

## **Cathedral Mother's Club**

**2020-2021 CMC Meeting, August 20th, 2020 8:30am**

### **Brunette Park-Pavilion**

Minutes prepared by Buffy Johnson

***If you cannot attend the meetings, you can join on Facebook live (on the Mothers Club Facebook page) or there will be a link to join remotely via Zoom.***

**Meeting Facilitators:** President-Ashley Vukovits, Vice President-Missy Llewellyn

**Sponsor:** Principal-Julie Barthel

**Principal:** Julie Barthel; **President:** Dr. Rob Bridges

#### ❖ **Introduction-CMC President, Ashley Vukovits and Vice-President-Missy Llewellyn**

- Opened the meeting with an introduction and by leading us in the Cathedral Parents' Prayer.

#### ❖ **School Update-Principal Julie Barthel**

- Julie started out by saying that she has been asked frequently by everyone how she is doing. Her response has been that she is doing amazing, due largely in part to all of the teachers. Starting with the Class of 2020 graduation in July, she has received such positive feedback from staff and families. Everyone has chipped in and given their best efforts. Prior to the first day of school, she and her staff worked late to get make the changes that were requested by Dr. Caine from the Marion County Health Department. They have complied and have done everything that was necessary and advised by Dr. Caine.
- Extensive orientation was given to the new teachers. All of the teachers needs to keep them safe were addressed at orientation. Teachers are a high priority for the school and to the principal. They need to feel safe and at ease to alleviate their fears so they can be there to teach our children and deliver high quality education. They are in a higher risk category than the students are for contracting the virus and becoming ill.
- Their goal is to deliver a high quality education whether you are present at school or are doing remote learning. During live classes they have Zoom breakout groups that allow the students at home to interact with the students at school. E-learning is at a much higher quality level than at the beginning of the pandemic. Back then they did not have time to adequately prepare. Now, they have a camera live streaming in every classroom. Teachers can see real time questions from students at home through chat rooms. A current senior student created the technology for Powerschool to recognize each class on a student's schedule and to connect to the live-stream camera in that classroom. Students at home must be in uniform and show up to each class for attendance in real time. They will follow along remotely as if they were present at school.
- Principal Barthel believes that our children need to be present in school and uses a dimmer switch analogy as far as keeping the school open. They will close areas as needed. If a class has a student positive for COVID-19, then they will ask that student and the students they were next to in class to quarantine. If they

need to they will shut down specific classrooms. If the school has to close, they are now more prepared due to a higher quality of E-learning.

- Parents need to help with regulating social gatherings. The positive cases in Marion County were traced back and were confirmed to be contracted at social gatherings outside of school. The kids need to wear masks, wash their hands, and social distance outside of school as well. Please have your kids wear masks when carpooling with others to sports practices or any other activity.
- The Marion County Health Department (MCHD) had to shut down the boys Soccer Team due to two positive cases. The school must do what MCHD tells them to do. Please follow mask guidelines. We do NOT want our sports shut down. School leaders are going to let coaches know more about mask guidelines and contact tracing. Such as keeping the same group of kids carpooling together in case a positive case comes up.
- One of the moms present at the meeting gave Principal Barthel an emotional thank you for working her entire summer to get our school prepared. The pandemic has affected the emotional health of our children and puts them at risk for depression when school is closed and they are isolated from their friends. Many prayers were said through the summer for all the staff at Cathedral. We cannot thank you all enough!

❖ **Beth Wissler- Assistant Director for Enrollment Management**

- Despite the pandemic, Cathedral had a large enrollment of freshman and local transfer students this year. This has been the largest freshman class in six years. For more information on enrollment please contact [bwissler@gocathedral.com](mailto:bwissler@gocathedral.com).

❖ **Uniform Sale Update-Pam Humes**

- The uniform sale in early August was very successful. Many uniform donations were received through several drive-up donation days. This gave us a larger supply to sell. The sale earned ~\$4000.00. Proceeds go towards the Teachers Grants at the end of the year.

❖ **Where to Register for Mothers Club-Meredith Hotchkiss-Treasurer**

- You can register or renew your Mothers Club membership by going online to: ***[gocathedral.com](http://gocathedral.com), [Parent Portal](#), [Get Involved](#), [Mothers Club](#), [Pay Your Dues](#)***. If you are a new member registering, you will receive a gift of a Pura Vida bracelet in the school colors when you pay your dues. Remember the membership fee goes towards funding the Teachers Grants at the end of the year. Please consider joining even if you cannot make it to all of the meetings. You can join meetings remotely as well.
- You can also click on the link to ***[Get Involved: Sign Up to Volunteer](#)*** , email us through the website, or send us a message through the Facebook page.

