

H.S.A. Meeting
September 8, 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: absent

Room Reps:

Preschool 2's – M/W: absent
Preschool 2's – Tu/Th: absent
Preschool 3's - Evans: Kristin Craddock
Preschool 3's – Wilson: absent
Preschool 4's – Evans: Erin Koerselman
Preschool 4's – Wilson: Gini Collins
Kindergarten – Gobar: Hadley Saber
Kindergarten – Lester: Joyce Soprano
First Grade – Aragon: absent
First Grade – Teynor: Jenny Sherman, Kim Vasquez, Michelle Loffi
Second Grade – Weyher: Nicole Hall
Second Grade – Zuchetto: Brooke Soto, Heather Simonson
Third Grade: Lee Cotter
Fourth Grade: Linda Holyoak
Fifth Grade: Wendy Paultet
Sixth Grade: absent
Seventh Grade: Anthony Oliver
Eighth Grade: Sally McMinimee

Committee Members: None

Other Attendees: None

Opening – Dan Clyne welcomed attendees and led everyone in the Opening Prayer. Everyone introduced themselves to the group.

Innisbrook – Dan indicated that he had spoke with Jenny Maffucio, our Innisbrook Chair, and she indicated that kickoff went well. Parents are reminded to register their children in the online system so they will receive credit for online orders.

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

Innisbrook – Mrs. Hunt encouraged parents to support this fundraiser.

Progress Reports – Progress Reports will go home Sept. 17th. Since Powerschool has been upgraded, these reports may appear differently than in the past.

Grandparent's Brunch – The brunch will be held Oct. 7th in the Social Center. Participants will be treated to a new slide show and audio program the office is putting together. The 49'ers from the church have also been invited as guests to help bring parishioners and the school closer together.

SAT Testing – Testing will occur the week of Sept. 28th. This is a little earlier than past years. Be sure students have good breakfasts that week.

Class Masses / Choir Schedule – Mrs. Hunt indicated that class masses will be the first Sunday of each month at the 11 a.m. Mass. The schedule will begin with the oldest classes first and then progress through to Kindergarten. The Children's Choir will also sing at each of these Masses. Students are encouraged to attend these masses, but it will not impact their religion/choir grade if they are not able to attend.

School Directory – The school office will be preparing a school directory again this year. However, rather than distribute hard copy, it will most likely be made available online for families to print their own hard copies.

Scrip – The Scrip program is underway, but we still need more participation. Yellow envelopes were sent home with the oldest child this past week to provide another option for ordering Scrip. The Scrip table is set up in the parking lot Mon/Wed/Fri now. Please encourage families to think ahead about their purchasing needs and participate in the Scrip program.

Drop Off/Pick Up– Mrs. Hunt distributed a draft of a parking lot diagram prepared by Mr. Hinman. She emphasized the need for students to use the crosswalk and to not walk in front of the church. While participants agreed the parking lot situation had improved, more ideas were offered to further improve drop off and pick up. These ideas included staggering the pick up time for older students and creating additional crosswalk areas. Mrs. Hunt will send the diagram home in her next letter and consider other options for improving drop off and pick up.

Middle School Dance – The entrance fee will be \$6 with \$2 of that going directly to the shelter charity.

“For the Love of Art” – Mrs. Hunt is expanding our Art curriculum to include “art history”. She is seeking parents and grandparents to teach this curriculum twice a month to grades K-5. All the lessons and materials are prepared and provided. A meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 10th at 2 pm for those interested in teaching this program or simply learning more about it.

Parent Dance/Social – Mrs. Hunt suggested having a parents-only social in early November. This would be a fundraiser for the school and she would possibly provide

beer and wine for a donation. Theme ideas included “70’s Disco” or “80’s Revisited” with a DJ.

Later in the meeting, Gini Collins suggested a Parents Trivia Night as a possible fundraiser and parent social event. She participated in this kind of event when she lived in St. Louis and it was a quite popular in their parish/school. Parents would pay a nominal admission charge and sit at tables with friends. Tables would compete with one another to answer a variety of trivia questions. Food and drink would either be brought or sold at the event. Gini and a few other parents agreed to plan out this event.

Mardi Gras – Ali Kelly agreed to take the position of Mardi Gras Chair this year. Attendees encouraged Mrs. Hunt to move the date of Mardi Gras from President’s Day Weekend to Feb. 6th.

Committee Reports – Committee Chairs provided the following reports:

Book Fair – Linda Paoletti has the volunteers she needs and is preparing for the upcoming Book Fair Oct. 17 – 23rd.

Family Fall Festival – Heather Simonson is chairing this event on Oct. 23rd which is NOT a fundraiser; proceeds simply cover the cost of holding the event. She is looking for volunteers for Set-up (Thurs. 5 – 9 pm), Event Help (Fri. 6 – 9 pm), and Clean-up (Fri. 9 – 10:30 pm). Please contact Heather if you would like to participate, or if you know of a high school students who would like to earn service hours. And yes, there will be goldfish again this year...

Teachers Report – Mrs. Hunt indicated they were all working hard and were quite dedicated. She will try to schedule for a teacher to attend the next meeting.

New Business –

HSA and Committee Chair Directory – Lori Zuti passed around a Room Parent Directory for participants to verify their information. Dan distributed a copy of the current list of Committee Chairs. Many Chairs will need replacements for NEXT year (noted with an asterisk), so we are looking for volunteers who could train with the current Chairs this year and then step into the Chair role next school year.

Fundraising – Robin Harmstrom is working to put together a Cosgriff Cookbook as a fundraiser this year. Parents are encouraged to participate in the Scrip program. Gini Collins offered her Trivia Night idea detailed above. Parents are encouraged to speak with Betsy Hunt if they have new ideas for school fundraisers or ways we can increase participate in our current fundraisers.

HSA Fundraising – The HSA fundraising efforts last year resulted in a \$1,000 surplus. The HSA Board agreed to use this surplus to purchase automated hand sanitizers for EVERY classroom (the 8th grade currently has one and this design has encouraged more use by students).

Announcements/Upcoming Events –

- Faculty Lunch – 8th Grade on Sept. 18th and yard duty
- HSA Reimbursement Forms – available online

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, October 5th at 7:00 pm in the Library.

Prepared by Lori Zuti, HSA Secretary