

VASNRE Board Minutes
December 2020
6:00pm

OPENING

- Call to order – Allie called the meeting to order
- Prayer
- Approve 9/7/20 minutes – on hold; minutes are on Maggie's other computer

OLD BUSINESS

- VASNRE received Catholic Foundation Grant for \$2,500 to be used for:
 - purchasing hands on learning materials such as craft items, games, and visual aids to assist in the comprehension and retention of topics taught in class
 - Purchased: Saints books, bible bingo game, laminator and laminating sheets, folders, markers, scissors,
 - Allie has been purchasing things Because of our grant. She has the receipts. Due to her Covid she has not been to church recently to turn them all in
 - All the things purchased assumed we would be in person. With the switch to virtual they are not being used yet but they will be when we can resume inperson
 - Props for plays and programs that are put on by VASNRE
 - Make reusable things with our laminator. Like programs, etc.
 - Ron mentioned we have many items for the Christmas play already, like sheep and other props.
 - The stable is falling apart. Ron and Adam may be able to fix it a bit. Tammy asked if it needs replacing or upgrading, Ron assures her it's just in need of some care.
 - Buying tape and things to keep the stuff repaired
 - Maybe a new baby doll and manger
 - Maybe Christmas decorations especially when it's on a good sale for after Christmas we can use next year
 - Materials to spread the word about the program
 - Social media advertising, such as from our facebook page
 - Brochures
 - Allie has a cricut that can cut vinyl and other materials. Tshirts, hats, etc etc. lots of promotion possibilities
 - Ron still has many of the "it's ok to say merry Christmas to me" buttons and has brought them to the Carpenter Christian Goods in little chute
 - Tammy can also sell buttons at her parish
 - Chris is going to let us know about additional advertising
 - Patty V suggested a facebook page for VASNRE and her team at the parish could help with setting that up and helping promote it.

NEW BUSINESS

- Classes are now being held virtually via Zoom on regularly scheduled class dates
 - Going well so far – classes consist of greeting, good news, prayer chain, and a quick lesson on a saint
 - Following the same schedule, classes are going well, not a big turnout but the people who come really love it. Allie has good feedback from both volunteers and students. Just nice to have something to look forward to
 - Has been really fun and simple, not the same as the in person way but still really good.
 - Ron mentioned a previous VASNRE member Bobby Vandenkoogard has passed away from pneumonia and covid.

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

- Patty W's financial report
- The finances look great, see report for details
- Allie's hours are less because shorter classes on zoom and shorter prep time for zoom

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Santa (Doug Hietpas) will be joining class virtually on 12/5 for Christmas
 - Very exciting to have Santa come to the zoom class
 - Will join in at 9:40 so it's a surprise
 - While Santa is in class, all students will be muted so he can share and then do one-on-one conversations
- Student gifts?
 - We don't have a consistent list of who's coming and joining, so allie is going to mail the gifts to the students.
 - Past gifts included \$5 gift card to McDonalds and goodies like stickers and pencils, etc
 - No allergies that we know of.
 - Maggie suggested a gift package because we have the money and it's a nice gesture during a hard year.
 - Allie: Planned to buy over the weekend and mail next week sometime so it arrives during christmas

CLOSING

Next board meeting – 2/8/21 at 6:00pm via Zoom

Agenda items for next meeting

Patty – facebook update

Chris – marketing update

Tammy asked for an information sheet on the buttons- how much, the design etc

Adjourned at 6:40 pm