

FSA General Meeting
February 7, 2022

I. Welcome/Call to Order/Prayer - 6:33

II. Principal Update (Misty Hade)

We had a good Catholic Schools week. Registration for next school year continues, with 249 total students registered so far (Kindergarten at 35). Our goal is for 300 registrations (classes each capped at 20 students). 3 tours are scheduled for this week. Given current registrations, a second section of 6th grade will be added for next year. We're also monitoring future space issues; including checking if our portable building rentals can be extended.

Parent-teacher conferences are next week. The sign up for conferences and snacks has been great - thank you parents!. The 2nd trimester ends 2/25.

There was a question about regionalization of the Des Moines schools. The future structuring model will include a governance board at the regional level, and a school-level board under them (combining FSA and the school board, with a rep going to the region-level meetings). The region will take over many things including budgeting, teacher salaries, HR stuff, supply stuff, custodial staff. Regionalization is still several years out. When this happens, SLTE will still be responsible for raising our own money for capital campaigns (e.g., adding on to the building). With the shift, we are anticipating that tuition will remain about the same.

We followed up on the lockdown alarm, it appeared to be accidental and possibly due to faulty wiring. The situation highlighted the need for a future drill, which will likely be done as a tabletop discussion with staff.

Valentine's day parties are on for 2/14, food items are allowed as they are not being consumed at school.

III. Treasurer's Report (Matt Edwards)

The FSA board approved and spent \$12,000 for new classroom projectors, which has put our new building spending right at the \$20,000 budgeted. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to 8th graders wanting to further their Catholic Education. There is still \$2500 still available for education expansion/STEM items. The executive board is starting to put together the 2022-2023 budget.

IV. Old Business

A. Committee updates

1. **Family Faith (Anna Schaffer)** - the committee ordered Lent booklets for students. Elementary grade students will receive one book per family, middle school students will receive individual books. Extras were also

ordered for classrooms to use during religion education. Hopefully they will be sent home the week before Ash Wednesday.

2. **Green Gala (Janet Irlmeier)** - please see the request to sign up for volunteer positions - it will be reposted to the parents FB page. The Green Gala committee meets every Sunday and they have been working hard! Let's help them out. Gala is this Saturday at 6pm!
3. **Restaurant Night Recap (Melissa Stewart)**- Unfortunately, we did not make any money from the most recent Spirit Night at Panda Express. money. Chipotle is next (February 21st), Dairy Queen in March, and Chick-fil-A in April.
4. **Luau at St. Luke's (Jessica Boor)** - A call for chairs will be sent immediately after the Gala. It is scheduled for Saturday, August 6th.

V. **New Business**

- A. **School board update (Misty Hade)** - Surveys for parents will be coming out soon. We talked about extracurricular activities - we will need someone to run Chess Club. We're also looking for an electrician to connect the scoreboard. The 2022-2023 school calendar was approved and released - note that there will be a change in the parent-teacher conference schedule due to increased enrollment. There is a part-time custodian position open at about 20 hours/week. Start time 3:15pm each day during the week.
- B. **Valentine's Day** - K-5 homeroom parents will provide an activity and a snack; middle school homeroom parents will provide just a snack. Parties are 2/14; everything will need to be delivered to the school by 8am.
- C. **Spirit Wear Committee Chair** - Melissa Stewart is able to do some of it, but she is looking for some help with it. Also looking at some additional vendors to have more presence during the year.
- D. **Box Tops** - check for \$480.00 came in!
- E. **Vice-President Position** - Nominations are now open! Voting will be in March. Matt Edwards has said that he would like to stay on as treasurer for an additional 2 years as long as there is no concern with the school community. The Vice President will sit in that position for one year, then will move up to President the next year. No nominations were offered during this meeting, but please let us know if there is someone who is a good fit!
- F. **Longhorn Dash** - Jayna Beal will co-chair - she needs a co-chair. Considering coupling it with field day, Jayna is happy to hear any feedback or suggestions. It

is currently scheduled for May 6th (rainout day tentatively the 13th?). Mr. Phillips will be consulted.

VI. Adjournment/Closing Prayer - 7:27