

Meeting Minutes

HSA General Meeting

September 27, 2012

Opening Prayer: Father Welsh

Introduction of the HSA Board and Agenda review: Barbara Downing

Tonight's meeting minutes will be posted on website

Goal for tonight's meeting: Meet each other and understand fundraisers and volunteerism

School Update: Ms. Egan

- Option C – new grade book – information will go home for each child tomorrow, 9/28. You can view children as a family. You do not have to go in one child at a time. User friendly.
- Rosetta Stone – approx \$13.23 a child. 5 Catholic Schools are participating. Mrs. Egan is coordinating Rosetta Stone and the parents can pick whatever language they want for their child. Parents need to purchase a microphone and headset. She might have 5 extra licenses if any parent wants to purchase one. 30 minutes a week at school and 15 minutes at home is the requirement. When it gets close to the semester end, they will follow up with the students. It is an elective. They get out of it what they put into it.
- Parish Mission – 8th Grade will participate in the mornings. Grades 1-7 are on a schedule to go to Adoration from 1:00-2:00 each day in 20 minute blocks. Third Grade can dress in Holy Communion attire for closing.
- Study Club being worked on
- Still working on Dibbles and Learning teams...
- Principal Meeting: changed Terra Nova testing dates to May. Common core state standards will be used. Each child will have their own user id and password for all 12 years. No final exams but will have performance reviews since Terra Novas will cover entire year. Teachers will have the option for finals but it doesn't need to be cumulative. After the meeting, Mrs. Egan advised that the **Terra Nova testing dates have been changed back to March.**

Finance Update and Project Review: Keith Aleardi

- Spring fundraiser is our big money raiser
- Showed a list of Projects ongoing, in development, projected – Already completed: computer connectivity, marketing, net book computer cart, new scoreboard and new website
- Committed but not yet done: Rock climbing wall, gym wall mats, soccer field improvement, additional money towards assemblies, wireless mics for theatre, and golf outing support
- Projects being evaluated: fitness equipment for outside for the older children, replacement smartboards
- **Voted on 6 new laptops – approved** by general membership

- Still researching new chairs for church basement
- Bank Balance = \$118,000. Already spent \$35,000. Committed approx. \$66,000.
- Question was asked if we can post finances and project list on website – Board will take this under consideration. Privacy is a concern.

CYO Update: Matt Hodlofski

- CYO runs August through June
- Soccer, field hockey , volley ball and cross country
- Basketball: 17 different teams from 5th grade through high school
- Baseball, volleyball, track
- We are the only school that has a field so we have a lot of games here
- This Saturday is a Remembrance Day in honor of those who have passed away – started in honor of Louis Fastuca, SSPP grad, who passed away on active duty
- Will have a Fun Run co-event on Family Fun Day
- Beef and Beer, main CYO fundraiser, the weekend before the Super Bowl
- End of the year banquet to celebrate the CYO year
- New scoreboard, put money into the gym, basketball tryouts first week in November
- For younger kids, basketball clinic, track and cross county
- Coaching requirements, clearances – all info is on the CYO site

Family Fun Day: Mary Jane Lorenz

- **Sunday, Oct 21st 1:30-4:30** Bounce houses, light snacks, face painting, apple cider doughnuts, DJ
- Need volunteers to help the day of. It is a day of celebration. (not a fundraiser). The more people, the more fun it will be.
- CYO Fun Run is new this year: timeframe 2:15-3:15
- Mary Jane and Tiffany Bowden co-chairs of event

Advancement Efforts: Trish Kyle

- Education Tax Credit (ETC): \$34,000 tuition assistance for this school year. We already have \$25,000 towards tuition assistance next year. Donors include First Resource Bank and DellaVecchia Funeral home
- Golf Outing – 96 golfers participated – Gross receipts approx \$65,000 – funds are dispersed for teacher enrichment only
- Annual Fund will be introduced this fall. It is a mission-driven fundraiser to invest in our school. All this money will go to the school and help fund the school. Tuition only covers about 45% of the school's operating cost. Will start to roll out in October. Donations are tax deductible.

Volunteer Opportunities and Fundraiser: Barbara Downing

- How can you help? Survey results indicate that parents feel our school is safe and friendly and there are many opportunities for parent involvement. When you volunteer to help your school,

you will meet many people and you will experience the friendly and supportive nature of the Saints Peter and Paul community.

- *Volunteer Opportunities* handout lists a variety of opportunities and contact info. This handout is also posted on our website under “Document Library”.
- Introduced Cristina O’Brien of Health & Wellness Comm., and Maryanne Fasco for Reading Olympics
- Dianne Haley looking for someone to replace her for Cluster dances (perfect for a 6th or 7th grade parent)
- Sally Lemheney and Tina Hodlofski are Homeroom Parent co-Coordinator. HR Parent organizational meeting is October 5th at 1:15 p.m. Will discuss teacher appreciation lunch, Feb 1st, the last day of Catholic Schools Week. Sally also discussed the Helping Hands group who help with meals, babysitting...if someone is sick or in need. Let Sally know or sign-up on sheet outside of cafeteria tonight.
- Saints Peter and Paul Fundraisers – Goal is to put our talents and treasure into a minimum number of fundraisers. Board is re-evaluating all small fundraisers. Kid Stuff Coupon Book raises approx \$2500. We will do it again this year and collect parents’ opinions for next year
- 8th grade fundraisers (bingo, dances and fashion show) benefit the grade’s graduation activities. Bingo night is fun...especially for families with younger children
- Spring Fundraiser and Golf Outing are our 2 main fundraisers – Has allowed us to distinguish our school from others in the area. Examples of where money went: theatre and technology (smart boards)
- Fundraiser Organizing Team: Michelle Kaulback, Chris DellaVecchia, Michele D’Alessandro, MJ Lorenz, Barbara Downing - Please contact these individuals to be part of the spring fundraiser effort. We want a great group of volunteers and we will match their interests and abilities to our needs. Sign up tonight or email Barbara.
- Please also give the Board your ideas for tools and technology to enhance our school
- Next meeting: Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm

Mrs. Egan acknowledged the 2 BOLJ attendees – Colin H and Denise C.

Mrs. Egan invited parents to stay after the meeting and learn more about the new Option C.