

Holy Cross Academy PTG

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 15, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Zoom Virtual Meeting



Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Stephanie Colasante

Opening Prayer - Led by Stephanie C.

Treasurer's Report

- HCA PTG donated \$11,500 to the school fundraising goal for 2019-20 school year since many of the planned school fundraisers were canceled, leaving us short of the overall school fundraising goal.
- For 2020-21, the PTG budget is scaled back (no t-shirts for all students as we've done the past few years, likely no field trips, can't have assemblies). PTG funds will be focused on faculty appreciation, volunteer appreciation, Field Day, and some incidental expenses.
 - Anticipated revenue from a hoagie sale, Sarris candy sale, and Betsy Ann candy sale.
 - Any revenue generated above proposed expenses will be donated back to the 2020-21 School Fundraising Goal
- School Subsidy Fundraising Goal for 2020-21 is \$200,000
 - Looks like we still need ~\$60,000 in planned fundraisers for 2020-21 to reach goal
 - Will continue planning Family Nights Out monthly, 2021 Lottery Calendar sale, possibly replace the Winter "Signature Event" (Gala/Mixer) with an online auction/drive-thru dinner, Giving Wall (see **New Fundraisers**), personalized "Buy-a-Brick" (see **New Fundraisers**), Fun Run, some version of the Purse Bash?, Annual Appeal, spring Beef Raffle

Upcoming Fundraisers

- Loafers restaurant – November 17 3-6pm – 40% of sales donated (including pre-orders from day before...just pick up and pay during the fundraiser date/time). Promote for Thanksgiving goods that can be frozen
- 2021 Lottery Calendars – Each family asked to sell 4@\$25 each. Make great Christmas gifts – each calendar has a 3-digit number for PA Pick 3 evening number for multiple drawings per week, plus special holidays.
- Original Works – Virtual Art Show this year
 - Students' work online, then can purchase gifts made with their art
- Sarris Candy – information will be distributed in November Family Envelope
- Santa Shop – December 3 & 4 – students shop during school

Homeroom Parents

- Still having one homeroom parent per class
 - Information will be in 10/16 OptionC email
- Homeroom parent will plan the parties, PTG suggests the homeroom parent pick two other parents to attend each of the two other parties during the school year if multiple parents volunteer for parties
- Halloween party – no parade this year, no costumes, but students will be able to dress down in Halloween-themed clothing.
- Grades 3 & 4 will be having a parade at the Northland Heights Senior Living Center (at neighboring old Holiday Inn)

Faculty Appreciation

- Want to do something special (luncheon/breakfast) for Christmas, Catholic Schools Week, and Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3-7)
- Consider the 1st Floor Faculty Lounge as the “center” for appreciation activities

Service Projects

- Thanksgiving Food Drive @ Haber Hall – Mrs. O said the 8th graders are going to organize an in-school drive as a service project, but PTG could coordinate and have a drive-up drop off as part of the school food drive
- Kristen G. reached out to Kristen Dougherty about Catholic Charities/Love Walk to see if there is a winter coat drive this year

New Fundraising Ideas

- Buy-a-Brick Fundraiser – purchase a personalized brick which will be on the campus
 - April W. has a contact and will chair.
 - Deacon Rick was receptive to idea
 - Advertise in bulletin, would be great to reach parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Giving Wall – have envelopes numbered \$1-\$200 on a board in the back of churches. People can choose envelope to make a donation directly to school with any of the amounts from \$1 through \$200. If all are chosen and donated, could generate over \$20,000
- We need new point-persons for potential fundraisers – Poinsettia sale, Winter event/Online Auction, or any other ideas. Email ptg@holycrossacademypgh.org if interested

Next Meeting

- November 19 via Zoom at 6:30 pm