

Home & School Association Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by HSA President Heather Bryan. There were 16 people present including parents, teachers, & principal. Karla Fesler prayed the Glory Be as the Opening Prayer.

The Secretary's Report consisted of the May 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes being posted on the school website for the past 4 months.

The Treasurer's Report was available as handouts. Karla Fesler went through the Profit & Loss Report from May 9 - Sept 12, line by line. Karla reported an account balance of \$12,207.19 as of 8/31/17. This report was motioned to approve by Jane Gregory with a second motion from Jennifer Arens.

Lori Shepard gave the Principal's Report. Julie Schuetz will meet with teachers tomorrow to again pair up Solanus Saints volunteers with each classroom teacher for the year. The City Wide Mass will be held at QND on September 26 at 10 a.m. Students will wear a purple Alex wish shirt, pack a cold lunch, & have a permission slip completed 2 days in advance. We are required to provide a benchmark score for reading & math 2nd-8th grades to select the Title 1 students. Since we are not giving the Iowa Assessments until the Spring, this year we will have to provide other data. We will be using the Go Math Pre & Post Assessments, & establish a reading guide. There will be some Hurricane Relief efforts. Lori is waiting to see if we can help our Catholic Schools in Florida, since she has a personal connection there. This will be Catholic Schools helping Catholic Schools. Our teachers will attend Quincy Conference again this year in early October. There will be Subway coupons handed out with report cards again for grades K-6th for academic excellence. A special thank you to Jim Fitch. We have had several Safety Drills. So far, 2 fire, 1 tornado, a code-red lock down, a code-red evacuate (to QU), & an earthquake drill have been completed. The official fire drill will occur on October 3 with the firemen and the Smoke House will be on site for grades 3 & 5.

Heather Bryan noted that Fr. Don was unable to attend the meeting but told her that steps were being taken this year to improve communication across the various councils & boards of the parish. Jeannie McDermott will be our School Board liaison and will report to our meetings and report back to the School Board from us. Sarah Venvertloh will forward the minutes to Jeannie to be reported to the School Board meetings. At this meeting, Jeannie reported that there was a small amount of parent participation in the parent survey. They want to increase that participation in the future. The sports report talked about the CYO building for sale. The enrollment is down 13 students. There was a scholarship recipient of \$1500 to one family which allowed them to remain in attendance.

Heather Bryan reported that the suggestion box contained comments on the changes made to the 2017 School Picnic. While the effort of the committee members was noted and appreciated, the overwhelming consensus was to return the picnic to an outdoor venue. Jennifer Arens & Karla Fesler will be chairing this committee for 2018.

Heather Bryan reported that the 1st Order of the School Store went well with \$190 profit! This was an easy fundraiser with no capital invested. Because this order went out over the summer, any new families & Kindergarten families were not made aware of this opportunity. Their e-mail addresses will be added and they will be notified about future sales. The next order will be due by the end of November & items will be

available before Christmas break. There will be a committee formed for marketing/sales ideas on items to add to our current menu. Note that collared shirts purchased from the school store can be worn as regular dress code shirts.

All are welcome to volunteer with HSA. Please join even to contribute to one activity. Teachers please refer parents that want to help but don't know where to go.

The Book Fairs in the past have been accruing points. We currently have over \$1800 in points available for use. Teachers were each given budgets of \$40-50 to spend on books at this current book fair from this point bank.

10 new 6' tables were purchased over the summer, labeled as property of St. Francis School, & delivered this summer to the school. They are folding, sturdy, yet lightweight & portable. The new speaker & microphones are also purchased, delivered, and available for use. There is one cordless and one corded microphone.

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Sunday, October 29 (time TBA). Something will go out on Facebook to ask for helpers with this event.

There were three fund requests at this time. There is \$2500 available for fund requests. The first request was from Lori Shepard for \$225. Lori requested \$118 of that to go towards padlocks for the new lockers. This request was tabled pending more research on pricing & availability. Lori also requested a reimbursement to Sarah Hull of \$107 of that total for totes for the new Guided Reading Level books. Sandy Cann motioned to approve this request and a second motion came from Misty Cramsey. This request of \$107 was approved. The second request came from Ben Klingner for \$500 to go towards offsetting the cost of the PE 3 week Skating program that our school participates in. This is an activity that benefits all of our students. Karla Fesler motioned to approve this request and Amy Wiewel made a second motion. This request of \$500 was approved. The third request was from Linda Dawson for \$400 to go towards offsetting the cost of the school play. This money would go towards buying the rights of the play, scripts, and other supplies. This request was tabled. At the conclusion of this meeting, a total of \$332 had been approved from the \$2500 budget for fund requests leaving a new total of \$2168 available for future requests.

The pizza fundraiser will be this Fall. The fundraising goal this year is \$7000. We made \$5000 on this fundraiser last year. The selling dates run from 10/19-11/3 with delivery on 11/21. There will be sales incentives again this year that cost little to no money (i.e. Jean day). The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards new iPads for the 8th graders (& any apps as needed). This motion for approval was raised by Sandy Cann & a second motion came from Jane Gregory. This motion was approved.

The skate night originally scheduled for October 12 changed to October 18 due to QND Homecoming. The skate night tomorrow includes a Bonus from Scotties because we did so well with our skate nights last year. Tomorrow night, ALL admission proceeds go to HSA. Please remind families to attend.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 14th. HSA plans to reinstate the incentive of the top % of classroom parent attendance + teacher attendance receives a jean or school spirit day. The HSA calendar will be posted in the Buzz Book opposite the Official School Calendar.

Karla Fesler led the Hail Mary as our closing prayer.