

STARS Family Association
Thursday, May 13th
7pm – 8:15pm via Zoom

Persons In Attendance:

Laura Woloszyn
Angela Gardner
Amy Nagel
Dawn Clarbeaux
Elizabeth Andrews
Heather Nutter
Mary Beth Webster
Kristine Edbauer
Bridget Tartick
Steve Schunk
Jessica Guenther
Maureen Diehl
Tammi Laurito
Jenn Heidrick

Order Of Business:

1. Board Updates

- a. Dawn C. started off discussion stating the Board drafted letters for area parishes to ask for assistance. The Board is also working on some grant writing and looking for donations.
- b. Financial Status – Steve Schunk gave updates on overall financial picture. The Family Association has earned a net \$176,941.74 (May 2020 to Current) and \$104,482.51 (September 2020– Current). The last couple months have slowed down in revenue.
- c. Enrollment – No specific update was available. There are some current families that have not reenrolled yet.
- d. New Superintendent – Mrs. Webster and Angela Gardner met with Dr. Uhl at school Tuesday (5/11/21) in the afternoon. She felt he recognized the value of STARS and discussed strengths and concerns. He is interested in helping with the principal search as he believes it is important that we get a strong individual to lead the school.
- e. Principal Search – Applications were received. Interviews will be hopefully conducted next week.
- f. Questions for the Board – Elizabeth had a question regarding federal assistant that we received. Discussion was had about Government assistance programs (PPP 1, PPP 2, etc) and how that factored in to revenue. Steve said PPP1 was requested and received. When it came time to decide between PPP2 or money offered by Senator Schumer, it was decided to go with PPP2 as other funds were much more restrictive. Mrs. Webster stated that PPP2 loan funds were deposited in the school’s bank account this week, and that Cathy filed the paperwork for forgiveness on the PPP1. Cathy expressed confidence in that being forgiven. Elizabeth followed up with what is the difference in the money that needs to be raised after factoring PPP and money already raised by Family Association. Will this change the amount we need to raise? Steve iterated that PPP1 has helped with expenses for the 2021-2022 school year, but should not be included in the amount of Funds raised. He stated the expectation is that the Family Assoc. should meet the goal that they agreed to raise for the 2021-2022. Elizabeth wanted clarification in regards to if the amount isn’t raised, will the school close before June. Steve stated it will not.

2. Currently Planned Fundraisers for May

A1. Mother's Day Plant Sale – Thank you to Laura Valone and Allie Reid for running this. It was noted that \$3780 was brought in through this fundraiser. Mrs. Webster noted that this was the gross profit, as there were invoices to be paid to Garden Gate Nursery and Jake's Greenhouse.

A2. Basket Raffle Wrap Up - Kristine asked for final basket raffle amount. She said Elizabeth and Gill had final tally on that. Elizabeth said the total was \$12,660.00. Dawn asked if everyone had received their baskets. Elizabeth has been unable to meet up with the remainder of winners due to quarantine. The school additionally needs to cut check for 2 cash winners. All people have been contacted. Kristine offered to help get baskets to people if need be.

A2. Mother's Day Brunch – Thank you to Michele Moritz and Elizabeth Andrews for running this. Elizabeth gave rundown of event. Said she believes that there would be a better turn out next year if we could do an in-person event instead of a drive thru. Last year's success hinged on everything being closed and the sense of community present at that time. Dawn suggested doing a Father's Day Breakfast with the leftovers. Elizabeth felt that Father's Day tends to focus more on BBQ's and not breakfasts, so perhaps do a breakfast before Father's Day. Elizabeth hopes to contact Michele tomorrow regarding organizing a June breakfast. Additional supplies were stored at Hall kitchen and Moritz residence. It was believed that most items were able to be frozen. Kristine said that the takeout containers and silverware will be used for 5/15 chicken BBQ. Laura asked for clarification regarding the amount of meals sold. Mrs. Webster stated that \$530 was turned in, a total \$110 of hanging plants were sold, leaving \$420 of meals equaling 42 breakfast sold. Dawn stated that there was \$200 of expenses for the breakfast. Elizabeth said that businesses owned by school families would be covering the expenses, so that the event didn't incur any expenses for the school. She said a check for that amount will be sent to the school this week.

B. Craft Show – Saturday, May 15th. Maureen Diehl said she has all the help that she needs. Her husband will be filling the 1-3 spot. She asked Laura W. about tables for the baked goods. Laura W. said that she has 8-9 bakers/baked goods lined up and will be at the hall Friday (3pm – 5ish) and Saturday (8:30a – 12:30p). Vendors will be setting up 3-7 on Friday. Maureen has purchased chicken BBQ tickets for each of the crafters as thank you, and will be conducting a post-show survey. Dawn C. has agreed to run baked good booth the remainder of the afternoon. Dawn will be providing drinks for crafters.

C. Wendel's Chicken BBQ – Saturday, May 15th. Kristine Edbauer is running the pre-event portion, and Onge Warner is serving as host. We received 91 preorders, which is just shy of the 100 preorder goal. Kristine stated we currently have enough help. Wendel's will be putting their trailer along side the hall, and Maureen will have table available Saturday, as well as a table for brownie drop off Friday. Laura W. offered to bring plastic bags for bbq dinners. Pre-orders must pick up before 2pm. Wendels will leave chicken/sides/etc. and take cooking trailer if need be after 3pm, we must be prepared to serve from table if that is the case.

