - Burger Food Truck & Kona Ice
  - Father Chuck will deliver blessing.

- **Planning APEX Fun Run for 2018-2019 School Year**
  - Event was a success!
  - PC needs to decide if STL will do Fun Run event next year ... APEX or Boosterthon?
  - APEX was flexible and would request \$750 to reserve next year. Boosterthon requires \$2,000 fee.
  - APEX was flexible, easy to work with, online program was user friendly ... individual franchise.
  - Student Feedback: Students liked prizes and felt that the "top" prizes were attainable.
  - Erica will send email out to Board to vote on the vendor ... discussed February as a good time to schedule the Fun Run next year (before Lent) ... Fall is too busy.

**Closing Prayer and Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.