

H.S.A. Meeting

October 5, 2009

Members in Attendance:

Pastor: absent

Principal: Betsy Hunt

President: Dan Clyne

Vice President: Ali Kelly

Secretary: Lori Zuti

Treasurer: Cathy Romero

Past President: Barbara Schmiett

Development/Admission Director: absent

Teachers: Alicia Braner, Linda Paoletti

Room Reps:

Preschool 2's – M/W: absent

Preschool 2's – Tu/Th: Cheryl Wright

Preschool 3's - Evans: Angela Petrogeorge

Preschool 3's – Wilson: absent

Preschool 4's – Evans: absent

Preschool 4's – Wilson: Gini Collins

Kindergarten – Gobar: Hadley Saber

Kindergarten – Lester: absent

First Grade – Aragon: Bridget Romano

First Grade – Teynor: Michelle Loffi

Second Grade – Weyher: Bonnie Kittrell

Second Grade – Zuchetto: Brooke Soto, Heather Simonson

Third Grade: Chanteel Ballard

Fourth Grade: Barbara Schmiett

Fifth Grade: Wendy Paultet

Sixth Grade: absent

Seventh Grade: Kristi Thompson

Eighth Grade: Katie Voytovich

Committee Members: Debbie Hopkins – Scrip; Robin Harmstrom – Scrip, Cookbook

Other Attendees: Katherine Chady

Opening – Dan Clyne welcomed attendees and led everyone in the Opening Prayer. Everyone introduced themselves to the group. Last month's minutes were approved by Barbara Schmiett and seconded by Ali Kelly.

School Directory – School directories were distributed to the oldest child. There are a few extras in the office if you didn't receive one. The HSA Room Parent Directory is posted online.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Hunt provided the following information:

Grandparent's Brunch – The brunch will be held Oct. 7th in the Social Center. Participants will be treated to a new video presentation and will also be invited to visit the classrooms. The 8th grade will be servers at the brunch.

Drop Off/Pick Up– Mrs. Hunt is open to suggestions for improving this procedure. It appears that students are using the crosswalk more consistently.

“For the Love of Art” – Mrs. Hunt is still seeking parents and grandparents to teach this art appreciation curriculum twice a month to grades K-5. All the lessons and materials are prepared and provided. She will be seeking volunteers at the Brunch too.

Mardi Gras – The date of Mardi Gras has been changed from President's Day Weekend to Feb. 6th to ensure families who travel for the long weekend can attend this important event.

Pastoral Congress – Mrs. Hunt indicated that it would be held at St. John. Everyone is welcome. There will also be a number of stores there where you can buy religious gifts for the holidays, First Holy Communion, etc.

Sister Catherine – She will be visiting the school Tuesday, October 6th.

SAT Testing – Testing is completed. A few make up tests are being offered for those who missed only a couple of tests.

Homework Club – Begins this week, Tues – Thurs., from 3:25 pm – 4:15 pm for students who are serious about doing homework, getting extra help, or simply reading in peace and quiet. Early pick up is discouraged although arrangements can be made with the teacher for special events like lessons or doctor appointments.

Parent – Teacher Conferences – These will be held Oct 21st and Oct 22nd. Be sure to submit the form to the office for your time preference. Form was emailed, but is also available on the web site.

8th Grade Sponsored Lunch – Thank you! It was delicious!

Halloween – Students may come to school in costume. No weapons or gore will be permitted. Mass will begin at 8:45 am followed by the Halloween Parade and classroom parties/activities.

Cosgriff Video – The theme of the new video is including all ages, school families, and parishioners into one community. The “Circle of Life” is the theme music for the video. [HSA meeting attendees went to the computer lab to watch the video.]

Committee Reports – Committee Chairs provided the following reports:

Innisbrook – Chanteel Ballard reported that it was another successful year. However, she is waiting to announce the final numbers for the assembly. The Committee is looking to expand the offerings so that families can incorporate Innisbrook into their everyday

purchases. For instance, Innisbrook offers back to school supplies and other items that have not been publicized. Jenny Mafuccio has offered to assist next year to train someone to head this Committee.