D. Krolick Memorial Day Event – Thursday, May 27th, Friday, May 28th and Saturday May, 29th. Krolicks will give us 25% of their sales from 3pm-7pm. Still in need families willing to decorate stand and be available to pop in and make sure decorations look good. Laura expressed concern regarding lack of volunteers and if this is still a go. Kristine stated that we don't necessarily need someone to be there all the time, or even at all, that would just be a bonus/perk for us. Kristine asked for clarification if we are taking the event. Elizabeth stated she thought it was a good event, and was willing to get family to help with this. Kristine requested Laura W. get her the flier by Monday, May 17th so we can start to promote the event. Maureen asked Laura to push the sign up genius on the parent page again and to have it go through the school's email.

E. Virtual Meat Raffle – date is June 25th. Discussion was had about money raffle separate or attached to meat raffle ticket. (\$50 ticket that includes meat raffle and money raffle or separate all together). Elizabeth stated that Michele wanted to get FA opinion at the last meeting and felt like it hadn't been decided definitively. Kristine asked for clarification on whether this would be a complete virtual ticket or physical ticket. Elizabeth stated it would be both. Ticket options were put to a vote. 7 people were in favor of 2 tickets, (\$40 ticket for the meat raffle and \$10 ticket for a money raffle, with the money raffle being drawn during meet raffle). 1 person was in favor of the \$50 ticket including meat and money. Kristine inquired about if a sign up genie was created for this event. Laura stated it was part of the sign up genie that went live after last meeting. Kristine asked about approval for tickets. Mrs. Webster said she would look to approve them tomorrow afternoon.

F. Additional Events/Questions- Dawn asked if anything had been done about a book sale, as she had rounded up books to donate. No one had any additional information on this. Laura W. mentioned the Lutheran Church was having rummage sale 6/4 or 6/5 and that might be a good tie in. Nothing more was discussed about this. Bridget mentioned to put posts regarding volunteers and events on the parent page and in the communication. Laura said she would work with Mrs. Nutter to make sure that was done. Kristine asked if we were going to do car washes. Elizabeth said she would contact property owner, but felt like it was a good possibility.

3.2021-2022 School Year Fundraiser Calendar

A. Laura W. stated that the Board would like a proposal from the Family Association for next year's Fundraisers and goals for their meeting on 5/18. The floor opened for any questions or comments. Dawn said we need to remember Bingo, but a reminder that many people previously involved are no longer involved with STARS. Elizabeth said the Fall Gala saw its biggest success with the on-line auction, and that maybe for next year we nix the live portion which had expenses and go just for an on-line auction. Elizabeth also mentioned that the basket raffle was a great success and wasn't sure if we should continue that instead of a basket raffle at the Christmas Bazaar, as this year's raffle was in place of the Christmas Bazaar raffle. She also mentioned, if things opened back up again, to focus on dine in events instead of drive thru events. Laura W. stated she didn't see why we can't do both basket raffles, With the Christmas Bazaar raffle being smaller priced baskets, and the daily basket raffle being higher ticket baskets perhaps in February. Elizabeth brought up incentivizing people to donate their time. Discussion was had. Laura asked, in the essence of time, if the proposal could go to committee and be adjusted via google docs. She asked for participants. Elizabeth said she would participate. Laura also said she'd share it with any person listed as a chairperson of an event for the 2021-2022 school year. Discussion was had between Kristine, Elizabeth and Mrs. Webster regarding a Family Association gmail account. Elizabeth has this information and would forward it on to Laura.

4. Questions or Comments

A. The floor was opened for general questions, comments, or things to wrap up from earlier. Bridget asked what the amount is we need to raise for 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Webster believes that we will need to raise \$265,000 unless we raise our enrollment. The superintendent said to not count on money from the Diocese. Elizabeth asked about the updated CDC guidelines of reduced social distancing and how that will effect the school. Mrs. Webster said she's unsure, as 3' social distancing requires mandatory mask wearing all of the time and hinges on reduced transmission rates. She believes that we are basically capped at 15 pupils per classroom. Bridget had a question regarding a potential donor who is hesitant because they are unsure if STARS will be open in the fall. Dawn said that we need to focus on the fact that the FA have raised over \$176,000, and that the families are committed to raising the funds. She stated that the opinion of the Board is to continue to stay open. It was requested that the Board reaffirm the above to the school families in the weekly communication.

Moving on, Mrs. Webster said there has been comments regarding the fundraising thermometer on Main Street. She suggested it needs to change somehow to present a positive outlook. Dawn said she would work on that. Comment period ended, Mrs. Webster was asked to leave so discussion could be had regarding her retirement. If you have questions or ideas for this, please contact Laura Woloszyn, Angela Gardner or Mrs. Nutter. The meeting then recessed at 8:18pm.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 10th 2021 @ 7pm. Proposed agenda is hashing out details for 2021-2022 school year fundraising efforts and organization of Family Association.

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