

Sacred Heart Home School Association  
Board Meeting  
February 16, 2011

HSA President, Jennifer Daniszewski, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and led the Opening prayer.

Attendance:

Mary Renehan	Jill Ceroll	Tracey Folio
Jan Peck	Gina Darby	Colleen Geldmacher
Jennifer Daniszewski	Michele Hunter	Janice Gonder
Carol Anne Donahoe	Trisha Morano	Kathleen Gower
Rorye Jordon	David Rhinehart	Tina Mester
Aileen Eskildsen	Angela Ally	Roseanne Rodgers
Jamie Dougherty	Jamie Cardillo	
Heidi Gage	Shellie DeLuca	

ADMINISTRATION REPORT-

General Information-Mrs. Renehan-

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated in Catholic Schools Week. The cake auction was a success and raised almost \$2000.00.
- Thank you also to the HSA for arranging the antibullying assembly.
- There will be a school mass tomorrow and on Friday the students may dress out-of-uniform in right, white and/or blue colors to celebrate the A+ for American Catholic Schools Week theme.
- Registration for siblings of current students is now being accepted for next year.
- Pre-K, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes for next year are now full. Waiting lists have been started. Please contact Mrs. Cossentino immediately if interested in those grades. All other grades still have some openings.
- Thank you to the volunteers who helped during the Open House for prospective families.
- We are now midway through the second trimester. If your child or children have D or E grades, please schedule a conference with the teacher.
- There is a parent position open on the School Board.

Middle School Report-Mrs. Renehan-

- Eighth graders have now received Catholic High School acceptance letters and scholarship information.
- All repairs from the flood are now completed. The air quality tests were also completed and passed. Items have been replaced that were damaged in the flood and will be covered by insurance. Everyone is very thankful that the flood occurred after regular school hours when the majority of students and teachers were not present. Thank you to everyone for your support, flexibility and patience during this time.

-So far, we have missed 8 days of school. Five missed days were built into the calendar. School will still be closed on March 22<sup>nd</sup> due to an Archdiocesan Administrative Professional Leadership day. There will now be school on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

-The Middle School 'Exploratory Class' program has been cancelled for this year due to a lack of volunteers. This is a four week program where STAND-approved volunteers teach interest-based classes one afternoon per week. A minimum of 16-18 volunteers are needed. Several ideas were suggested for next year's program including recruiting volunteers from professional companies or the business community and having a STAND-approved chaperone present during the classes.

#### SCHOOL BOARD-Jill Ceroll

-The School Board budget meeting is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Mother Seton Room. This is an open meeting and all are welcome.

-Please submit nominations for the open parent position on the School Board. Meetings are held one time per month and the term is for 3 years.

#### DEVELOPMENT REPORT- Jan Peck

-Sacred Heart was in last week's issue of The Catholic Review. We are also now being advertised on community web pages. An article was also published on the Reisterstown Patch website about the flood (<http://reisterstown.patch.com>).

-The Annual Fund has raised over \$40,000.00 as of now. The goal is \$45,000.00. Out of 500 families in our school and parish, 230 have donated. Please consider contributing any amount.

-The Buy-a-Brick sale is still available through May. Please see the website for more information. Further promotion may be initiated soon.

-The Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup>. A planning meeting will be held in March.

-The SHG class of 1986 is having its 25<sup>th</sup> year reunion and special celebration activities are being planned.

-Please don't forget that Flowers and Fancies gives a discount to Sacred Heart families as well as money to the school based on sales.

-A speaker from Viridian was present at the meeting to explain the current discount/donation plan they have with SHG.

- Viridian is a 3<sup>rd</sup> party gas and energy supply company. BG&E still performs all maintenance and repairs even if Viridian is used.

- Viridian's costs are approximately 7% lower than BG&E.

- So far, 46 people from Sacred Heart have signed up for Viridian which raises \$92.00 a month for the school. The more people that sign up, the more money for Sacred Heart. Bonuses are also offered when certain numbers are met.

- The money received benefits the Parish Maintenance Fund. At the end of the year, a report will be available explaining these funds.

- This program is offered to anyone who lives in an area where Viridian is offered including family and friends. If anyone signs up for this program, Sacred Heart benefits.

## HSA BOARD REPORT-

### President-Jenn D.-

- Board Members and Committee Chairs are needed for next year. These are two-year terms. So far, several people have stepped forward offering their support. The positions are still open however, so please contact Michele Hunter (michele2517@hotmail.com) if interested. Elections will be held in March or if the candidates are unopposed, an announcement will be made in April.
- A Co-chairperson is needed for the Fall Fundraiser that typically raises \$12,000.00-\$14,000.00 in profit. This money is essential as it then funds the HSA activities for the remainder of the year.
- Next month, a representative from a fundraising company will be attending the HSA meeting to discuss multiple fundraising opportunities including cookie dough, pizzas, gift wrap, etc. Cookie samples will also be available!
- A Co-chairperson is also needed for Santa's Workshop.
- Next month's meeting is on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Out-of-Uniform privileges will be given to children of parents/guardians in attendance! Babysitting will be provided in Room 138.

### Vice President-Carol Anne Donahoe-

- All students will receive an ice cream treat in the cafeteria this week courtesy of the HSA for Catholic Schools Week.
- Framed prayers are also being given to the Principal/VPs for Catholic Schools Week.

### TREASURER REPORT-Aileen Eskildsen-

- The current budget was reviewed. \$9500.00 was donated to the school for the Trip Assistance fund. \$1000.00 was also donated for tuition assistance.
- Sponsors are still needed for the Spring Bull Roast.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS-

-Going Green-Carol Anne Donahoe-No report at this time.

### -Lunch Room-Jenn D.-

-Thank you to all volunteers. More help is still needed on Tuesdays and Fridays. A Chair is needed to coordinate next year's Lunch Duty schedule.

### -Library-David Rhinehart-

- Thank you for holding the HSA meeting tonight in the science lab due to the ongoing book fair in the library and media center.
- Some teachers allowed 'book fair time' during open house for students to shop with parents/ guardians.
- Take-down of the book fair is planned for this Friday.

### -Outreach-Jenn D. reporting for Adele Kootz-

-The school supply collection ends this Friday. Bins are located in the main lobby and lists of supplies needed are posted on the website and main doors of the school.

- March 8<sup>th</sup> will be an Out-of-Uniform day for Mardi Gras. \$1.00 donations will be accepted and the money received will benefit St. Ann's.
- Going forward, the student council members will be more involved in helping with Outreach activities.
- The Lenten meatless sandwich collection will start on March 9<sup>th</sup> and continue on all Friday mornings throughout Lent. Cheese or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will be accepted and appreciated. Bins are located in the lobby and the sandwiches are taken to Our Daily Bread.

Rebates, Cultural Arts and Focus-Trisha Morano-No report at this time.

Coffee House/Lenten Meal-Gina Darby

- Lenten meals consisting of pizza and salad will be served every Friday during Lent at 6pm in the West Room. The HSA sponsored meal is planned for March 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed at 5:15 to set-up, serve and clean up.
- A Mardi Gras pancake dinner and celebration is scheduled for Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed.

Uniform Exchange-Jill Ceroll

- The uniform exchange will be rescheduled for March 23. There will also be a sale at the end of the school year.

Spring Fundraiser-Jenn D.

- Mark your calendars for the Bull Roast on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Oregon Ridge from 7 -11pm. Sponsorships are available and donations for auction items are greatly appreciated. Grade baskets will also be put together. Save the date forms have been distributed already with more ticket information to come soon.

COMMUNITY/PARENT FORUM-No comments or concerns addressed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.