

St. Mary's TPO Minutes  
Wednesday, March 7, 2018

**Opening Prayer:** The meeting was called to order by president Misti Mies at 5:33. She led the group in prayer as the first matter of business. In attendance were 3 officers, 3 parents, and 5 staff members.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from the January 17, 2018 minutes were reviewed. Minutes were approved as stated.

**Treasurer Report:** Report was reviewed and approved with the amount listed as the current balance.

**Father's Report:** Neither priest was in attendance. Nothing to report.

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Morehouse was not in attendance. Nothing to report.

**Commission of Education Report:** There was a commission meeting on February 21 where it was reported that the tutoring program is going well. It was also shared that the demolition process had started for the Atrium for the new religion program, that a grant was secured to help pay for costs, and that committee members had discussed school security during their meeting.

**Old Business/Ongoing Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

-Draw Down update- Danielle Gill shared that work is underway for this year's event. They are asking businesses to be sponsors to help offset costs. Since overall there are fewer fundraisers this year, the goal is to have the ones still taking place to be great. Tickets are slowly coming in at this point and each class will again make a project to auction off during the night.

-Bathroom improvements- Recently the finance committee had asked Mrs. Mies for a list of possible things that the TPO could pay for. During a brainstorm it was noted that the bathrooms, sinks especially, could use some work as well as the water fountains. Another idea was to direct money into a library fund for updated copies of books as well as a computerized system for checking out books. Everyone in attendance agreed so this matter will continue to be discussed with the appropriate people.

-Danielle Gill also shared about the strategic plan in regards to a bi-yearly survey that will come out this spring. It's goal is to find responses that will help shape coming years and decisions made. In addition it was reported that the open house went well and that they are working hard for school enrollment.

**Open to the Floor:**

- Mrs. Duffy noted that the volunteers working with the AR scanner have been doing great and are so appreciated.
- It was encouraged to continue thinking of new fundraising ideas.
- Mrs. Corrigan shared about the upcoming talent show hosted by the Student Council.
  - the need for more technology on the lower level was discussed so that device sharing

between rooms would no longer be an issue. After discussing numbers and need Amanda Lauritzen made the motion to purchase 20 additional iPads prior to the end of the school year. Carol Duffy made the second and all in attendance agreed. With this it was also put on the table to look into subscription costs of apps used to see that teachers are still using them.

**Closing Prayer:** All in attendance prayed the Our Father and adjourned at 6:36.

Submitted by Kayla Highland