

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OF GLYNDON

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

Online and in-person hybrid meeting

53 online participants and 17 in-person

Meeting opened at 7:04 pm

Opening prayer by Fr Zack

Call to order by President Mike Baummer

HSA Board Reports:

President, Mike Baummer

Officers were introduced by president Mike Baummer. Recording Secretary Susan Heidebrecht declined to be shown on the zoom camera as she is camera-shy.

Mike explained what the HSA is and what its role is pertaining to the school and the parent community. The HSA is more involved with volunteering and being the “muscle” of the school in terms of volunteering, and the Advancement Fund Committee is involved with fundraising.

The 50/50 raffle will be in early October. Last year ~\$12,000 was raised for the school with the 50/50 raffle.

We are desperately in need of volunteers. Many of our volunteers are from the middle school, so in a year or two those volunteers will be gone. We would love to have our new and primary age families to come in and volunteer. To volunteer you must be VIRTUS certified. It is online, and takes approximately a month for the certification to be finalized. From volunteering to chaperoning field trips, you MUST be VIRTUS certified. It would be great to have a pool of 20-30 regular volunteers so the same folks aren’t doing traffic and lunch duty.

When in the traffic line, PLEASE follow the directions of the traffic volunteers. Safety, efficiency keep things moving. The traffic rules apply to ALL school community members. This includes the staff and the volunteers.

Upcoming events are Adopt a Family. George Becker stated that this is a great event and a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Winter Fest: Tree lighting and the Christmas concert with Toni Stefano will be held together. Winter fest will be around 5:00 with food for sale. Following food sales, there will be a performance indoors by our choir and dancers. The event will then move on to lighting the Christmas tree in the courtyard. The Christmas concert is immediately following in the church

(for ticket holders). The idea moving forward is to eventually have the concert paid for and end up being free.

Library: we have a grant for the library. It will match up to \$25,000. The HSA has given ~\$11,000 towards the library fund. Money raised by the 50/50 and Christmas concert will go towards the library fund.

Vice President, George Becker

The Teacher Breakfast was well-received.

A shout out to Kelly for going through the website and identifying areas that needed to be updated. So, as of now, the website is updated and current.

Question from parents:

Are all HSA Positions filled? No, the Hospitality Committee needs a chair. Mike explained the role of the hospitality chair.

Treasurer, Alan Eanet

It is early in the year, so things are quiet

\$1800 was raised from uniform exchange.

\$2,000 was raised from the bull roast last year

The New Family Welcome is overbudget, but everyone loves the Cow truck, so more Cow treats were enjoyed than was anticipated.

Committee reports:

Traffic (Cathy Kirby)

Thank you to all the volunteers from the beginning of the school year. We are always looking for new faces. Reminders: in the afternoon on school side please park in your child's grade designated row. Playground: please go the playground with your child. Children are running to the playground while cars are moving. Please be kind to the volunteers!

Mike added for Fr. Zach: please let 7:00 am mass attendees know that it isn't good to park in the first row of the church lot. It is difficult for them to get out due to school drop off beginning at 7:50.

Lunchroom

Mike spoke on behalf of the committee chair Teresa. We need volunteers. You do not need to stay for all three shifts. The first shift needs the most help due to the young age of the children (K-2). On mass days first lunch starts at 10:03. Teresa is working on an easy manual for lunch duty for volunteers.

Mike said the snack window is still closed. This is due to supply chain issues.

Child nutrition is not charging accounts until October 1st.

Parent asked about if we are getting a different vendor. Mike responded that they are looking into that and are hoping to have options to choose from by the first of the year, and he hopes we have a different vendor for next year.

Outreach (anna Trice):

Lots of different opportunities:

Toy Drive (Sykes Toy Project)

Halloween Candy Drive (goes towards Thanksgiving day project)

Coat Collection (November, for St. Benedict's)

Adopt a family (for our partner parish St. Anne's): we'll need lots of parent volunteers. George Becker mentioned that even if you just help drive the gifts to St. Anne's you STILL need to be VIRTUS certified.

Lent project: We traditionally made sandwiches. However, we might do something different this year

Library (Felice)

We need volunteers. Cataloging books, covering books, and there are volunteer opportunities to do at home. There is information out on the school website. Since Felice's children are graduating this year, she would like to have 2-3 co-chairs to train before she leaves.

Book Fair is the biggie. It is during Catholic Schools week at the end of January. And we will need volunteers!

Family Engagement (Felice)

This committee chair coordinates volunteers: checks Virtus standing of volunteers; helps with the volunteer fair at back-to-school night. There is a volunteer page on the website that describes the volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the address on that web page. It will take a few days to get answered so be patient. Please volunteer! It is a great way to meet other parents and get to know the kids.

Home room parents (Tina Bernstein)

Each year the chair seeks out homeroom parents. You help coordinate parties, getting parents to help volunteer with parties and class activities. Email coming out soon to look for 3-4 homeroom parents for each homeroom.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Keeley

Drop off and pick up. Please stay in your car and don't wander around just in case the teacher needs to find you. Parents walking to walk children home need to stay at the corner of Log Cabin. Late pick up is at the Main Lobby. Students being picked up early must be signed out. Walkers are dismissed at 3:05.

Megan Clifford had an issue with walkers being dismissed at the same time as everyone else. Mike requested that she talk with him after the meeting.

We have an interim principal while Ms. Belz is interim at another school.

Another librarian has been hired, still waiting for background check to be cleared before hiring is finalized.

Spirit wear should be available on website by end of September.

Back to school night on the 15th will be starting at 6:30.

Megan Clifford stated that some students may not have their dress uniform for class photos tomorrow. She asked why school photos are so early this year.

Gillian wondered if the HSA can work with the admin to come up with a solution for uniforms: a dependable and cost-effective vendor for uniforms. It was suggested that uniforms should not change every few years.

Mrs. Monroe: There will be a Big Truck event for the primary grades. If anyone knows anyone who can bring a truck (construction, fire engine, transportation), tell them about our event and ask if they would like to bring their truck.

Mrs. Noll

The high school fair at Sacred Heart will be Sept 29th .

Student council elections are coming.

6th grade field trip is Genessee Valley.

8th grade is going to First Fruits Farm.

7th grade will be having a service day.

Additional Topics/Questions

None

Meeting Adjourned 8:03 pm.