

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School
Family School Association (FSA) Meeting

Date & Location: Monday, March 6, 2017, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School, Ankeny, IA – Room #120

Attendees: Executive Council:
Susan Grebasch, President fsa-president@slte-school.org
Chrissy Eberhart, Vice President fsa-vicepresident@slte-school.org
Eric Peters, Treasurer (absent) fsa-treasurer@slte-school.org
Erin Schmitz, Secretary (absent) fsa-secretary@slte-school.org

Agenda:

1. Welcome/Prayer

2. Updates from Principal Eaton

- (a) Feedback from clubs started this school year:
 - Chess Club – extremely successful; looking to do it again next year.
 - Athletic Club – for grades 2-4; well received, and will probably do again next year.
 - Pokemon Club – re-evaluating, and may move to once a month.
- (b) 2nd-4th grade girls have some ideas on activities, and will re-assess those in the next school year. Also looking at American Heritage Girls (parish-sponsored), and possibly Girl Scouts for next year.
- (c) Mrs. Julia Schenk is leaving – nothing in particular, but she felt it was the right decision for her at this time. Looking at hiring a replacement.
- (d) Kindergarten Roundup – May 9th. Those currently registered for 2017-18 kindergarten (29/30 so far) will spend time in the classroom. No school that day for current kindergartners.
- (e) Upcoming field trips: March 24th – 3rd & 4th graders going to Stephens Auditorium in Ames to see Ellis: Island of Dreams; April 18th – 1st & 2nd graders going to Stephens Auditorium in Ames to see Teacher from the Black Lagoon.
- (f) Saw a presentation by a St. Augustin parent regarding healthy eating choices – would like to bring her to St Luke. This was approved at a total of \$400 (\$100/class). There is talk, as well as participation, by the students, and then finally eating! May consider a parent program next year, led by this parent (good, healthy eating habits for parents to teach kids).
- (g) Marketing – idea was brought up to start a Mom’s group, maybe once a month. Spiritual as well as social (school, not parish). Dad’s version?
- (h) Spring pictures will be in April (no date on hand).
- (i) 2017-18 budget should be approved at the March 23rd school board meeting.
- (j) ESA bill: Still has a chance – really need parents to call, write, email, visit their state reps to keep moving the bill forward.
- (k) Mrs. Kenkel will soon start gauging interest in band next year among the current 4th graders.

3. Teacher Visit – Ms. Krutsinger (2nd grade)

- (a) 1st year teaching, but had a Catholic school upbringing from K-12.
- (b) Going forward, one teacher will attend the monthly FSA meetings, for the purpose of telling us more about themselves and their roles as our teachers. Plan to attend future meetings to get to know our teachers!

4. Financial Update

- (a) No update available at this time.

5. Old Business

- (a) Green Gala Update – Still waiting on final total after bills; should be coming out within the week.
- (b) Bike/Walk/Run Update
 - Set for Sunday, May 21st; theme is Give Back to the Future.
 - Money raised will be used for a sound system in the gym, as well as other technology needs in the school.
 - Will have a logo design contest for grades K-5; info should be coming home in the next week or so. Will be open to all kids in St. Luke's School, and St. Luke's and OLIH RE classes.
 - Committee needs help in about 2 weeks to start contacting sponsors.
- (c) Book Fair
 - Total raised?
 - Suggestion to move this to coincide with an event that is already getting parents/people into the school (Fine Arts Night, Special Person Day, etc.).
 - Recommend not doing it during early morning or after school on non-conference days (wasn't that much traffic).

6. New Business

- (a) Quarterly Activity/Open Gym
 - Friday, April 7th – Susan will check on gym availability.
 - Will do a Lenten meal – have 3-4 people bring large pots of mac & cheese, and everyone else can bring a side dish/dessert/beverages.
 - Will be an opportunity for parents to visit/talk. May have activities for the kids.
 - Chrissy will look into Skate North as a possible school/family activity.
- (b) School Board Update (none – no representative present)
- (c) FSA Executive Council Elections/Opening for 2017-18
 - No one has come forth with interest in fulfilling the Secretary or Treasurer openings; hope to have some interest by the April meeting so we can vote.
 - Please consider bringing your talents to our board. It's a great way to stay on top of the latest and greatest of happenings around our school.
- (d) Upcoming dates we need to look at: May 1st – Principal Appreciation Day; May 1-5 – Teacher Appreciation Week; May 5th – School Lunch Hero Day; Oct. 2nd – Custodian Appreciation Day (will still recognize Mike, the custodian, during Teacher Appreciation Week).

- (e) Teacher Wish Lists – Brandy Oberreuter will work with teachers on a monthly basis to update these and have them posted on the FSA Shutterfly site.
- (f) Other
 - Approved up to \$100 for Amanda Peffer to use for materials at the Fine Arts Night on April 27th.
 - New website – Margery Pierce had researched a company that would be willing to update and maintain a new website design for our school. Would be a one-time fee of \$2700 and \$45/mo. maintenance fee. This expense is not included in the school budget, so it would be funded by FSA. If the funds are available, we'll vote on the project at the April meeting.

7. Important Upcoming Dates

- Mar 8 – Spirit Wear Day
- Mar 10 – No School (prof. dev.)
- Mar 13-17 – Spring Break
- Mar 22 – Out of uniform day
- Mar 28 – School Board Meeting (7pm)
- Apr 2 – 2nd grade First Eucharistic Retreat, 1st option (3pm)
- Apr 3 – No school (prof. dev.)
- Apr 3 – 2nd grade First Eucharistic Retreat, 2nd option (6:30pm)
- Apr 3 – FSA General Meeting (6:30pm)
- Apr 7 – CTO Financial Aid application deadline
- Apr 17 – No School (Easter Monday)
- Apr 27 – Fine Arts Night (6:30pm)
- Apr 28 – Special Person Day
- Apr 30 – First Communion
- May 26 – Last day of school (11:15am dismissal)

8. Contact Info for Officers

Susan Grebasch	President	fsa-president@slte-school.org
Chrissy Eberhart	Vice President	fsa-vicepresident@slte-school.org
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Next Meetings:

- Executive Board: Monday, March 20, 2017, 6:30pm, Room #120.
- General Session: Monday, April 3, 2017, 6:30pm, Room #120.