

Sacred Heart Home School Association
Board Meeting
January 19, 2011

HSA President, Jennifer Daniszewski, called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Mrs. Cossentino led the Opening prayer. A prayer for the recovery of HSA Vice President Rorye Jordon was also included.

Attendance:

Jeanne Cossentino	Jill Ceroll	Sandy Selby	Roseanne Rodgers
Jennifer Daniszewski	Michele Hunter	Shellie DeLuca	Lisa Moran
Carol Anne Donahoe	Adele Knorlein	Tracey Folio	
Aileen Eskildsen	Adele Kootz	Colleen Geldmacher	
Jamie Dougherty	Trisha Morano	Dona Ginsberg	

ADMINSTRATION REPORT-

-Mrs. Cossentino:

-Magnetized name tags have been ordered for all faculty and staff in order to help identify people in our school. More visible signs are also going to be posted on all outside school doors directing visitors to report to the main lobby and sign in to a log book. Visitors will also be asked to wear a name tag. Parents are going to be reminded that they should not be walking their children to classes in the morning but should be dropping them off either outside or in the lobby unless there are special circumstances. All students, faculty and staff will be reminded to never open the outside doors for anyone. Please note that these additional security measures are being initiated proactively and are not a result of any specific incidents.

-The weekly Administrative newsletter was discussed and it was discovered that the Administration had believed the newsletter was being emailed to all families every Wednesday. The majority of people present at the meeting, however, reported never having received such emails. The Administration will investigate this matter. The newsletter is always available on the website as well.

-The website has been updated including admission information, applications, directions to the school and resource information.

-Catholic School's Week packets have been sent home including important information about open houses and a cake auction. A paper was also enclosed that parents are encouraged to complete and send back explaining why we have chosen to send our children to a Catholic School.

-Tour guides are needed for the Open House for prospective families on Monday, January 31st.

-Updates reported for Mrs. Renehan-

-The March for Life is planned for this Monday, January 24th.

-Eighth graders should start receiving High School acceptance letters in mid February.

-Updates reported for Mrs. Wright-

-Please use the teacher websites in the event of inclement weather or any other lengthy school closures. Teachers will post reinforcement and bonus work for students. Missed days of school will still need to be made up however. All work is optional.

FACULTY REPORT- No reports at this time.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT-Jill Ceroll

-There was no January School Board meeting therefore the parent budget meeting has not yet been scheduled.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT-Jenn D.

-The brick sale will continue until the end of May. Bricks will be installed during the summer and all proceeds will benefit playground maintenance. Forms are available on the website.

HSA BOARD REPORT-

-PRESIDENT-Jenn D.:

-Catholic Schools Week volunteers are needed especially during the Open House for prospective families on January 31st from around 9am-10am. Middle school students will also be present to help with the tours and answer questions.

-The current HSA Board members' two-year term expires this year. New Board members are needed. The only Board member planning to stay on, if elected, is Jamie Dougherty for Recording Secretary. Please contact Jenn D. if interested in running for any position. Elections will be held in March if multiple nominees come forward.

-New Chairpersons are needed for several committees including the Fall Fundraiser, Lunch Room Coordinator, Santa's Workshop and Fall Crab Feast.

Anyone interested can contact Jenn. Fall Fundraiser volunteers are especially needed ASAP since research regarding other Fundraising opportunities needs to be initiated soon.

-VP REPORT- No report at this time.

-TREASURER REPORT-Aileen Eskildsen:

-The current Treasurer Report was reviewed. Santa's Workshop raised approximately \$2300.00 which will benefit Outreach efforts. The profit from the Innisbrook Fundraiser was not as high as expected. All committee members are asked to please try to minimize expenses.

-Sponsors and/or family donations are needed for the Spring Bull Roast's Silent Auction.

-The HSA donates money every year to the school. Last year we were able to give \$5000.00

-A new Treasurer is needed. Please pass the word! An accounting background is not necessary. An organized package is ready to be passed on.

-A question was asked regarding the Spring Bull Roast's ticket prices, budget and food choices.

-It was noted that the Spring Bull Roast is a Fundraiser and therefore the goal is to have the income greater than the expenses. All alcohol is donated and this year, the food vendor is being changed. A facility fee is also charged.

-Concern was also mentioned regarding many Homeroom Parents not getting enough money donated from families to support the needs of the class. Several ideas for future years were suggested including combining all money collected per grade and dividing it

equally among the classrooms and/or having grades coordinate party and gift efforts. Published guidelines could also be created to help future Homeroom parents make plans consistent between classrooms and from year to year. Homeroom parents can request donations or services separately. All information discussed will be passed onto Denise Wilt, the Homeroom Parent Coordinator.

-It was also clarified at that time that Homeroom Parents usually provide a gift to teachers during Catholic School's week and at the end of the year. The HSA provides the gifts during Teacher Appreciation Week.

GOING GREEN- No report at this time.

LUNCH ROOM- More STAND-certified volunteers are needed for Lunch Duty especially on Tuesdays and Fridays.

LIBRARY-Adele Knorlein

-The Book Fair will start on Friday, January 28th and will continue throughout the weekend after most masses and the following week during school.

OUTREACH- Adele Kootz

-The Adopt-a-Family effort had great response. School supplies will be collected during Catholic Schools Week. Other events planned include an Out-of-Uniform day for Mardi Gras in March and the Lenten meatless sandwich collection on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.

REBATES- Trisha Morano

-Since the contest, our numbers of participation have greatly increased. We recently received a check for \$776.00 from Giant food stores. All money received helps fund budgets for specials classes. Please also note that if anyone orders items from Oriental Trading Company, please use the link through the Box Top website so Sacred Heart can benefit.

FOCUS- Trisha Morano

-Prayer cards may be created for Catholic School's week.

CULTURAL ARTS- Trisha Morano

-An antibullying assembly called The Power of One is planned for the Friday during Catholic School's week. This is an international program and there will be two different assemblies one for K-4 and the other for 5-8.

COFFEE HOUSE/LENTEN MEAL- Jenn D.

-The HSA sponsored coffee house took place two weeks ago.

-HSA sponsored Lenten Meal-to be announced.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE- Shellie DeLuca

-A mid-year Uniform Exchange will take place sometime during February.

-SPRING FUNDRAISER-

-Mark your calendars for the Bull Roast on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Oregon Ridge 7-11pm. Sponsorships are available and donations for auctions are appreciated! Grade baskets will be put together.

-LAST HSA MEETING OF THE YEAR-Tracey Folio

-Ideas were discussed regarding the last HSA meeting of the year on May 18th. Instead of having just a meeting, it was suggested that we could have a ceremony where torches are passed from current board members and chairs to new board members and chairs. Babysitting may be available with food provided and perhaps a talent show. Instead of a volunteer luncheon this year, the Administration may contribute to this event. Please let Tracey know if anyone is interested in helping plan the ceremony. A tear-off form may be sent to all families in order to notify everyone of the event and get a head count.

COMMUNITY/PARENT FORUM-

-Questions were asked regarding why Sacred Heart follows the Baltimore County Hereford Zone snow policy. It was explained that this procedure started 8-10 years ago since a lot of families and staff come from Carroll County and the Hereford Zone seemed to reflect Carroll County's weather well. Carroll County schools, however, were believed to close more often than Baltimore County so this seemed to be a good compromise. Before this policy was initiated, in bad weather students living close by would often report to school and there would be multiple classrooms without teachers because they could not get here from Carroll County or further.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.