

The SHCS Home & School Association General Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

President Sue Ellen Fromang called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

Treasure's Report: Maricia Ort provided the treasurer's report as follows:

Balance as of Aug 26, 2019: \$2,135.25

Total Debts: \$206.67

Total Deposit: \$548.82

HSA General Fund Balance as of September 26, 2019: \$2,477.40

Special Guest: Decan Dave

Decan Dave spoke on behalf of The St. Helen Catholic Church. The Church is interested in building and improving on relationships with the School. We can work together to minister to our community creating a partnership in Catholic Education. He and Father Kevin look forward to attending future HSA meetings. The Harvest Festival is an event where The Church and School come together to work on fundraising. A question was raised from a parent of how the Harvest Festival fundraising was broken down since the profits from the Harvest Festival go to the Church. Decan Dave explained that the Church gives the school church funds and part of that money is from the Harvest Festival profits. He also went on to explain the Church is committed to help the school in the future.

New Business:

Upcoming Events: Live Like Cole Day is September 26th. There will be a speaker and tag day with a pep rally to finish off the afternoon. The Book Fair is October 21-25th. Mrs. Lowell will head up The Book Fair this year and is looking for volunteers to help set up and work the event. On October 25th we will have Trunk or Treat. No mandatory class sign up for car decorations. There will be a Sign-up Genius and anyone who is interested can decorate and host a trunk.

We have many volunteer opportunities The Falcon Shop is always in need of help with the Pop-up shops and orders. Duty Free Lunch for teachers is an easy way to help get service hours.

Spirit Day last month brought in over 100 food items and \$83.50 for the Outreach ministry. October 15th will be Chili's Spirit Night Fundraiser, they have offered 15% all day, lunch, dinner and take out included.

October 24th is our Box Top Collection Deadline. Please send in clipped box tops by this date. The Box Top system is getting a makeover and will be collected by scanning receipts only. No longer will they be taking cut box tops.

We now have Amazon Wish Lists for teachers on the St. Helen website if you are looking to donate for classroom needs. If you are looking to get your teacher a personal gift you are more than welcome to make a card or purchase a wee treat but there will not be any more classroom gifts or money collections.

Other ways to donate to St. Helens is by using Amazon Smiles and choosing St. Helen Catholic School as your fundraiser of choice. For every purchase you make on Amazon Smiles a percentage is given back to the school. Please share with your friends and families there is a Link on the St. Helen School website. This is an easy way to make everyday purchases and help the school at the same time.

Our HSA meetings will be quarterly, and the HSA will also be sending out monthly newsletters to keep you updated on future school events such as our Book Fair, Family Trunk or Treat night, or the Spring Glow Party.

It was brought up by the Uniform Swap Chair Angela Astrup if you are in need of any uniforms please contact her, she has organized and inventoried her stock and can let you know if anything is available in the sizes you may need. In addition, if you have any uniforms in good condition and you would like to donate them please send them into the office marked Uniform Swap and she will collect and organize them.

An announcement was made that 5-8th graders may wear their PE uniforms on Tuesday and Thursday to school. This is optional and if they choose to wear the school uniform, they need to bring their PE uniform to change into.

Questions were raised about lower grades clubs or sports availability; it was discussed no decision at this time. Questions were raised about what goes into becoming a Chair of a committee, key elements were organization and creativity. It was recommended to have a co-chair to ease the burden but overall it is not a difficult task. There are committee's big and small to Chair and lots of help around if you have questions. A Harvest Festival quick question was then raised regarding ticket sales, does everyone prefer bands for multiple days? Is it hard to sell tickets with the bands available, maybe investigate VIP parking for extra fee to increase fundraising opportunity? These questions will be discussed with Harvest Festival Committee.

In closing a couple special dates were mentioned. March 7th is the Gala at Oak Harbor and the Harvest Festival School Workday is November 16th. The next HSA meeting is October 29th

Meeting Adjourned 7:30PM