

Sacred Heart Home School Association
Board Meeting
November 17, 2010

HSA Vice President, Carol Anne Donahoe, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
Mrs. Renehan led the Opening prayer.

Attendance:

Rorye Jordon	Adele Kootz	Catherine Silverman
Carol Anne Donahoe	Trisha Morano	Angela Ezumba
Jamie Dougherty	David Rhinehart	Angela DelPino
Mary Renehan	Sandy Selby	Susan Medinger
Elaine Bayarena	Shellie DeLuca	Mica Holmes
Jill Ceroll	Kathleen Dorsey	
Michele Hunter	Colleen Geldmacher	

ADMINISTRATION REPORT-

Mrs. Renehan-

-Today was the Thanksgiving Prayer Service for the students and staff. One or more representatives from each class participated and all students attended. Thank you to Mr. Cotter for leading the service. Thank you also to all other faculty involved in planning the service.

-Students also participated today in Sacred Heart's annual Thanksgiving project preparing food donations, placemats and turkey basket favors for Our Daily Bread. Sacred Heart is one of the biggest supporters of Our Daily Bread. Thank you to everyone for participating and helping our children learn about helping others less fortunate.

-Thanksgiving vacation starts Wednesday November 24th and students return to school on Monday November 29th.

-The Hashawa overnight field trip for 7th graders is planned for next Monday-Tuesday, November 22nd-23rd.

-December will be a busy month with Advent activities, Reconciliation, Santa's Workshop and other Christmas events.

-The 8th graders are busy with High School shadow days, entrance exams and making decisions.

-Thank you to everyone for supporting the 8th grade Fundraising effort including the Yankee Candle sale and Restaurant nights. The money raised will go towards the annual 8th grade field trip to New York.

-Teachers and Staff will soon be required to wear name badges. Magnetic badges have been ordered and should arrive soon. The badges will help identify teachers and staff and also help in any future emergency situations.

FACULTY REPORT:

Mrs. Bayarena-

-Spirit the dog was recently here for a visit. Over 30 bags of donated towels were given by Sacred Heart to the Animals Aloud Program.

- This Friday, November 19th, is the First Grade Reading Workshop.
- The Kindergarten and First Grade Christmas show is planned for December 9th at 9am. The students are busy rehearsing. A snow date is planned for December 16th.
- Second Grade is preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 4th.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: No report at this time.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT: No report at this time.

HSA BOARD REPORT:

Vice President-Carol Anne Donahoe-

-The toy drive was very successful with approximately 25 carloads of toys donated. Northminster Church was extremely grateful and invited the SHG Administration and Board Members to observe while the toys are being distributed on December 7th.

Treasurer- No report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Going Green-Carol Anne Donahoe-

-America Recycles Day is Monday, November 22nd. Green tips will be shared on the announcements.

-The paper collection program is now being organized by Erika Vassallo in the Business Office. Thank you, Erika.

Lunch Room-Carol Anne Donahoe-

-More volunteers are needed for lunch duty especially on Tuesday and Fridays!

Library-David Rhinehart

-The Scholastic book fair meeting is planned for December 8th at 8:30am in the library. All are welcome. The book fair will take place during Catholic School's Week and the theme this year is 'Heroes.'

-Thanksgiving Weekend, November 27th and November 28th, are Sacred Heart days at Constellation Books in Reisterstown. Please mention Sacred Heart while making purchases and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to our library. Local children's book authors will be present to sign books and Girl Scout cookies will also be sold.

Membership-Carol Anne Donahoe-

-The HSA membership drive ends on November 30th. Membership is \$5 per family.

Outreach-Adele Kootz-

-The coat and candy drives were successful. Donations were made to St. Ann's and St. Benedict's, and all recipients were grateful. Candy was also donated to the Operation Christmas Program.

-The Adopt-a-Family drive will begin soon. Bins will be placed in all homerooms for donations. Please wrap and label the gifts with the name of the child/parent the gift is intended for. Volunteers are needed for December 15th for wrapping, organizing and delivery of the gifts to St. Ann's downtown.

Santa's Workshop-Jamie Dougherty-

-Dawn Linares and helpers are busy preparing for Santa's Workshop from November 29th-December 3rd. The items have been organized so equal amounts will be available for AM and PM shoppers each day of the week.

- Volunteers are needed to transport the items from Dawn's house to the school on Tuesday, November 23rd for set-up.
- STAND-approved volunteers are also needed during the workshop to help the children shop and wrap gifts. Extra volunteers are especially needed when Kindergarteners and 1st graders shop. STAND approval is not required to shop with your own children or to help set up!
- Mrs. Renehan mentioned the possibility of having 8th graders help unload the items during set-up. She also mentioned possibly having Student Council members come help the younger students shop if needed.
- It was also suggested that perhaps a special notice should be sent home to parents of younger students encouraging them to come and shop with their children.

Rebates-Trisha Morano-

- Box tops and store discount card drawings will be completed before Thanksgiving.

Cultural Arts-Trisha Morano-

- An antibullying assembly is planned for the Friday during Catholic School's Week. The presentation is from a National Program and is expected to be very good.
- Another fun assembly is being planned for before Christmas vacation.

Focus-Trisha Morano

- The Focus group still prays every Friday after drop-off in the Mother Seton Room.

Spring Fundraiser-Carol Anne Donahoe

- Mark your calendars for the Bull Roast on Saturday, April 9th 2011 at Oregon Ridge 7-11pm.

COMMUNITY/PARENT FORUM-

- One parent mentioned a concern that many volunteers are not remembering to sign in at the desk in the main lobby upon arrival to the school and/or wear volunteer badges. This is very important, so we do not have unidentified people roaming around in the school. The Administration will speak with the staff in the front lobby and ask them to help remind visitors of this policy.
 - It was also mentioned that the parking cones on the school-side parking lot are sometimes left in the street all night. Safeties will be gently reminded to remove the cones at the conclusion of pick-up.
 - The student manual dress code was briefly reviewed including the fact that Mohawks are not permitted as well as other various hair styles. The Administration will further investigate the specific concerns mentioned.
 - One parent suggested that Sacred Heart try to publicize better our Volunteer and Outreach efforts with the community possibly through local papers, the Catholic Review, our website, etc. These programs make our school and students special and should be shared. This suggestion will be further discussed with the Board.
 - It was stated that the school-side parking lot seemed a bit better lately with most people driving slower and following the rules. A flyer with parking lot reminders was giving out during drop-off on Halloween. Thank you to Shellie DeLuca, Kathleen Gower, and Judy Benvenuto.
 - The Physical Education teacher follows a curriculum according to student grades and is also incorporating physical fitness and nutrition lessons during class.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.