

MQP Home & School Association - Meeting Agenda

October 21, 2021 at 7pm - Holy Family Room

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7:00 – 7:05	Opening Prayer - Father Craig
7:05 - 7:10	Secretary's Report - Karen Reilly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roster Review/Updates - <i>Everyone should review the current roster and advise Karen Reilly of any updates. MANY roles still need to be filled, especially as shadows for next year. Please start recruiting efforts now so that adequate shadowing can take place this school year.</i>
7:10 – 7:40	Old Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brat Fest - TJ/Jill Scherbel - <i>Meghan Torno Zahra reported that Brat Fest netted over \$9,000. Thanks to everyone for a great event - huge thanks to the Donley Family for the donation of the food.</i> Playground Upgrades - Jen Hulsen - <i>Jen Hulsen reported that the Playground Committee is growing and still working to spend remaining Boosterthon funds. Archdiocese has recently limited large projects over \$25,000 so the committee is focusing on small improvements while a larger, full-scale replacement is planned for the future.</i> SHOP - Alicia Albus - <i>Lisa Voges emphasized the importance of chairpersons using SHOP cards for their events, whenever possible. SHOP Cards are available at the rectory along with the MQP Sam's card and tax exempt form - you can borrow when needed. You will not pay ANY money out of pocket - the reimbursement request form is for accounting purposes/paper trail for the H&S/SHOP Budget. A link to the reimbursement form is in the treasurer's section below.</i> Buddy Family Fall Party - Lisa Voges - <i>A party is tentatively planned for mid-November - looking for volunteers to plan the event. Please contact Lisa Voges if you can help.</i> Welcome Gifts - Lisa Voges - <i>Lisa reported that Mary Ann Zimmerman distributes a 'welcome pack' to new parishioners. Lisa will follow up with Mary Ann and also bring Angela Fiordelisi from the Rectory into the conversation to ensure that new students who are not necessarily parishioners do not fall through the cracks and receive the welcome packet. Effort will also be made to ensure all necessary information is included in MQP School Weekly AND Parish flocknotes.</i> Event Clean-Up - Lisa Voges - <i>Lisa reported that event clean-up hired help can be arranged through Jim Hudson/Hudson Facilities jimh@hudsonfacility.com and/or Katsam Enterprises Street Sweeping 314-423-7600. Expectations should be covered with cleanup help before the event to ensure all needs are met. Chairpersons should ensure access to janitorial closet outside Mrs. Goodwille's room when arranging for key cards. Kathy Westbrook will explore idea of high school volunteer help for events but cautions were raised - supervision will be required.</i> New Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trunk or Treat - Mari Barringer - <i>Mari Barringer reported that Trunk or Treat driver spots are sold out and walker registrations continue to come in. Pretzel Boys will be sold at the event. Volunteers still needed - see SUG. 'We Share Online' has been a big improvement for the registration process.</i> Scholastic Book Fair - Kylene Blumeyer - <i>Kylene reported that the Scholastic Book Fair will take place during early November. Dates are being finalized now so that a schedule can be distributed. Volunteers will be needed - watch for the SUG.</i> Fundraising - Suzanne Moore/Jen Duffy - <i>Update will be provided at next meeting and will take into account new parameters set by the archdiocese concerning limits on spending.</i>

7:40 – 7:45	Pastor's Report – Fr. Craig - <i>Father Craig reported that MQP will be celebrating its centennial next year. The Parish Council is leading the effort and a Back to School Alumni Event is planned for Aug/Sep 2022. Ms Smith/Staff will be working on special ways to celebrate with the students throughout the year.</i>
7:45 – 7:55	Principal's Report – Ms. Smith - <i>Ms. Smith reported that a new Pre-K 4 teacher has been hired. Recruiting efforts are still under way for a Pre-K 3 TA and P/T learning consultant help for Mrs. Oberkirsch. The first Stewardship Day went great - lots of positive feedback. Student Council officers are set and representatives will be chosen next. Ambassadors will be starting to help with tours - lots of leadership opportunities for middle school students. IOWA test results will be distributed. Halloween parties/parade will be held Oct 29th - details in MQP School Weekly. Regarding grant money -- three reimbursements are pending (\$26,000 on Technology/\$18,000 on Sanitizing Supplies/\$12,000 on OWL/Star Reading/Document Cams). Next big project will be laptops for teachers.</i>
7:55 – 8:00	Board of Education (BOE) Report - Beth Radefeld - <i>Beth Radefeld reported that the BOE had several officers return for a second year for continuity's sake, along with new members. The Board deals with many Covid issues including masking concerns from parents; the BOE balances the needs/safety of kids/staff with the priority of keeping kids in school. Changes have been made to the quarantine policy and the task force is constantly reacting to changes/guidance from the Archdiocese. BOE is also working on review of policies/by-laws. Issues brought to the BOE are discussed anonymously. BOE stressed the need for open communication to new families.</i>
8:00 - 8:10	Treasurer's Report – Elise Holland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget and Reimbursement Process - <i>Elise stressed the importance of sticking to your budget when planning your event; chairpersons should communicate directly with Elise/Lisa with any concerns. Elise can not make reimbursements without a reimbursement form/receipts. Amazon Smile is an easy way to benefit MQP - share this info with your friends and family.</i> Link to Online Forms -- Downloadable Forms (mqpwgschool.org)
8:10 - 8:30	President's Report – Lisa Voges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank Yous - <i>Lisa expressed THANK YOUs to ALL for so many recent successful events.</i> Volunteers (Spring Fest Committee/Cafeteria Duty/Scholastic Book Fair) - <i>Volunteers still needed for many upcoming events - watch for SUGs. Craig Avery will head up Spring Fest - many lead roles have been filled but lots of support will be needed.</i> Protocol For Events/Activities - <i>Chairpersons for all future events should start planning now - reach out to past chairpersons for help. Coordinate dates with Ms Smith/Angela Fiordelisi from the Rectory to ensure they are on school and parish calendars. Make sure that you are staying within your budget and communicate with Elise/Lisa about concerns. Mari Barringer will follow up with Ms Smith regarding this year's Christmas Staff Luncheon.</i> Class Parties - <i>Mrs. Zimmerman has distributed a class allergy list. Holiday parties will take place for Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day with parent volunteers per the SUG.</i> Grandparents' Day - <i>Feedback from the last Grandparents' Day festivities indicate that some grandparents felt pressured into making purchases at the Book Fair. After much discussion, the decision was made to separate the two events. In light of covid concerns/crowding, Grandparents' Day has been postponed to the spring. As soon as a date is set, it will be announced.</i> Spirit Wear - <i>Kylene Blumeyer announced the Spirit Store is open for another round of ordering including two newly approved sweatshirt designs. Store will close on Nov 8, 2021.</i>

The next Home and School Meeting will take place on
Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 7pm in the Holy Family Room.