

STARS Family Association
Thursday, April 29, 2021
7pm – 7:45pm via Zoom

Persons In Attendance:

Laura Woloszyn
Angela Gardner
Amy Nagel
Dawn Clarbeaux
Elizabeth Andrews
Gill Koerner
Heather Nutter
Jen McEwan
Mary Beth Webster

Michelle Moritz
Kristine Edbauer
Erin Ranic
Bridget Tartick
Steve Schunk
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Order Of Business:

1. Board Updates

- a. Financial Status – Steve Schunk gave updates on overall financial picture. The Family Association has earned a net \$176,706.74 (May 2020 to Current) and net \$100,607.51 (September 2020– Current). This is far short of the original and updated goal that the Board has set. School did receive money from the PPP program, which has helped keep the school afloat.
- b. Enrollment Initiative – Angela Gardner announced she has resigned from the Board. She was spearheading E.I and did speak on it's ongoing program. Any current families who refer new families to take tour, will be entered to win Amazon gift card. An incentive will be given to STARS family (tuition forgiveness) if new students are enrolled. Contact the office for more information.
- c. New Superintendent – Mrs. Webster has met in person with new Superintendent. She is looking at setting up on-site meeting for the week after next. Bishop Mike is very pro-schools and she thinks there is a bright future for Catholic Schools.
- d. Principal Search – Position has been posted, and there are four candidates. Father Pat M. is coordinating the search and process.
- e. Questions for the Board – no questions or comments were raised.

2. Currently Planned Fundraisers for May

- a. Mother's Day Plant Sale – Pick up is Friday, May 7th. 75 vouchers and 113 baskets were purchased. Additional baskets will be available for purchase at the Mother's Day breakfast. Laura Valone will need a few runners for 5/7 to help with distribution. See Sign up Genius or Laura Valone for details on runners.
- b. Mother's Day Brunch – Sunday, May 9th. Pre-orders are through Michelle Moritz (pay at event). Michelle has list of things needed on FB page. She is collaborating with the office in regards to monetary donations and will be using funds to buy supplies. Serving breakfast out of the Sleeping Lady under a tent with roasters. Pancakes will be cooked at Hall (needed runner) or on-site if people have griddles they can use for the day. Details will be finalized sooner to event. Laura W. offered to donate butter through Upstate Niagara Coop. Elizabeth Andrews also offered to donate. Michelle requested to be kept up to date, otherwise she can get at Restaurant Depot with other items (sausages and bagged eggs). Questions or Donations, contact Michelle Moritz.
- c. Craft Show – Saturday, May 15th. Maureen Diehl and Jean Kessler are organizers. Still have vendor spaces available, \$40 for 10x10 spot. STARS will have a baked good booth (Laura W. coordinating). Donations brought to hall Friday, May 14th 3pm – 7pm. Laura W. and Dawn C. will be running booth.

Maureen needs one volunteer to sit at front check in table from 1pm – 3pm. She also requested small donation of snacks for vendors, this can be sent into the school office. Dawn C. volunteered variety of 6 packs of sodas. Jen McEwan volunteered to bake. Donations & Volunteer opportunity will be on Sign Up Genius.

d. Wendel's Chicken BBQ – Saturday, May 15th. Kristine Edbauer is running the pre-event portion. Will be serving out of food truck, and not Hall. SGI is also having bbq on same day, but she feels confident that it will be an asset to the event. We are committed to 200 dinners, but will not be stuck with extra dinners if not a sell out. Elizabeth will be posting flier on FB following meeting. A sign will be put at Lamb and Websters this weekend. Onge Warner will host and Kelly Roth will do ticket sales. Still need 2-4 people to volunteer. Kristine has phone calls out on volunteering. We will be doing a dessert. We need donation of brownies (prepackaged and can be dropped off at Hall 5/14). Erin Ranic will donate brownies. Donations & Volunteer opportunity will be on Sign Up Genius.

e. Krolick Memorial Day Event – Thursday, May 20th, Friday, May 21st and Saturday May, 22nd. Krolicks will give us 25% of their sales from 3pm-7pm. Need families willing to decorate stand and be available to pop in and make sure decorations look good. Does not need to be same family. Laura W. asked Elizabeth if we had lawn stars and if we could borrow those (yes). Elizabeth asked if it was one set up/tear down, or all three days. Kristine stated that it will be one set up, but we will need someone to keep an eye on it throughout the weekend to make sure it looks good. Laura W. will create flier, and get approval from school and Cindy Krolick. Need someone to take the lead on this.

3.Fundraiser Ideas for June, July & August

a. Virtual Meat Raffle – date has been changed to June 25th. Michelle Moritz is the contact. She wants to do money raffle. The idea is to use the additional time to get the word out and sell as many tickets as possible. Thought this would be a more broad-based community event instead of just STARS families. The flier has been created. Michelle needs Greater Giving link from Elizabeth. Discussion was had about 50/50 and/or money raffle separate or attached to meat raffle ticket. (\$50 ticket that includes meat raffle and money raffle or separate all together). Michelle asked for ideas/opinions. Mrs. Webster commented people might want just the money raffle ticket. Michelle and Kristine discussed merits of money raffle over 50/50. Previous money raffle brought in \$12k. Michelle thinks advertising for money raffle and meat raffle should be separate, but events should happen on the same day. Laura W. asked for firm up on details for next meeting.

b. Additional potential ideas were mentioned: virtual run/bike/walk, got sneakers drive, lawn fete/rummage sale, golf tournament...

c. Root 39 Saloon WorkForce partnership – Angela explained that Root 39 has community projects and has phone line set up for people to call and have yardwork done and money goes to their Giving Tree. Root 39 Saloon owner willing to partner with us and supply us with people who need work done, in return they donate to the school. Angela asked if anyone had interest in this so she can contact Root 39 and let them know our interest. Dawn said she'd be interested. Angela will also post on FB page.

d. Ideas from members at large – Laura W. requested if anyone has ideas please contact her or the office with ideas.

4.Next Year Fundraisers

a. Need to start planning for next year's Fundraisers. Board wants Family Association plan for 2021-2022 for Board Meeting 5/18. Proposed FA Meeting for 5/13 to discuss and finalize 2021-2022 plan of action.

b. Jen McEwan is interested in doing a calendar/Christmas card fundraiser for next year.

5. Grant Writing

a. Angela is looking for help with grant for the Ralph Wilson Foundation. Looking for someone to spearhead that and get the information to their online processing. Contact Angela if you are interested.

6. Teacher Appreciation Week

a. Laura Valone is spearheading luncheon.

7. Questions/Comments

a. Laura Valone discussed Plant Sale details (see item 2a)

b. Laura Valone discussed planned Bike Dice Run planned for August 14th. Will leave from Gowanda Harley. Will do Basket Raffle at Gowanda Harley store. Will need between 6-10 volunteers. Details are in the works.

c. Elizabeth Andrews asked about current enrollment numbers. Mrs. Webster stated we have 73 (K-8) enrolled. Breakdown by Grade: PK (8), Kindergarten (8), 1st Grade (13), 2nd Grade (12), 3rd Grade (10), 4th Grade (8), 5th Grade (5), 6th Grade (8), 7th Grade (2), 8th Grade (7). A number of these are new families. Some current families are not registered yet. 1st and 2nd grade are filling up.

d. Dawn brought up 4 students enrolled with the mid-year enrollment initiative. Dawn thanked Family Association for all that they are doing.

Next meeting is Thursday, May 13th 2021 @ 7pm. Proposed agenda is hashing out plans for 2021-2022 school year fundraising efforts.

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