

The SHCS Home & School Association

General Meeting

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

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

Father Kevin began with a prayer, and then opened the floor for questions. He explained there was a meeting to go over the ministry fair as they evaluate their goals and he is awaiting the results from the stewardship committee.

Q: Is there a way to put a more positive spin on the kids Mass on Wednesday?

A: In some prayer's death is a part of that prayer and there is no way to get around that. Kids may ask questions about death and that is natural. We need to be there to explain and help them better understand the readings. We do not know what God has planned and answers are not always easy to give.

Q: Just wanted to say I enjoy the Wednesday mass and have a great experience.

A: Thank you.

Q: What is the Church/School relationship. How will you be involved going forward?

A: The School is considered a ministry of the church. It has a different infrastructure then other ministries because it maintains a staff and has complex organizational operations, but it is still part of the church. Going forward now that Mrs. Belle is settled, I would like to be more involved in getting to know the School and how we can improve for the future.

Q: Are the fundraising accounts separate?

A: Mrs. Belle answered that the fundraiser money raised goes into the school accounts and the School finance department manages it. The church can always come see the finances of the school, but they are kept separate from the church. Father Kevin added if funds are designated for a special cause they must be deposited for that designated fund and cannot go anywhere else. It was also mentioned that because the church has a school under its ministry umbrella there is no requirement for the church to subsidize the school, but the church is responsible for assisting with any shortfalls or capital improvements. Currently about \$100,000 is given to the school by the church. This amount is determined by the Parish. The income from the Harvest Festival that is given to the school is not in addition to but part of the \$100,000.

Minutes Approved: the minutes from the September 18th meeting were approved by the board and posted to the school website under the PARENTS TAB>>HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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

Balance as of Sep 26, 2019:	\$2,477.40
Total Debts:	\$294.02
Total Deposit:	\$1411.25
HSA General Fund Balance as of October 29, 2019:	\$3594.63

Principal's Report: The school has 278 students attending and everything is going well. Kids are happy and moral with the staff is good. Mass was changed to Wednesday so Father Kevin could attend more often. We have two new after school 6-week Art programs. Drama Club is back for 2nd to 8th graders and we are excited to welcome a new Director Beth Shustack, she is experienced, and we are lucky to have her. They will have a spring performance we look forward to attending. Questions were asked about spring programs and would love to see the Art program continue in the Spring. Mrs. Belle said they were still in discussion on programs for the Spring and will take into consideration the request. Another Question was posed "why Cheerleaders could not preform stunts?" That question was referred to the Athletic Director Mrs. Harbin, Mrs. Belle did note we do have to be careful, the children's safety will always come first.

New Business: The Gala is looking for sponsors, the silent auction needs items, and volunteers are needed to help bring this fundraiser to life. Please see Stephanie Grall if you can help in any way, we appreciate your time. Priceless items that room moms are to create are due by December 22, 2019. If you would like to donate to our student raffle, items have been placed on an amazon wish list please see link on SHCS website. Pre-Registration is open for the Gala please register on One Cause and purchase your tickets for an amazing night of food and fun. We are having a Mega Raffle only 350 tickets will be sold: 1 for \$50, 2-\$100 + free ticket the prize is \$5000 or free tuition. Sales begin in January. Halloween is a tag day \$1 donation for student council missions. November mass mission money collected will go to support this Diocesan initiative. A Food Packing Flyer was sent home with students and a link will go out to the teachers to help explain to their students the positive impact they make by bringing mission money to mass. The 8th graders are selling wreaths all orders are due November 4th. Your support helps with graduation costs. Box of Joy is due November 5th please bring boxes to the office. The Samaritan Center Soup Bowl is November 7th, parents can attend and have lunch with their children. Please RSVP with Sign-Up Genius it is a cash only event, \$3 soup and bread. This event is not open to the public it will take place during student's normal lunch hours. Thank you, Laura Lewis, for organizing this fundraising event for the Samaritan Center. November 19, 2019 is Spirit Day. Lunch or Dinner at Cap's will bring a donation of 20% of all purchases dine in and take out included. Please come out and show your school spirit. Thank you to all who participated in the Holiday Food Drive. This month of November the Outreach center is asking for donations of tuna, soup, hygiene products but will welcome anything you are able to give. Harvest Festival workday has changed to November 18th from 4-8pm please come out and show your support. Harvest Festival will be selling bands \$20 per band and they can be used any day of the festival (one band per person per day). They will only be selling a band on Sunday at the

festival for \$25. A notice will be sent home with the students with explanations of Pre-Sale. The Christmas parade is December 7th and the Christmas program will be December 11th. This year we will separate the Christmas program into two shows. First program is for K-2 and the second program is 3-5 the middle schoolers may help but are not required to participate. Mrs. Belle will be sending out a memo to all with new information. Grandparents day is January 24th, 2020 there will be no mass, there will be two sessions where grandparents can visit classrooms, we are still open to ideas. Angela Astrup has volunteered to be a contact if you would like to contribute. She also mentioned they are in need at the church of helpers in the nursery and this is also a great way to get service hours. Please make sure to log all your service hours, if you chair an event you fill your obligation for service hours, there was a question if you are an altar server if that would count towards service hours? There was discussion but no decision at that time. There was a question on HSA funding. We will be using a good portion towards Teacher appreciation week, there was also some discussion on athletics needing new uniforms and equipment. There was discussion of creating a Booster Club for the Athletic Department and the HSA will discuss ways to help look for funding for Athletics. We have a new owner of the uniform shop; she will be posting on her website presales in June and working on new options for uniforms.

In closing a couple special dates were mentioned. March 7th is the Gala at Oak Harbor and the Harvest Festival is November 21st-24th. The next HSA meeting is January 14th

Meeting Adjourned 7:41PM