❖ **Social Media-Jean Smith-Director of Philanthropic Engagement**

- Jean currently works at Cathedral and also graduated from Cathedral. She is in charge of all of the social media formats for the Mothers Club. Updates for meetings and events are on the Facebook page. We are also on Twitter and

Instagram. The Mothers Club has gotten more followers since Jean has started managing the social media accounts.

[Stay Connected:](#)

- **Facebook:** Cathedral Mothers Club. Live Feed for monthly meetings
- **GoCathedral.com/Parent Portal/Mothers Club**
- **Twitter:** @CathedralMoms
- **Instagram:** @cathedralmoms
- **Sign Up Genius to Volunteer:** Search [MothersClub@GoCathedral.com](#)
- **CMC Online Apparel:** <https://www.1stopmktg.com/collections/cathedral-mothers-club>

#### ❖ **Teachers Grant Program-Lorraine Valvul**

- Arvetta Jideonwo will be leading the program this year. Arvetta has extensive experience with writing grants and we are looking forward to having her input and ideas this year. Over the past years the Mothers Club has granted over \$100,000.00 in teachers grants. Typically around January, teachers are asked to submit a grant application for any need that they desire for their classroom. This would be something that school funds are unavailable for. The item they request becomes school property for use for that area of study. Examples from past grants are a dummy for Anatomy/CPR class and books for foreign language classes. A committee of Mothers Club members and school leaders meet to discuss which grants will be approved. The “Golden Ticket” is then delivered sometime in March by a group of Mothers Club elves. Last year 15 teachers submitted requests and nearly all were granted, totaling ~\$7000.00.

#### ❖ **Bowling League-Tracy Sanders-President of the CMC Bowling League**

- Tracy has been bowling on the league since 2012. They have around 60-65 bowlers. They bowl on Tuesdays from 12:00pm to ~2:30pm at Hindel Bowl, 6833 Massachusetts Ave., at the intersection of Massachusetts Ave. and Shadeland Ave. It is an authentic bowling league with four players per team. Players range from beginner to competitive. You can create your own team or they can place you on a team. You can also sign up to be a sub. You do not have to be a Cathedral mom to play. It is a great way to make long-lasting friendships and to meet other Cathedral moms that you may not have had a chance to meet otherwise. It is a great fundraiser for Cathedral and last year paid out \$7000.00. The cost is \$11.00 per week and runs for 30 weeks, with time off during the holidays. The league starts September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. You can sign up at [gocathedral.com](#) under Parent Portal, Get Involved, Mothers Club, Bowling League.

#### ❖ **Member Socials-Destinee Jordan and Linda Swart**

- The ladies are trying to get creative this year with ideas for social gatherings. The first gathering will be at Unplug Soy Candles, Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm. Information to sign up is on our Facebook page. The venue is limited to 20 people. As of Thursday, 5 were signed up. Must have at least 8 people to secure the reservation. The cost is \$20.00 to reserve your spot. The total fee is based on your purchase and the \$20.00 is deducted from that cost.

- There will be a survey posted on our Facebook page asking about interest in social activities in addition to our CMC meetings. Please take a moment to fill out the short survey. It will not take up much of your time.
- Ideas so far this year for social events are: Daniel's Vineyard, Football Tailgate, Board & Brush, Flower arrangement class, Blind Owl, Wine Garage, Spiritual retreat, take home game night, Possible fundraising due to a possible decrease in funds this year(charge an extra \$5 for social events sponsored by CMC).

❖ **Spiritual Leader-Lisa Gruber**

- Lisa leads a book club for the Mothers Club. Most books are geared towards spirituality or self-help. The club meets for lunch and discusses the book that was read. This month we may meet in the park and bring your own lunch or order lunch to be delivered. The first book is ***The 10 Second Rule: Following Jesus Made Simple by Claire De Graff***. The first meeting will be September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Location and details will be posted.

❖ **The next Mother's Club Meeting will be Friday, September 11th, 2020 from 8:00am-9:00am at Brunette Park-Pavilion. Please join us! It is a great way to obtain up-to-date, valuable information from the leaders of our school.** <https://www.gocathedral.com/parent-student-alumni-facultystaffportals/parent-portal/mothersclub>

❖ *Mothers Club Executive Committee Members: Ashley Vukovits, Missy Llewellyn, Meredith Hotchkiss, and Buffy Johnson.*