

## ***Holy Rosary School Board Meeting Minutes September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022***

***Carina VanPelt, Rebecca Scheunemann, Brittany Thomas,  
Rob Marnell, Hollie Miyasaki, Taryn Kammeraad, Fr. Flores***

- I. Opening Prayer: **8:16 a.m. by Fr. Flores.**
- II. Introductions
- III. Robert's Rules of Order / Meeting Overview: **Reviewed rules of order and board meetings proceedings.**
- IV. Approve Minutes: **Minutes approved 8:21 a.m.**
- V. Marketing Report: **Rebecca Scheunemann will head the Wine Auction in addition to organizing events, marketing, and helping with fieldtrips.**
  - a. **A big goal this year is to get the word out to the community that Holy Rosary is here and awesome, and to work on getting more word-of-mouth referrals. Currently we are highlighting the tuition incentive to reach more parents regarding this benefit so if they refer a student to Holy Rosary, they can get \$300 off their tuition.**
    - i. **Holy Rosary isn't using social media accounts anymore but we still want people to use hashtags. Carina has been analyzing data and during the 1<sup>st</sup> year of Covid social media was a huge strength, but as she has been researching other schools, more recently social media use has been very minimal. So, looking at the time/cost benefit, it didn't seem like the best use of time. We are trying to use other means of communications/resources to streamline this. This year there will be more pictures, videos, and links in the Panther Pause; more current information on the website; more overall information coming home from teachers; more information in Idaho Catholic Register; and pictures etc. posted on Parish Facebook.**
  - b. **This year we want to start The Day of Learning sponsorship program. Sponsors can purchase a day, week, or month of learning and pay a certain amount of**

money to sponsor someone in the school. For example, sponsor a student's birthday and everyone that day will intentionally pray for that child. Another example is someone who has passed away or someone's anniversary. The intention is for this to help keep tuition down, but also community building by learning about other people with a focus of praying for each other. Sponsored information could be placed out at carline. Holy Spirit in Pocatello did something similar so we may look to them for some ideas.

- c. Another way we will work on promoting and increasing visibility of the school is by trying to get news coverage for events at the school such as the 9/11 heroes lunch.
  - d. Rebecca's sister is an FBI agent in Chicago and in charge of community awareness of active shooter training and what communities can do. She is working on scheduling a zoom with the agent and all the teachers at Holy Rosary to help educate about what we can do as a community in an active shooter situation.
  - e. The zoo event over the summer seemed good, Taryn says she went and it was really enjoyable.
  - f. The golf tournament got cancelled because people wanted it back but there weren't enough people to participate.
  - g. There was a struggle getting enough volunteers to help with events throughout the past year. If we are leading things from within the school vs. volunteers then there may be more follow-through.
- VI. PTO Report: The next PTO meeting is Monday at 3:15p.m. and meetings will be held the second Monday of the month. This year teachers will also be invited to attend as they are parents of students at Holy Rosary. The meetings will be offered online and in person. This year a goal is to try to increase volunteering. We have a good core set of volunteers who do everything and they need more help. We are reaching out to pre-school/pre-k parents to help them get more involved. At the upcoming meeting we will be discussing upcoming events. There were a lot of events last year and some were successful and some were not so there will be discussion about continuing with the events that were the best bang for the buck. Also, will be looking for volunteers to help with field trips and

teacher classroom fundraising, making sure money we are bringing in comes back to the teachers.

- a. Back to school night:
  - i. About 20 volunteers signed up and many were new parents.
  - ii. Books from INL were donated to our students and handed out. There are many left over so we will be handing those out at events throughout the year.
- b. First birthday lunch is today. Birthday bags will be handed out and birthday kids will sit with Mrs. VanPelt.
- c. Volunteers will be pushed heavily towards helping with the wine auction as it's the major fund raiser.
- d. Most people got their volunteer hours last year but a lot of people had to pay.
- e. There has been about 30 people attending safe environment classes this year.
- f. Twenty-six percent of the school is new parents.
- g. The choir should have safe environment training too.

VII. Principal's Report

- a. Fr. Flores offered to do an Italian 7-course cooking class and it was held at Carina's house. It was a successful item at the wine auction and was a lot of fun. Thank you Fr. Flores! Menus, pictures, and recipes from the event are all in a book.
- b. Mary Lund worked hard to get the EANS grant for a lot of updates to the classrooms last year. This year she re-applied and the school was awarded an even higher amount.
  - i. Plans for this year's grant funds are for a new curriculum, more updating of furniture such as teacher chairs, instructional art, and a weeklong training Phonics First program addressing students with dyslexia (1 in 5 students in country have dyslexia) and was only recognized this summer for IEPs. Now all teachers have to have dyslexia training by law (all our teachers have already had this training this summer).
    - 1. Carina may put some information in the Panther Pause about this.
- c. Fr. Flores' bulletin is being linked into panther pause.

- d. **The theme for this school year is Choose Joy. It is an overarching idea tying in faith and community and the feeling we want kids and staff to have at Holy Rosary.**
- e. **Spirit wear orders are due today. Teachers will be able to choose different colors.**
- f. **A talking points handout was sent out for us to have to discuss or show people who have questions about the school.**
  - i. **Historically, the number one way people come to this school is via word of mouth.**
- g. **Fr. Flores is going to do a book club as a way to focus and engage in our faith.**
  - i. **It will be held once a month and there will be a presentation and discussions about how teachers will engage this topic in the classroom.**
  - ii. **Will it be for teachers or for families too?**
    - 1. **Deacon Jason is doing family formation.**
  - iii. **Fr. Flores believes someone from the school board should also be involved in the book club.**

VIII. **Old Business**

- a. **Ambassador Plan: There are no ambassadors this year as we want parents to talk to teachers first, then Carina, then Fr. Flores so we recommend families follow this for best practices.**
- b. **Rob will update the bylaws for the ambassador chairperson.**

IX. **New Business**

- a. **Review Bylaws / Prep for Signature at 10/14 Meeting**
  - i. **Last time bylaws were signed by the board was in 2019. Rob will update them and the board members will read them and email with any concerns before the next meeting.**
  - ii. **We will sign them with this current board at the next meeting.**
- b. **School Board Training: We are an advisory board, not like school boards at public schools. We give recommendations and Carina takes it to Fr. Flores, and at the end of the day he has the final say of anything that happens at this school. Carina doesn't feel like we need the training but it is available free to board members if they want to attend. She will get more information to us. It could help us define the role of school board to other parents.**
- c. **Enrollment is 150 this year and last year ended at 163.**

- d. Endowment meeting: **The discussion was having school follow Mary's examples because it was Mary's birthday yesterday.**
- i. **It is a wonderful night because the people in attendance love the school, are generous, come with good intentions, and are dedicated to the school.**
  - ii. **They usually have appetizers and drinks at the event.**
  - iii. **Carina gave a report this year to those in attendance.**
  - iv. **The Endowment gave the school \$74,000.**
  - v. **Currently there is over 2 million in Endowment with the goal one day to be a tuition free school.**
- X. Closing Prayer: **9:06a.m. by Fr. Flores.**

## ***Mission***

Holy Rosary Catholic School's mission is to use its Christian Catholic traditions and community resources to empower and celebrate student achievement, so that our students will have a secure environment in which to grow in their knowledge of God, themselves, community, and academics and use that knowledge to reach their God-given potential.

## ***Vision***

Holy Rosary School will be the most outstanding elementary school in the Idaho Falls area.

## ***Values***

- G - Gifts from God
- R - Respect and Responsibility
- E - Expressing Excellence
- A - Academic Achievement
- T - Togetherness with Community