

**HSA 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting**  
**Wednesday December 2, 2015, 6:30pm**

Started with a prayer at 6:30pm.

Approved minutes from last meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Technology:** Mrs. Opon talked about Technology and how it's being used in the school.

Putting kids in charge of a video to promote our school.

Watched a video which included different technologies the kids are using in school (ex: kahoot math, science, reading/social studies, animation, recording stories)

IPads are not replacing textbooks/teachers, but instead enhancing learning styles.

The kids are excited (especially reading partners) and we want to continue to make learning fun for them.

Our teachers go through training and take it seriously.

Thanks for all of the support. We are far from the end and have a long way to go, but so far so good.

**Thank you:** Ashley thanked all of the volunteers and committees thus far this year and all those here tonight at meeting.

**Scrip Gift Cards:** Ashley talked about Scrip Cards and participation in them this holiday season. Orders are due by this Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be ready to pick up on December 14<sup>th</sup>. We have order forms here tonight or on the website.

**Paper Pulling/ Reading Coordinator Needed:** HSA is in need of a Volunteer Chairperson to Coordinate Paper Pulling/Reading. Chairperson is responsible for coordinating and scheduling parent volunteers to help 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers with pulling workbook papers and reading in the classroom. Please contact Erica Rivera for more information: [ebakerhrw@yahoo.com](mailto:ebakerhrw@yahoo.com)

**Helping Hands:** Liz Quarles heads up the Helping Hands committee and asked everyone to keep their eyes and ears open for any St Mark families in need. It helps to have a close friend when you are in need, so if you see or hear anything please let her or anyone on the committee know so they may help. Committee contact information is on the website.

**Used Uniform Sales:** Credit Cards will now be accepted at the sale. There is no dedicated drop off window. You are welcome to drop off used uniforms to Mrs. O'Connor's office. Green pants will be accepted for drop off, but note that the price will be reduced to \$4.00, so that we can transition quickly to the new style of gray. This is also the last year that we will accept uniform shirts and sweaters with the old logo embroidery. If you have not picked up a flyer please grab one as you leave tonight. It will highlight the information just noted.

**Graduation/Confirmation:** Kim Broussard and Barbara Johnson are already working hard. They have secured the DJ and Balloon Arch for Graduation and are in communication with the two teacher advisors on the next steps. They are waiting to hear back from the Parish so they can begin working with them on Confirmation planning.

**Auction:** Ann Rossigno spoke on the Sweetheart Gala and Auction. They are reintroducing the pre-auction mixers to socialize in anticipation of the auction. There will be a representative at the mixers to talk about the live

auction and the importance of the auction to our school. Most items in the live auction are for more than one family, so mixers are a great opportunity to chat among families about interest in items (ex: vacations, dine around towns). Get tickets with a discount until 12/15. Reminder to turn in basket donations ASAP. Anyone looking to sponsor bigger auction items please contact auction committee. Auction funds will go to update the gym and playground.

**Teacher Christmas Dinner:** With your help and Father Cliff's generosity, we are able to host a dinner for our wonderful teachers. At this event, teachers will receive \$100 bonus and a poinsettia with a Christmas blessing attached. If you can contribute in any way please visit the St Mark website for the sign-up genius.

**Fall Festival:** Claudine Humphries spoke on the Fall Festival and thanked everyone for their support and generosity. Raffle was very profitable and all profits will be split 50/50 between the church and school.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

December 4<sup>th</sup>: Scrip Card Sales End and Family Movie Night. Doors open at 6pm with dinner, and Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe will be shown at 6:30pm.

December 15<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Christmas Dinner

December 18<sup>th</sup>: Classroom Christmas Parties

Please look at website or keep an eye on the bulletin for Important HSA Dates coming up in January, February and the rest of the school year.

**New Elective for 6-8 Graders:** Pam Steinkirchner spoke on new electives at the end of the day for 6-8 graders. She extended the need for help from parents to teach students. Any talent you have can be shared and is awesome (ex: girl power, yoga, and engineering). The stock market class was very interesting to the students and they look forward to having a pharmaceutical rep come in and share information with them. The classes run from 2:40-3:20pm and can either be on T/Th for 2 quarters (18 weeks) or M/W/F for 1 quarter (9 weeks). Please contact Ana Pott [anapott3@yahoo.com](mailto:anapott3@yahoo.com) for more information.

Current Meeting Notes were reviewed.

Signup sheet was passed around for 5 points on a test.

Ticket was drawn for winner of 2 tickets to the Sweetheart Gala and Auction. Winner is Eugene and Aisling Peden.

Closing Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm