

Minutes- St. Pio's School Council Meeting

Thursday November 7, 2024, 6:30pm

Attendance:

Choporis– Acting Principal, G. Ferarri, J. Fleck, P. Asare, L. Marin, A. Rego, N. Eagles, P. Bothelo, H. Bountas, N. Fernandes / D. Anisko

Regrets

Regrets S. Nazareth, B. Campusano, G. Asare

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement Led by L. Choporis (Acting Principal)

Reviewed Minutes from earlier meeting - approved J. Fleck, 2nd by A.Rego

CHAIR'S REPORT

- G. Ferrari opened the meeting by highlighting the success of the Spook-a-Toon event and thanking parents for their support
- The Dance-a-Thon was held on October 31st. Children enjoyed the event, and council members provided feedback on lighting and music. Balloons were purchased for entertainment. A future review will determine whether the school should invest in lighting to reduce DJ costs
- Prize validations were conducted, and all were confirmed as correct

TREASURER REPORT:

- The Treasurer reviewed the financial reports for September and October
- P. Asare reported that funds from Spook-a-Toon continued to be received through October 31st, totaling \$2,080
- Two transactions made at the end of the month remains unclear; \$1,351.50 for 2024/25 agenda commitments, and a \$50 payment
- The statement balance is \$6,161, pending the Treasurer's clearance of these transactions

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Monthly scheduling of virtue assemblies, alternating with other liturgical celebrations and masses (ie, Remembrance Day, Holy Week, etc.)
- Ongoing grit initiative to encourage perseverance, dedication, resilience, excellence and commitment
- First Communion is May 10th
- Christmas Break runs from December 23rd to January 3rd
- School excursions include visits to Downe Farm and the Legislature, with more planned
- Picture retake day is November 19th
- Remembrance Day presentation will be on November 11th
- Progress Reports are sent home on November 12th and Interviews on November 14th
- Bus safety presentation scheduled for November 21st
- Volleyball mini-tournament will be held on November 27th
- Ongoing Literacy support including resources from the Board
- Hajdi led the review of Criminal Reference Checks and volunteer updates

TRUSTEE Report:

Trustee Absent- No Report

PARISH Report:

- A. Rego shared updates on activities led by Father Mario at St. Peter and Paul Church, including:
 - Building homes for a poor family in the Dominican Republic
 - Street Patrol: Sandwich distribution to homeless individuals in Toronto
 - Passion Play
- Remarks from the OAPCE meeting were shared with the council

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Halloween event was positively received and improved for children's enjoyment
- The council purchased prizes, glow sticks, balloons, and DJ services for the event
- The annual Spook-a-Toon was once again a success

- A review was conducted on courtesy seating and rainy morning procedures

NEW BUSINESS:

- Christmas Fair is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 12th
- Santa pictures will continue, with the addition of a Grinch costume
- The council will validate for event photographers
- Various Christmas activities were reviewed
- A choir was suggested but will not be available this year—consideration will be given for next year
- A detailed Christmas Fair discussion was held
- The principal will contact Father Mario to request a Christmas Mass at the school
- Volunteer shortages for church visits remain a concern, requiring further planning
- A. Rego provided details on the Krispy Kreme fundraiser
- Birthday card fundraiser (BIG BOX) details were reviewed

Upcoming Events:

- February 2025 – Potential Bowling Night
- March 4 – Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Tuesday: Exploring catering vs. Cooking. Volunteers needed—goal is to recruit 20 parents
- June 2025 – End-of-Year BBQ
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CLOSING PRAYER- Led by G. Ferrari

NEXT Meeting for 2024-2025

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm