

Parent Club Minutes 7/29, 6 – 7 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Rules:

- Please stay on mute until you speak
- If you are new to zoom, there is a toolbar at the bottom of the screen. The mute button is on the bottom left. Phone users may need to swipe to see the menu.
- Chat bubble can be used to type in questions or you can just type a “?” if you want to speak and you will be allowed.
- There is a reactions button on the bottom right. The handclap emoji can be used instead of the raise your hand option if you want to ask a question.

Welcome & Prayer – promptly at 6 p.m.

- Rosemarie El Youssef is the new principal at St. Therese and has been there for exactly 4 weeks today.
- Melanie Reyna (acting Parent’s Club chair) led prayer.

What is Parent’s Club?

- Parents working with the school to provide financial support through fundraising and also to provide fun community activities.

Structure and by-laws: Goal this year is to amend what has been done in the past since due to COVID we cannot do what we have always done.

- The agenda was posted in the chat so participants could follow along.
- In the past the school came to the parents and gave them dollar goal to reach to help meet budget for the year. For a long time this goal was \$100K and it was never met, so tuition was raised and the goal lowered and Parent’s Club was actually able to meet the goal a few times.

Roles and responsibilities: This year some officers will be required, but the effort is on having a group of parents working together to accomplish all functions and come up with creative ideas on how to raise funds and provide community fun.

Officers / Interim Officers

- Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Fund Raising Officer, Room Parent Chair
- Melanie Reyna is chairing this year for the second year in a row, 3 years total. Current bylaws don’t allow for more than 2 consecutive years of service in the same role.

- Anne Herold will be secretary to record minutes at every Parent Club meeting. These minutes will be emailed out to parents after every meeting so that the community knows what's going on.
- Anyone else can be on the committee so that no one person has to take on any one position. This committee will have meetings in addition to the Parent Club meetings to help restructure the bylaws and come up with new ideas. It will take all of us together this year to keep things going. Please remain after the meeting if you want to be part of this core group. Your name will be taken down and you will be invited to the meetings separately.
- Goal is also to email out the agenda for every Parent's Club meeting ahead of time so that parents know what is going on and can provide feedback even if they can't make the meeting. Feedback can be emailed to Rosemarie (elyoussefr@stthereseschool.org) and Melanie (melanie.reyna@usbank.com).

Fundraising Requirement

How will COVID impact these fundraisers?

Auction: Due to COVID guidelines this likely won't be able to happen due to large group gatherings and we won't have enough time once we find out if it's possible to get all things lined up for an event this big.

Raffle/Bingo Night: According to state guidelines the raffle must be done in person at a public event. Due to COVID we cannot have a public event this large.

Jogathon: Due to current COVID guidelines we will definitely not be able to gather in October to do this. One suggestion has been to move this to Spring when guidelines may be different. This is also a large event to plan and may need more time than that.

New ideas? If you have new ideas and/or want to be part of the core group updating bylaws, coming up with new ways to fundraise

and creating community fun please stay on after this meeting or email Rosemarie and Melanie.

Fair Share Requirement

- Since there won't be as many opportunities for in-school involvement this year we need to decide what the Fair Share Requirement should be.
- We don't want to completely take it away because we do want participation and parents want to participate.
- It was talked about last night that it should be about half this year, but if there is not enough opportunity to meet this requirement it will be readdressed

Scrip – No longer a requirement

- This program must be run by a parent volunteer and parents are not allowed to be in the school at this time due to COVID.
- If the school runs the program, the profits have to be reported as income and taxed.
- One thought is to possibly consider still giving what would have been given for the jogathon - \$250 per family.

Objective: Amend By-Laws by end of year based on what works for our community

Parent Comments:

- Can anyone join the parent's Club and are there fees for doing so? Yes anyone can join Parent's Club and there are no fees.
- Possible suggestion for fair share hours: have a phone tree for each classroom for new parents. Calls are made to each new parent in the class periodically to explain how things work and what is going on.
- Parent's Club and any fundraising activity should always have a chair and a co-chair. This is how the current bylaws are written, but it has never happened. The goal of amending the bylaws is to create a structure that anyone could step into and keep going.
- Many families have one or both parents laid off due to COVID. Is there anything in place to help with that? There are currently no more funds available to help with tuition assistance, but that could be something that the Parent's Club decides to take on.

Rosemarie and Melanie Comments:

- A survey will be sent out in the next newsletter regarding Parent's Club and other ideas. One idea was possibly bringing in translators for the meetings so that more people could participate. Please, please, please take the time to fill out the survey and provide ALL ideas no matter how small you may think they are. When tossed around in a group, those small ideas can be morphed into more workable ones.
- We have a library full of items that were donated for the auction and we need ideas on how to use them to generate some money for this school year. COVID requirements are adding to expenses and there is a fear that people may choose to leave St Therese if we have to start with distance learning only. Some ideas thrown out were online auction or basket of the week auction.
- Other fundraising ideas have been plant sales in the spring and poinsettia sale around Christmas. Please provide any other ideas. Think in terms of "WE" considering ideas instead of one person choosing. The committee will meet to discuss and come up with what will work for our community.
- Goal is to have the teachers teaching from the classroom even if we have to start with distance learning. Teachers also would schedule a zoom meeting with the parents in their class before school starts to talk about needs and expectations.
- Minutes from every Parent's Club Meeting will be emailed out separately from the newsletter to parents only since the newsletter goes to many other organizations.
- If you are not getting your newsletter check your spam mail as the "Smore" name may have triggered the email as spam.

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