

Home & School Association Meeting

November 14, 2017

Present in Attendance: Heather Bryan, Sarah Venvertloh, Karla Fesler, Jane Gregory, Sandy Cann, Jeannie McDermott, Vicky Mitchell, Martha Kovachevick, Lori Shepard, Jamie Marshall, Jennifer Arens, & Sarah Hull

The meeting was called to order by Heather Bryan at 7:01 p.m. Sarah Venvertloh led the Hail Mary as an Opening Prayer.

See attached for Treasurers Report. Current Balance: \$25,849.77. Treasurer & Secretary Report was motioned for approval by Jane Gregory then Jeannie McDermott. The report was approved.

Lori Shepard gave the Principal's Report. She gave an alumni tour on October 21st and has seen some potential benefit for the school from one of the alumni on the tour. A Code Red Lockdown was held October 24th. There was a Youth Day Retreat on November 10th. Ray Heilmann spoke to the 5 & 6 graders. He will be speaking to the 7 & 8 graders in the future. He spoke on St. Francis & bullying/acceptance. A storyteller presented to the students. There was a QND Pep Assembly today. Lori & the teachers are reading the book "Forming Intentional Disciples" & gathering for discussion after faculty meetings as a form of Professional Development. The crossing guard had a mild stroke. It is possible/probable that he will not be able to return to work. Lori is considering a possible jean day to send financial support from the students. Students can make cards as well. The QPS strike will be decided tonight. Sharon Mayes, bus, Title I, Speech, Crossing Guards, etc. will all be suspended throughout a strike. Parochial schools will make their own decision regarding school cancellations due to inclement weather. Solanus Saints may be able to help cover gaps in support services left by the strike. Lead testing map & documentation is ready. Sample bottles are ready. Results will come from Springfield. Thank you for a great Trunk-Or-Treat. The Haunted House was a fun addition. HSA paid \$89 for locks for lockers.

Jeannie McDermott gave the School Board report. She reported 100% compliance on Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Old Business:

Trunk-Or-Treat received rave reviews. There was a full parking lot. Jane Gregory's family won the prize for the best decorated car/theme.

There were two fund requests left unresolved from the last meeting. The School Play requested \$400. Vicky Mitchell then Jane Gregory moved to approve this requested amount. The request was approved with the stipulation that more effort be made to raise outside funds & to defer/lower costs of production for next year. Suggestions included a Halloween/Valentine's Day bake sale; contracts with the parents for a fee or time commitment towards the play; Getting flowers underwritten or donated every year so that the sale of flowers can be profitable; Requiring families in the play to donate baked goods to sell as concessions instead of buying them to increase a profit instead of just breaking even. The second request was moved for approval by Jeannie McDermott then Jane Gregory to purchase new locks for the new-to-us lockers. The request for \$89.55 to purchase new locks was approved.

The School Store & the Pizza Fundraiser were the items reported for Fundraising. The School Store is open for business online. Please remind parents to shop. Orders will be in before students get out for Christmas break. The Pizza Fundraiser went about as well as last year. We fell short of our goal but were right on with last year's sales. Families sold 833 pizzas with a \$4,869 profit. Many students earned a jean day on November 21st for selling over 10 pizzas. November 21st is the pizza pick up day. There were 14 families that earned an out-of-dress-code day on November 21st for selling over 20 pizzas. Mrs. Mitchell's Class earned ice cream treats on November 21st for having the highest class percentage of students with 40% of students participating in the fundraiser. Top seller was Alexis Hull with 57 pizzas, 2nd place was Kyle Gregory with 39 pizzas, & 3rd place went to Priya Mamdani with 31 pizzas. Sandy Cann then Jeannie McDermott moved to raise the sales profit to an even amount of \$5000 to be donated to the school for technology upgrades. The motion was approved.

New Business:

A new fund request came from Maureen Mackarawicz for \$200 for the Change Cancer Fundraiser. Due to the expensive techno prizes offered this year. HSA board members changed the request from \$200 to \$250. Karla Fesler then Vicky Mitchell moved to approve the request for \$250. The motion was approved.

HSA was given \$3810 from Mega Raffle. We are looking into giving the money back to the school in lieu of upgrading/repairing/replacing the front door intercom. It has become a safety hazard instead of a safety feature. Pricing research needs to be completed.

It is time to start getting volunteers for the Winter Carnival. The general consensus says to move the Winter Carnival to the Sunday evening on the first day of Catholic Schools Week as a “kick-off” family event.

It is time to put up the Teacher Trees outside the classrooms. Parents are shopping; tell them what you want/need for your classroom. Additional trees will be added for the office, gym, & aftercare.

HSA requested a communal supply cabinet that all extra school supplies can go to at the beginning of the year (& throughout) so that teachers can get what they need throughout the year as the need arises. For the teachers that prefer to store their students’ extra supplies in the classroom, this is fine. Lori Shepard will find a cabinet.

There were two items in the Suggestion Box. It was requested that the 6-8th graders have an opt-out option for the Christmas Program. Also, it was requested that yet another Drop-Off/Pick-Up Procedure Reminder be sent home to parents.

Sarah Venvertloh asked if St. Francis could switch to a school supply ordering system at the beginning of the school year like many other schools are switching to. Sandy Cann will get more information.

HSA board members decided to cancel the February HSA meeting. Nominations will now be held at the January meeting for HSA Secretary & President. Elections will remain in March.

Jennifer Arens led the Glory Be as the Closing Prayer.