Book Fair – Linda Paoletti said that preparations are underway, but she still need of volunteers:

Set up: Friday, 10/16, 12:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Saturday, 10/17, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Take down: Saturday, 10/24, 9:00 am – noon

Men are welcome and encouraged to participate as there are many large boxes of books to move around! Cashiers are needed throughout and training is minimal for that position. Please contact Teresa Prior at teresaprior@comcast.net or (801) 485-7813. She is scheduling all volunteers. The popular book talk by Margaret Neville will be Monday, 10/19 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Arrive early for wine, cheese, and crackers. There will also be a teacher's wish list table. Note that you can designate your purchase for the teacher OR for the classroom.

Family Fall Festival – Heather Simonson is chairing this event on Oct. 23rd. Please contact Heather if you would like to volunteer. Children and adults can wear costumes but the same costume rules apply as for the school parade. There will be new games this year and possibly balloon tying and face painting. And yes, there will be goldfish...

Automated Hand Sanitizers – Barbara Schmiett indicated that these dispensers (and their refills) were more expensive than anticipated and the HSA may not be able to fund dispensers in ALL the classrooms. The school office is supplying information about the overall cost and we'll have an update at the next meeting.

Mardi Gras – Ali Kelly is looking for volunteers. First, there is a solicitation meeting on 10/20 in the Vaughan Center from 9:00 – 11:30 am where volunteers will be stuffing envelopes to mail to businesses for donations. These are businesses that have donated in the past. The next regular Mardi Gras meeting is 10/29 at 7 pm in the Library. Anyone interested in becoming involved with Mardi Gras is encouraged to attend. HSA Meeting attendees discussed the ticket prices briefly and provided feedback on the food.

Scrip – Debbie Hopkins indicated that they will be selling scrip EVERY morning and Friday afternoons. As of the end of September, they've generated \$3,100 which is far below their goal. The committee will also begin selling after each of the Church Masses, but in order to make our annual goal, more families need to participate. While she does not track who buys scrip, Debbie is estimating that just 25% of Cosgriff families are buying scrip. Mrs. Hunt would like every Room Parent to contact each family in their classes to urge them to become involved with the scrip program. The Scrip Committee has set up a monthly raffle for every \$100 in scrip purchased. Scrip is also encouraged as a teacher gift and for coaches too.

Cookbook – Robin Harmstrom is developing the Community Cookbook. She needs recipes by Nov. 7th in order to put together the cookbook before the holidays. She anticipates selling the cookbook for \$20 and it will make a wonderful holiday gift.

Trivia Night – Jini Collins suggested that we simplify this new event and remove the dinner, dancing and DJ from the event. She would like to model it after the fundraiser she participated in while living in St. Louis. While the committee will provide adult beverages (for a donation) and light refreshments, parents are encouraged to bring food and drink to share at their tables. Mrs. Hunt did not feel comfortable providing babysitting during this evening event. Someone suggested gathering a list of available 7th and 8th grade babysitters that families with young children could contact.

Teachers Report – Alicia Braner attended the meeting as the Teacher Representative. She indicated that all of the teachers appreciate the many volunteers who participate in their classrooms. She also indicated that she was in need of a volunteer for 6th grade computer class on Thursdays from 12:50 – 1:30 pm.

New Business –

Parent Teacher Conferences – Please submit a reservation form ASAP. If you did not receive it, it is available online or simply call the school office.

Christmas Tree Fundraiser – Barbara Schmiett wanted confirmation that we wanted to go forward with the Christmas tree fundraiser this year. We may only be able to get Noble firs which may be a little more expensive. She'll get the details and report back but generally, the group felt we should do it again. Mrs. Hunt is planning to have the poinsettia fundraiser again to coincide with the trees.

New Chairs – We are still trying to designate new chairs for NEXT school year, 2010-11, so they can “apprentice” with the current year chair. Please seek volunteers for these Chairperson opportunities.

Announcements/Upcoming Events –

- Faculty Lunch – 7th Grade on Oct. 9th and yard duty
- Fall Recess 10/15 – 16, no school
- Q1 ends 10/19 – no more shorts, skorts are okay
- Report Cards go home 10/21
- Parent Teacher Conferences 10/21 – 22, 12:15 pm dismissal on 10/22
- Halloween celebration Friday, 10/30 – All school Mass 8:45 am, Parade 9:45 am – no prop knives, guns, gore, etc.
- Middle School Dance @ Lourdes 10/30, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Library.

Prepared by Lori Zuti, HSA Secretary