

# PRESCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:**

9/11/2024

**TIME:**

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Katie Haden, Susann Cassidy, Heather Curran, Melissa Baldinger, Jeremy Jackson, Marcus Clendenin, Rob Neppel\*, Heidi Hobler\*

\*non-voting

Opening Prayer – including Patriot Day remembrance

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****NEW/ONGOING BUSINESS****Pastoral Council**

- Synodal Listening Sessions - 9/15 & 9/29 after 9am masses
  - o How can parish meet needs, how church meet needs, etc.
- Franciscan spirit and life convocation
- Liturgical training
- Hospitality ministry
- Staff updates – middle school ministry director
- Ministry – priest doing studies; Duke Regional
- New sound system/screens
- New communication system
- Finance – preschool enrollment 171; budgeted 160
- Pastoral plan shared

**Introductions**

- New members – Melissa Baldinger, Jeremy Jackson, Marcus Clendenin
- New co-chairs – Katie Haden, Susann Cassidy
- New secretariat – Heather Curran

**PAC Overview**

- Bylaws distributed to the committee – revised in 2019
- PAC's Purpose – help Heidi with certain initiatives and provide ideas to shape the vision for future for the preschool
  - o Share feedback hearing from parents
  - o Ambassadors to preschool
  - o Heidi's goal – continue Nancy's legacy

**Harvest Moon**

- Brainstorm ideas on how to spend the Harvest Moon profits
  - o Past projects funded by Harvest Moon: playground, in-house field trips (Dan Animal Man lots of \$); Exploration Station

- Some ideas:
  - Teacher grants
  - Bollards – safety and security
  - Endowments – tuition assistance

### Goal for the year – Increase Family Engagement

- Brainstorm to increase family engagement:
  - Buddy program (similar to TFS)
  - T-shirt (help families understand it's a fundraiser, and opportunities to wear to show school spirit)
  - Tote bags (in the past students brought their own backpacks)
  - PAC is connecting with the room parents to increase collaboration and coordination
- Parent Facebook page support – anyone interested in supporting the parent Facebook page; recommend someone if PAC is unable to support the page

### Volunteerism /FEC

- **Family Engagement Committee** – all committees have at least 2 people
- **Harvest Moon** – sign up & QR codes; preschool purchasing snacks
- **Parent/Child Social events** – 9/29/24 meet at the playground; popsicles
  - Room parents can share unofficial activities

### Preschool Finance

- Final budget due in March – add item to November agenda to discuss Finance Council Preschool Budget
- 80% total budget salary
- Church's well-being is solely dependent on the well-being of our families

#### ACTION ITEMS

- Preschool family Facebook page support volunteer
- Add Finance Council – Preschool Budget to November
- Harvest Moon \$ - share ideas on best ways to spend \$

#### UPCOMING

- PAC Meetings: 9/11/24, 11/13/24, 1/8/25, 3/12/25
- Staff Appreciation Dinner 5/7/25 @ 6:30 PM | Founders Room