

**Our Lady Immaculate School Council Meeting Minutes
January 18.2017**

Attendance: Liz Greve (Principal), Diane Fritz (Co-chair), Jessica Mitchell (Co-chair), Anita Orsini, Melissa Van Geffen (Vice), Christa Rosser (Co-Treasurer), Michelle Garcia (Co-Treasurer), Anna Dalton (Secretary), Kristen Ferreira, Emily Pacheco, Maria Ott, Lucia Lilbourne, Sonya Arruda, Michelle Callipari, Jill Zavitz, Sarah McLinchey, Andrea Bezaire

Regrets: Sarah MacGillivray **NB: apologies from Liz and Anna – both will be late**

1.0 Welcome and Prayer: opened at 1801 with a prayer read together.

2.0 INTRODUCTION:

2.1 Review and Approval of Nov Minutes: 1. Melissa VanGeffen 2. Michelle Callipari

2.2 Review and Approval of Jan Agenda: 1. Melissa VanGeffen 2. Michelle Garcia

3.0 CO-CHAIRS REPORT –Diane Fritz & Jessica Mitchell; Vice: Melissa Van Geffen

3.1 Welcome Back!

3.2 Regrets: Sarah MacGillivray

3.3 Cleanup after count nights

3.4 Fundraising committee – Diane and Jessica will be departing from this committee. We need volunteers to take it over. If not, we are going to recommend the budget be reduced by what the committee raised in 2016-17. Note in 2015-16 year, the committee raised over \$7900. Add Sarah McLinchey to this committee – thank you Sarah!

3.5 Bingo List

3.6 Outlook – new email accounts:

- Milk.imm@outlook.com event.imm@outlook.com
- Lunch.imm@outlook.com healthy.imm@outlook.com
- Fund.imm@outlook.com

4.0 CO-TREASURER’S REPORT-Christa Rosser and Michelle Garcia: January budget summary
Handed out (appendix A) reviewed.

5.0 PRINCIPAL’S REPORT - Liz Greve:

5.1 FAITH:

- Father Pirt leaving – celebration will be Sat. Feb 4 after mass
- Last mass with Fr Pirt is Feb 3 and will be with SVDP – kids will sing a song for him

5.2 COMMUNITY:

- Pin a Message – Gr 6 student idea -
- Email for council members – reviewed already above

5.3 STAFFING UPDATE:

- Joining our staff – Randy Vereecken Jan 16.17
- Departing Vali Love Jan 16.17
- LTO K teacher Jacquie Hamilton's last day is Jan 20; Elaine McDonagh returns Jan 23rd

5.4 GOOD NEWS:

- Water Does Wonders Contest – water filling station not in yet

5.5 EDUCATIONAL:

- PD Learning Sessions focus on math
- Cross panel literacy PD

6.0 TEACHER'S REPORT–Maria Ott and Anita Orsini:

- 6.1 **Star of Wonder:** a tremendous success. There were two performance days with 2 matinees and 2 evening performances. The children were so excited to perform and they did so very well. The play provides many children with the opportunity to perform for others. The play was very well received.
- 6.2 **Intermediate hockey team:** tournament - won 4 out of 5 games and came in second place. The team was coached by Mr. Zwambag.
- 6.3 **Junior hockey:** there will be a tournament just before March break.
- 6.4 **Boys volleyball:** ended in late November. The boys lost in the first round and so were eliminated from the playoffs. They were coached by Mr. Hird, Mrs. Tunks and Ms. DaPonte.
- 6.5 **Boys and girls intermediate basketball:** underway with Boys' basketball being coached by Mr. Hird, Mrs. Smith and Miss DaPonte. The coaches for the girl's team are Mrs. Roes and Miss daPonte. There will be a 3-on-3 all day basketball tournament at Catholic Central High School on January 31st for the boys and February 1st for the girls.
 - Knights of Columbus free throw contest is Friday January 27th at North Meadows for ages 9-13. Teachers will send strongest students.
- 6.6 **Primary gymnastics** - will begin shortly. There will be both primary and junior teams. Coaches for the gymnastics teams are Mrs. Tunks, Mrs. Vandenbelt, Mrs. Guay, Ms. Drynan and Ms. Eberhardt. The board wide event will take place March 7th or some date early March.
- 6.7 **First Reconciliation:** will occur in February. Check the bulletin for more details.
- 6.8 **Mad Science:** scheduled to start on Monday, January 23rd. This is an after school pay for use program offered by Mad Science. It will run on Mondays immediately after school.
- 6.9 **Report card writing** is underway. Reports are scheduled to go home on February 2, 2017. Parent-Teacher interviews are on February 9th.

