

Saints Peter and Paul Home & School Association

General Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2014

Attendees: 28 School Parents, 9 Teachers, HSA Board Officers, Mrs. Egan, Trish Kyle, and Bob Anguilo.

Opening Prayer: Amanda Gionfriddo

HSA update: Barbara – Trunk or Treat, Family Fun day were all successful. Save the date for spring fundraiser: March 28, 2015. There are many activities to do but everything is optional. Tree planted in Father Welsh's honor. Barbara is working on outside games on blacktop for kids when weather is good. Supplies have been purchased and Mark Lorenz donated paint. There are 2 HSA Board positions up in May: the Vice President and Treasurer Positions. We can take nominations at the next meeting on March 3rd, 2015.

Financial Report: Lauren Ranalli - If you owe Kidstuff books or money, please settle it. Spring Fundraiser is our big fundraiser and we started spending money for it. Lauren reviewed items we supported such as Reading Olympic books, tree for Father Welsh, Trunk or Treat etc. Current bank balance is \$85,000.

Spring Auction: Jocelyn Wood and Christy Cosgrove gave an update. Invitations will go out in January. Tickets are \$60 pp although our costs are approximately that much. Therefore, we do not make money on the number of tickets sold. We need additional volunteers for the Donations Committee.

World Meeting of Families – Mary Jane Lorenz is coordinating for families in our Parish. Dan Hoover and Father Jim are working with MJ. They are currently putting together Parish Activities. Worldmeeting2015.org has answers to all your questions. There is a special prayer and song. They are looking for volunteers to be greeters, babysit, registration, host families etc. and people to attend the Papal Mass. All events are family oriented. WMF was started in 1992 to celebrate families. The event dates are September 22-27, 2015 in Philadelphia. The kick-off is Tuesday, 23rd. Break out sessions for kids and adults. Expect 2 million visitors. Papal Mass on the last day, September 27th. There will be babysitters. The principals and teachers of the Archdiocese have been asked to donate one day for babysitting and will receive credit for it. SSPP School will be closed Wed, Thurs and Friday of that week. Security will be tight for the entire event and you will need your clearances for certain volunteer positions. Location for all events is the Philadelphia Convention Center. We may have a pilgrimage to the Papal Mass on Sunday, Sept 28 at 11:00 a.m. and will also be celebrating here at SSPP followed by picnic. Like it on Facebook, follow on Twitter...

School Store Update – Molly Fasco and Noelle Arpea (8th grade students) work at the Hall Mall. They are having a Secret Santa Workshop. All proceeds will go to St. Agnes Day room. Shopping dates are Dec. 16th and Dec. 18th. Gifts range from \$.75 to \$7.50 and include ornaments, socks, electronics and even gifts for pets.

School Update –

- Mrs. Egan thanked Sue Zebrowski for her hard work with the school store.
- In November, we won a \$5,000 SAGE award for raising the most money for our annual fund. This really helps our school's operating budget.
- Ms. Welsh has taken a leave of absence but will be back after Christmas. Ms. Anna Kates is her substitute.
- Report cards will be distributed on Friday using a new system. Archdiocese has made some changes to the report card. They want to show complete picture of how kids are progressing. Mrs. Egan has posted the changes to the report cards on her teacherweb.
- At the principal meeting, Mrs. Egan was told about a website called True Care Awareness Online. You pay \$12 per month and it monitors your child's activity on social media.
- There are lots of wonderful activities in December starting the week of the 15th. The younger grades go first. Band concert is Dec. 16th in the evening. Grades 1-4 program is Dec 18th. Classroom parties are Dec 19th parties. You need your volunteer clearances to attend the parties. Dec 21st is the blessing of the Nativity. December 22nd is the 6-8 grade show.
- The work on the new Music room/ TV studio will begin the last day of school before Christmas break and should be finished by January 5th.

Advancement: Trish – re-enrollment forms are already coming in. There is a \$50 fee to enroll. The Sunday Plate commitment for school families is increasing from \$15 per week to \$20 per week per family (beginning July 1, 2015). Trish is already meeting a lot of prospective families and seeing a lot of visitors. Reenrollment numbers are important so that we can make a solid budget. Financial Aide in the amount of \$167,000 was given out to 74 students. If you are applying for EITC funds, please get your application in as soon as you can (after you file your taxes). We have many generous donors like First Resource Bank and Della Vecchia Funeral Home

Fellowship after Mass: Michele mentioned the Potluck dinner and Christmas movie after Mass this Saturday, December 6th.

Next HSA General meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.