

H.S.A. Meeting

November 2, 2009

Members in Attendance:

Pastor: absent

Principal: absent

President: Dan Clyne

Vice President: Ali Kelly

Secretary: Lori Zuti

Treasurer: Cathy Romero

Past President: Barbara Schmiett

Development/Admission Director: absent

Teachers: absent

Room Reps:

Preschool 2's – M/W: absent

Preschool 2's – Tu/Th: absent

Preschool 3's - Evans: absent

Preschool 3's – Wilson: absent

Preschool 4's – Evans: absent

Preschool 4's – Wilson: Gini Collins

Kindergarten – Gobar: absent

Kindergarten – Lester: Judy Fang, Joyce Soprano

First Grade – Aragon: Jennifer Cook

First Grade – Teynor: Jenny Sherman

Second Grade – Weyher: absent

Second Grade – Zuchetto: Brooke Soto

Third Grade: Lee Cotter

Fourth Grade: Rhonda Dodson

Fifth Grade: absent

Sixth Grade: Chalaine Suchetto-Kozinowski

Seventh Grade: Barbara Schmiett

Eighth Grade: Lisa Louie

Committee Members: Debbie Hopkins – Scrip; Jenny Maffuccio – Innisbrook; Ali Kelly -
Mardi Gras and Grandparents Brunch

Other Attendees: none

Opening – Dan Clyne welcomed attendees and Gini Collins led everyone in the Opening Prayer. Last month's minutes were approved by Brooke Soto and seconded by Cathy Romero.

Old Business – Committee Chair provided these reports:

Innisbrook – Jenny Maffuccio indicated that the school sold \$29,525 worth of Innisbrook goods of which the school keeps **\$14,762**. We incurred \$770 in expenses. A total of 209 students (of 389 total) participated in Innisbrook this year. We were one of the few schools who met or exceeded their goal for this year. Parents and family members can continue to order online throughout the school year and the school will continue to earn 50% of the proceeds. We agreed at last month's meeting that we'll have this fundraiser next year. Jenny will make the appropriate arrangements with our Innisbrook Representative and train next year's Innisbrook chairperson.

Grandparents Brunch - Ali Kelly reported that everything went pretty smoothly and she had received positive feedback from participants. She thanked all the volunteers who helped out and indicated that the 8th Graders did a great job serving.

Book Fair – Mrs. Paoletti was not in attendance at the meeting, but it was reported that while they earned less than last year, it was still very good given the economy.

Fall Family Festival – Everyone agreed it was well organized and successful.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Hunt was not in attendance at the meeting.

Committee Reports – Committee Chairs provided the following reports:

Trivia Night – Gini Collins reported that they have 9 full tables (of 7-8 people each) reserved and 2 tables reserved by Mrs. Hunt for the faculty. She would like to have more tables reserved for the event – ideally 20 tables - (reserve your spot or table through the office), but it is also possible to come and pay the \$10 admission that night. If you don't have a table full of people you are signing up with, the office/Gini will put together tables so you can meet new people. Michael Hilton will be running a wine/beer bar, and a small amount of snacks will be provided. Tables are encouraged to bring coolers/baskets of food to enjoy with their table during the evening.

Mardi Gras – Ali Kelly indicated that planning was underway and the solicitation committee was making good progress. Their emphasis this year is on high quality items and packages for silent and live auctions with perhaps fewer items. However, they are adding an Art section this year, so call Ali if you know of an artist who might want to donate some items. The school is also willing to offer a 60/40 split, but clearly, donated items would be preferred.

The admission price will remain \$45 for this year and will not jump higher just before the event. The HSA meeting attendees discussed the possibility of offering a reduced rate if you buy 2 tickets or perhaps included a drink ticket or two with the admission. We all agreed it is important to get as many families as possible to come to the event. Ali will submit these ideas to the committee for consideration.

Room reps. will again be responsible for preparing Mardi Gras baskets. Grades K – 8 will be responsible for putting together 2 baskets each. The 3 year old classes will put

together 1 basket and the 4 year old classes will put together 1 basket. The 2 year olds do not need to prepare a basket. Ali has LOTS of extra baskets so don't buy one. Room reps. should begin thinking about themes for their baskets.

Scrip – Debbie Hopkins indicated that sales the last couple of weeks had improved and they've generated a total of \$6,000 so far. However, we are still not making our targets. They will have another raffle during the month of November for each \$100 worth of scrip purchased. The yellow bags will now be ready to go home on Wednesday (rather than Thursday). They have also stepped up their email campaign. It was suggested that they also consider selling at the Para basketball games that will begin in December. Debbie is hopeful they'll see an uptick in sales with the holidays approaching.

Cookbook – Robin Harmstrom is developing the Community Cookbook. The deadline for submitting recipes is Nov 10th. She anticipates selling the cookbook for \$20 in December and it will make a wonderful holiday gift.

Teacher Gifts – Robin Harmstrom is also organizing a simple way to give Scrip to teachers and other staff this year for Christmas. She is preparing a collection of boxes/envelopes, one for each staff member, where you can contribute towards a holiday gift. Participation is completely optional, but each family will be able to determine *how much and to whom* they'd like to give a gift. Simply bring cash or check to the office (or send it with your child in a well marked envelope!). Just before the Christmas break, each staff member will receive a "Scrip Gift Certificate" from the contributions directed to them which they can exchange for ANY combination of Scrip cards they would like.

Once Robin has this program organized, the office will send out detailed instructions regarding how to participate.

Teachers and Room Parent Reports – None.

New Business –

TGIF – Jennifer Cook is chairing this K – 5 Enrichment Program this year. The HSA will hold TGIF on two Fridays in January (currently proposed to be Jan. 15th and 29th) from 11 am – noon.

Christmas Tree Fundraiser – Barbara Schmielt confirmed that we can obtain and sell Noble fir Christmas trees this year. These trees are a little more expensive than the Douglas firs we've sold in past years. However, everyone agreed they were much nicer trees. We can purchase them for \$30 and will sell them for \$50. They will be delivered December 5th. Barbara will work with the office to prepare order forms.

Christmas Program DVD – Dan Clyne suggested we look into finding a professional to prepare a DVD of the annual Christmas program which we could then sell to families for a modest profit. This would allow families to enjoy the program rather than jockeying for position or crawling up the aisles during the program. Attendees felt this was definitely worth exploring.

HSA Board Positions – The Secretary position will need a new volunteer next year. If you are interested in serving in this role, contact Dan. Also, if someone is interested in serving as Treasurer, Cathy will train them.

Announcements/Upcoming Events –

- Middle School Dance @ St. Francis Xavier 11/13, 6:30 – 9:00 pm
- Progress Reports go home 11/19
- All School Mass – Friday, 11/20, 9:00 am
- Faculty Lunch – 6th Grade on 11/20 and yard duty
- Thanksgiving Holiday – 11/25 – 29; no school 11/25 – 11/27

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, December 7th at 7:00 pm in the Library.

Prepared by Lori Zuti, HSA Secretary