H.S.A. Meeting
March 1, 2010

Members in Attendance:

Pastor: absent
Principal: Betsy Hunt
President: Dan Clyne
Vice President: absent
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: Cheri Wright
Preschool 3's - Evans: Angela Petrogeorge
Preschool 3's – Wilson: Nicole Droitch
Preschool 4's – Evans: absent
Preschool 4's – Wilson: absent
Kindergarten – Gobar: absent
Kindergarten – Lester: Nicole Droitch
First Grade – Aragon: absent
First Grade – Teynor: Michelle Loffi
Second Grade – Weyher: Bonnie Kittrell
Second Grade – Zuchetto: Brooke Soto
Third Grade: absent
Fourth Grade: Rhonda Dodson
Fifth Grade: Wendy Paullet
Sixth Grade: absent
Seventh Grade: Kristi Thompson
Eighth Grade: Katie Voytovich

Committee Members: none

Other Attendees: none

Opening – Dan Clyne opened the meeting with a prayer and introductions. Last month's minutes were approved by Cathy Romero and seconded by Brooke Soto.

Old Business – Committee Chairs provided these reports:

Mardi Gras – Mardi Gras made approximately $130,000 this year. All volunteers worked extremely hard on Mardi Gras and Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone who contributed to making the event a success. She also indicated that it is a huge task for one person to chair such a large event. She will be considering the idea of spreading the fundraising accomplished by this event across more than one event next year.

HSA Chair Positions – Several Committee Chair positions need to be filled for the coming year. The web site has a current list of chairs and a notation regarding which ones will need to be filled for the coming year. Dan highlighted Corporate Incentives, Participation Tracking, Mentor Program, and Teacher Appreciation as examples. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more about (or taking on) these chair positions, please contact Dan Clyne.

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

Principal's Letters – Please encourage parents to faithfully read these letters and attachments. They contain a great deal of information parents need to know.

Diocesan Science Fair – Mr. Larson sent 23 students to the Diocesan Science Fair and 16 of them placed! It was a great success. Cosgriff once again took the overall top student award, Sydney Austin. Mrs. Hunt indicated that Mr. Larson is just "incredible" with the students, challenging them to improve their projects.

Mock Trial – Two mock trial teams are competing this year.

Faculty Lunch – Thank you to the Third grade for providing a wonderful faculty lunch last month.

Key March Dates – The 3rd quarter end March 10th. Math and Science Night is March 11th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. March 12th there is no school. March 17th is when report cards go home. All school Mass on March 19th. March 23rd is the Fourth Grade play. March 31st will be Stations of the Cross.

Easter Vacation – It is long this year. It begins with ½ day on April 1st. Students return to school April 12th.

Summer School – Mrs. Hunt chose "Calendar 1" from the Diocese for the 2010-11 school year. This calendar ends earlier than "Calendar 2" and will allow for a full summer school program to be offered. Summer school will run June 1 – 24 from 9 – noon. Extended Day will be offered until 4 pm.

Busy Time – This is a busy time of year for the staff and faculty. They are working on some curriculum changes and a few positions for next year need to be filled.

Scrip Program – Mrs. Hunt detailed in her recent letter the requirements of the scrip program for next school year. While there will be certain mandatory minimums, she would rather have families do what they already do – buy gas and groceries – than to ask

for more money in fundraising events. A representative from St. Vincent's will be at the next school board meeting to answer questions about how scrip works at their school.

Parent – Teacher Conferences – Mrs. Hunt indicated that Parent – Teacher conferences were well attended, especially given the basketball playoffs that occurred that week and the need to sometimes reschedule them. Thank you to all parents who attended and the efforts teachers made to prepare for the conferences.

Reality Town – Mrs. Hunt is looking for volunteers to help with this national program that helps 8th graders budget money and balance a budget. It is Friday, March 26th. Please contact Mrs. Hunt if you can help.

Committee Reports – Committee Chairs provided the following reports:

Jump Rope For Heart – Lori Zuti indicated that the Jump Rope For Heart Olympics had begun in all gym classes this week. Mr. Allen had several "events" for the students to participate in and for volunteers to record results. The best jumpers in the classes and across the school will be determined. The "Wall of Honor" is a little sparse in terms of hearts, so Lori will send a reminder to all Room Reps. to pass along to the families in their classes.

St. Patrick's Day Parade and Float – Lisa Boullion, Wes Roberts, and Tanya Nilson are working together to get the trailer and truck secured and ready for the St. Patrick's Day parade. They are looking for volunteers to help decorate the float on Friday, March 12th. Dan Clyne is also working with the Boy Scouts to have them help with the effort. They have had a float of their own in the past, but they may join us this year.

Teachers and Room Parent Reports – None.

New Business –

Teacher Appreciation Week – Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up in May and Teresa Muffler is heading up this committee again this year. She is planning to have similar activities to last year (including the collection of flowers, drawings for scrip cards, and either breakfast or lunch each day for the teachers), but Dan would like some new ideas we can incorporate into this week to honor our teachers. If you have any ideas or suggestions, contact Dan, Teresa, or any Board member.

HSA Positions – Mrs. Hunt would like the HSA Board to draft job descriptions for all the Committee Chair positions and the Room Representative position so that she can publish them. Dan also encouraged current room reps. to step into the committee roles, continue as room reps., or recommend parents in their classes for certain positions. Current room reps. have the best understanding of which parents in their classes might be a good fit for these HSA roles.

Announcements/Upcoming Events –

- Q3 ends March 10th – student may wear shorts/skorts starting March 11th
- Math and Science Night, March 11th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- Professional Educator Day, March 12th – no school
- St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 13th, 9 am
- All school Mass, March 19th, 9 am ; Feast of St. Joeseph
- Faculty Lunch – 2nd Grade, Friday, 3/19 & yard duty
- Remind parents to turn in T.I.P. sheets monthly
- Easter Break, April 1 – 11; 12:15 pm dismissal April 1st

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, April 12th at 7:00 pm in the Library.

Prepared by Lori Zuti, HSA Secretary