

Home and School Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2009

The September 14, 2009, meeting was called to order by Lisa Karlin at 7:00 pm.

Opening prayer was led by Fr. Kevin.

Christy Schwartz reminded everyone that the minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the HFE website. There were no corrections, and the minutes were approved.

Michelle DeWitt gave the treasurer's report. The beginning checking account balance was \$9,539.29. Deposits were interest of \$7.81 and HFE Bucks sales of \$35,625.00. Expenses were \$827.57 for school appreciation, \$38,436.00 for HFE inventory, and a \$3,000.00 transfer to savings. The ending checking account balance is \$2,908.53. The only transaction in the savings account was the \$3,000.00 transfer. The savings account has an ending balance of \$13,923.03.

New Business - Lisa thanked Judy Brummer, Terri Lenser, and Lisa Flynn for organizing the Back to School Bash. Judy reported there was a good turnout. The committee would like feedback regarding the location, etc.

Lisa then gave the Red Wheel report for Shawnda Werth. The Red Wheel fundraiser began on 9/2/09 and ends on 9/23/09. In 2007, 5,811 items were sold. In 2008, 4,885 items were sold. Our goal for this year is 6,000 items. Holy Family receives a 45% profit from the sale and earned over \$25,000.00 last year. Each student who sells at least one item will receive a prize. If the classrooms have 100% participation, they will receive a movie, popcorn, and pop reward. The popcorn is donated by the Knights of Columbus, and the pop is donated by Wal-Mart. The pickup day for Red Wheel is 10/8/09 from 3:45 to 6:00 pm in the Activity Center. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Shawnda. If your child is finished selling, forms can be turned in now.

Tawnya Rohr reported on HFE Bucks. She said the HFE Bucks and label committee will have their first meeting at 6:30 pm on 9/22/09 at Coffee Rules. If you would like to become a member, contact Tawnya. Since July, \$14,415.00 worth of HFE Bucks have been sold. This is a profit of \$702.97 with Wal-Mart as the top seller. HFE bucks can be bought through the office. Mrs. Ruda stated that Walgreens is new to the list and offers a 7% profit. They have been a popular seller and can be used in the pharmacy. Mrs. Ruda also said that prepaid Visa cards are an option, but they have a six month expiration date from the date they are purchased by HFE. It was decided to order them around Thanksgiving. If they are successful, they could be purchased again in the future.

Tawnya then spoke about the label program. Last year it was a huge success and all goals were surpassed. The goal was 30,000 labels, and 42,505 were collected. As a reward, Mrs. Simon dressed up like a clown and passed out treats. There will be a contest again this year. Details will be coming soon. Tawnya reminded everyone that Nestle discontinued their program. However, Box Tops, Tyson labels, and Campbell's labels are to be saved. Label collection envelopes were available at the meeting.

Mrs. Kim Simon said the Kindergarten classes are saving Capri Sun, Kool Aid, and Honest Kids pouches. Please remove the straw, make a slit in the pouch, and rinse them out before sending them to school. The money will be donated to cancer research.

Lisa Karlin mentioned the Pizza Hut fundraiser would possibly be held in October. Last year, we had one in the fall and spring and earned around \$500.00 each time. This money goes directly to the school. A Schwan's fundraiser will be held on November 7th in the HFE parking lot from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. These proceeds also go directly to the school. Deana Rupp reminded everyone to keep saving McDonald's receipts from Hays, Russell, Wakeeney, and Colby. Each receipt is worth one point. On 10/22/09, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the North McDonalds, each receipt will be worth three points. Teachers and staff will be working that evening. The drive-thru counts as well.

Deana said her new co-chair for the Chili Supper is Pam Mayers. Last year, we had a profit of \$20,000.00. January 31, 2010, is the date for the next Chili Supper. All of the committees have chairpersons in place. We will use chicken meat this year instead of the turkey that was used last year as there were several complaints about it.

Lisa thanked the teachers and Mrs. Simon for allowing the Physics Road Show to come to HFE. It is a free interactive science program performed by Fort Hays State University. Home and School wants to be supportive of educational programs. Even if there is a cost involved, they will still be considered.

Tim Flax reported that School Advisory Council has had one meeting so far that mainly focused on the State of the School night. School Advisory will meet in one month and plans to work on policies. Tim thanked Spencer Casey for all his work.

Tina Wick talked about the Green School Recycling program. She reported that every classroom has recycle bins. Since Holy Family is now part of the Kansas Green Schools, we are eligible for grants. Besides the classrooms, the office, kitchen, and maintenance department are also recycling. Tina stated that batteries can be brought to school and won't end up in the landfill. The school should save some money this year on the decreased copy machine usage.

Mrs. Simon then gave the principal's report. She thanked everyone involved with the Back to School Bash and thought it turned out wonderfully. She also thanked all for being patient with the new e-mail reminders. We reached our School Mall goal of 200 full books. We had 235 full books and using the partially completed books totaled 256 books. This earned the school \$1,076.00. We will also get a percentage of the School Mall sales. Grandparent's Day lunch ran very smoothly. The kitchen staff fed over 500 people. Holy Family took second place in the Hays Mall receipts contest and received \$250.00. TMP took first place. Finally, she reminded everyone that her door is open.

Lisa invited anyone who wanted a HFE license plate to take one. She also thanked TMP and Barbara Wagoner for providing childcare during the Home and School meetings for the year.

The Send a Parent drawing was held. The winners were Kaleb Hagans 3B, Alex Lenser 4B, Karley Billinger 3B, Ella Brummer KC, and Claire Humphrey PA. They all won \$5.00 gift cards to Wal-Mart.

Lisa stated the Specials Open Houses would remain open for the next 20 minutes.

The meeting was adjourned.