

Home & School Association Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by HSA President Heather Bryan.

Sarah Venvertloh led everyone with the Hail Mary as an Opening Prayer.

The Secretary's Report from the previous meeting had been posted online for review so no copies were printed for review at the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was passed out as handouts. Karla Fesler went through the Profit & Loss Report, line by line. It should be noted that the Book Fair breaks even financially but our library receives many books at the end of the year for participating. Heather Bryan will find out the "book equity" info on what we actually earned. Jane Gregory approved the Treasurer's Report & a second approval came from Sandy Cann.

Lori Shepard gave the Principal's Report. There is an upcoming benefit for Carol Seifert. The students had a jean day to raise funds for a "Gene Grawe Gift Card" raffle item to be raffled off at the benefit. The students raised \$576.71. Lori attended a Principal Leadership Conference in Springfield IL on April 27. The topic was Stewardship. Lori was inspired by some new discipline approaches with the students. The School Play was very well done. Special thanks to Linda Dawson, Diana Real, & Misty Cramsey for all of their hard work. First Communion went beautifully. After a miscommunication on Coonrad's part, he wrote a letter to the First Communicants' parents apologizing and offering his photography services at no charge. The teachers have voted and interviewed students for the Prater Scholarship. It is ready for presentation at the awards ceremony. Olympic Day was May 9 at Flinn Stadium for grades 5-8. Perfect weather & the kids were all well-behaved. There is a school board meeting on May 10. New board members are Jeannie McDermott & Nathan Bozarth. STEM Night is scheduled for May 11. All are invited to attend. It may be cancelled in case of rain instead of relocated. The WCU Golf Tournament is May 12. WCU tuition awards are presented at noon. The Junior High Dance for grades 6-8 is May 13. Please attend and help chaperone & clean up afterwards. There will be the Awards Assembly on May 16. The DARE Assembly has been changed to a ceremony for the DARE Graduates & family members only over in the Parish Center followed by a nice reception. Pre-K Graduation is May 22. 8th Grade Graduation is May 23. Confirmation is May 24. The 12 Little Angels Poster Contest is due May 15. All students are encouraged to participate. The School Picnic is June 1 at the Tangerine Bowl. Thank you to Katie Wells & her HSA Committee for all of their hard work.

Sarah Venvertloh reported that Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week went well once again this year. It was well received. John Mitchell from HyVee accommodated a larger number of people served by reducing the price to maintain our budget. The meal, tax, & tip used our entire budget of \$300. Everything else was donated by the team members & some local businesses. Thanks to the TAW committee for all your help.

There were a few fund requests submitted prior to this meeting. Mrs. Stuckman requested \$25 to donate to the Raptor Rehabilitation Center for their time bringing an owl to the school to facilitate a lesson. The board agreed to grant this request as it was for a nominal amount and was needed before the meeting would take place. Mrs. Stuckman & the students sent their thanks. There was a request made for 6 8" white folding tables. On sale they run approximately \$50 each so \$300 total. Sarah Venvertloh moved to approve this request and a second

motion was made by Jane Gregory. The tables will be purchased at a future date when the tables are on sale. The third fund request was for a wireless mic & portable speaker system currently valued at \$250-300. A motion to approve this request was made by Jeannie McDermott and a second motion was made by Sandy Cann.

The School Picnic will be held at the Tangerine Bowl on June 1.

The Homerun Derby Fundraiser will be held on May 19. Rally the troops!

Parents' Night Out was discussed. It was decided that the idea behind it – a fun night out for parents – is a great idea. Let's try moving it to another time of year & change it to a Fun night instead of a Fundraiser night.

The current Communication Guidelines were discussed. It was requested that a more streamlined system be implemented next year. Instead of having 10 places to look for information, narrow it down and everyone agree to use 1 consistent form of communication across the school regardless of grade or topic.

There was one note in the suggestion box. It was suggested that John Mitchell come and serve lunch the first Monday of every month. This suggestion has been tabled until further notice.

There will be a few Constitution & ByLaws changes made for the beginning of the new school year. The \$1 Membership fee will be removed. There will be a new rule regarding the Teacher's Gifts. A teacher must attend 2 (out of 6) HSA meetings to qualify for the \$100 gift given out by HSA the following Fall. Other incentives will be coming to encourage parents to attend as well.

Copies of the Tentative 2017/2018 HSA Schedule/Budget was handed out for review. The schedule has changed to incorporate 6 meetings instead of 8 meetings. The budget has changed to include a specific \$2500 for fund requests. Because of this, other specific funding options were removed from the set budget. Everyone will need to apply on an equal basis.

The School Store was brought up with tentative purchasing amounts from Ted's Shirt Shack. There was no approval for funds made at this time. Instead, a table of available options & order forms will be available at the school & parish picnic. We will save the large, stock order for next Fall when we have a better idea of what items people are interested in.

The HSA Committee/Chair sign-ups for next year will be available beginning at the Back to School night in August. Consider what you want to help with next year & sign up!

Diane Andrew is taking over the lead/water testing project for Lori.

Currently, \$25,000 has been raised towards the 3rd floor bathroom renovation project. Lori has spoken with the Parish Finance Council. They have agreed to cover the remaining \$20,000-\$25,000 of the bill. Lori has taken bids on the construction and work will begin soon!

Jennifer Arens closed the meeting with a Glory Be prayer.