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 7.1 **Finance Committee- members, Liz Greve, Diane Fritz, Jessica Mitchell (A), Christa Rosser and Michelle Garcia–** no meeting-nothing to report
- 7.2 **Healthy Schools-Lucia Lilborne:** Meeting Jan 24th. Will be a challenge to have a fundraiser within healthy schools guidelines. With the \$1000 grant, Lucia bought blenders and measuring cups etc. Structured program through the Health Unit. "Let's Get Cooking" starting soon
 - Liz told us that Sylvia Rondelez was supposed to come to meeting tonight (apologies that she couldn't come) Healthy snack program mandated by the government. She would still love the chance to do a fundraiser for healthy snack in Feb if there was an opening and is open to hear any fundraising suggestions ideas that we recommend. She is looking into the "bean ladies" fundraiser as they are out of London and acquaintances have had success. This will be discussed further.
- 7.3 **Parish Update: Lucia Lilbourne and Sarah MacGillivray:**
 - Goodbye celebration for Fr Pirt after mass on Sat Feb 4th
 - Confirmation: many changes. Retreat cancelled. Super Saturdays – March 4 and 25 from 1pm till 6pm (after mass); only one weekend now for Confirmation - June 3rd or 4th. You have to sign up for the specific mass. As well gowns cost \$30 to be paid and brought to the church

- Grade 2 – First Reconciliation preparation-begins the weekend of Feb 4-5 through to Feb 25-26. Saturday at 5pm mass and Sundays at 10am mass
- Grade 2 First Communion preparation will begin March 11-12 till Mar 25-26. Saturday mass and Sunday 10 am mass

7.4 Fundraising – Kristen Ferreira, Emily Pacheco, and Sarah McLinchey:

- A little hiccup – Third Wave could not handle the volume of orders and the last shipment did not come. 2 items left to come and Jessica has been on facebook keeping people aware of the situation. Some items will not be delivered and will be refunded. People went above and beyond to help field calls and get us through this ordeal.... Obviously, we WILL NOT be using this vendor again.
- We are down about \$2000 between chocolates and Third wave – concerning.

7.5 Hot Lunch- Christa Rosser, Gorett Salvador, Melissa VanGeffen:

- Meeting tonight with Kenan from ezlunchmenu – hopefully be online for next ordering session. We will still be offering forms to go home this year but intent is to be totally online for next school year.
- Discussion around running hot lunch on another day – perhaps Mondays- but conversation toward not a good idea.
- Domino’s lady is awesome
- Change to Black Alley – and won’t be ordering quesadilla’s next term

7.6 Milk Program: Andrea Bezaire, Michelle Garcia, Jill Zavitz: running smoothly

7.7 EVENT COMMITTEE : Melissa VanGeffen, Michelle Garcia, Emily Pacheco, Nancy Da Silveira:

- Movie night was cancelled and will be rescheduled
- Idea of having a Quarter Auction. Big discussion around how it runs for people who haven’t heard or been to one. \$5 per paddle. Sponsors would get a table and supply an item to be bid on. Perhaps 50/50 draws

7.0 OPEN FORUM:

- Melissa talked about “remind app” - Liz explained this is not moving forward and that the board is trying to revamp something similar. Working on a new platform
- Safety Day – this Spring may be here at OLI. Lucia let us know that \$250 will be given to the hosting school’s parent council to cover the volunteers lunch. (about 25 volunteers)
- Christmas Dinner – how much did we make? \$98.39
- The school board has a survey regarding Christmas vacation for next school year and what people want for the two weeks off so if you want a vote, go answer the survey.

Meeting Adjourned at 1918 with a Hail Mary

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 15.2017 in the library