

Home and School Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2009

The November 9, 2009, meeting was called to order by Lisa Karlin at 7:00 pm.

Opening prayer was led by Fr. Kevin.

Christy Schwartz asked if there were any corrections to the September minutes that are posted on the website. There were none, and the minutes were approved.

Michelle DeWitt then gave the treasurer's report. The major transactions to the checking account were deposits of \$1,165.00 for Home and School dues, \$57,246.15 for Red Wheel, and \$24,755.00 for HFE Bucks sales. The expenses from the checking account were Red Wheel for \$32,259.02 and a \$24,987.13 check to Holy Family for the Red Wheel proceeds. The ending checking account balance is \$15,367.18 which is high, but Michelle will be purchasing HFE Bucks inventory for the holidays. The ending savings account balance is \$13,923.03. Michelle stated Holy Family was down one item in Red Wheel sales this year compared to last year and earned a 44% profit.

Old Business – Lisa said she was not able to get a total from the Pizza Hut sale as the manager was not available. There were problems with the delivery location, and they shut down after one hour. The manager of the other location honored the forms for the rest of the week and promised to be more prepared next time.

Christy reported that Schwan's sold \$2,049.50 worth of products on Saturday. Holy Family will get a check for \$307.43 which is 15% of that amount.

Deana stated that Holy Family earned 1,200 points from the McDonald's fundraiser which is a little lower than the last one. However, it was held during the time when preschool was closed due to illness.

Tawnya Rohr announced that Stephanie Hagens is the new co-chair for the HFE Bucks and Label Committees. There are no current numbers for the label drive as the office has been very busy with the flu shots, etc. Sherrill Ruda indicated for the first three weeks in October, labels were not coming in as they did last year. Sherrill also reported that the Visa cards have a one year expiration date and come in increments of \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$100.00. Everyone was reminded that Julie Haselhorst has HFE Bucks at home and can be contacted in the evenings or weekends.

Tina Wick reported that it is National Green Recycling Week. No extra activities are planned, but the recycling is continuing.

New Business – Mrs. Simon said she is waiting to hear back from Wendy's on a fundraiser date. Holy Family will receive 20% of sales from the evening of the fundraiser which can be held in the fall and spring.

Deana stated the Chili Supper will be January 31st from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. She asked everyone to save half gallon and one gallon glass containers and the plastic containers from Red Wheel cookie dough. These

can be given to Michelle DeWitt. There will be requests for cinnamon rolls in addition to cakes and pies this year. Donations for the children and adult raffle are being collected right now.

Lisa said the Christmas gift fund letters went out last week. The money collected will be pooled together and divided among the teachers and staff. It will be given to them at their Christmas party in December. Lisa said it is absolutely optional, and November 20th is the deadline. Some felt the Christmas gift fund should have been voted on at the beginning of the school year. It was decided to continue this year as funds have already been received, but to vote on it at the first Home and School meeting next school year.

Spencer Casey then gave a technology update. Holy Family now has a school wide listserv which Mrs. Simon uses to send her Tuesday and Friday e-mail reports. There is also an RSS feed that acts as a smart web page. A software program can be downloaded and will inform you when an update has been made. At the classroom level, teachers and lead parents have access to the classroom listserv. The volunteer committees section explains what each committee does and who is in charge of each. As for the school newsletter, the RSS feed has taken its place. It was decided that after the articles were completed for the RSS feed there were not many left for the newsletter. Mrs. Simon announced we had a major donation to purchase a mobile computer lab and security system for the school. This was approved by the Bishop.

Sandee Werth gave the School Advisory Update. She stated they are working on security issues and a policy where all the parishes would have the same documentation regarding time, talent, and treasure. The dress code and bullying policy are also being discussed.

Rick Binder and Julie Haselhorst talked about a fundraiser the Junior CYO is having for the new church at Immaculate Heart of Mary. They are asking for a \$5.00 donation for a large laminated prayer sheet. Julie asked Home and School to consider purchasing one for each student at HFE to be used in school and given as a gift at the end of the school year. There are approximately 356 students which would be \$1,780.00. Lisa said the Home and School officers would discuss it.

Mrs. Simon then gave the principal's report. She said state testing for the 3rd through 6th graders would be done on computers this year. HFE received \$6,587.00 from the School Mall program; this is a \$2,000.00 increase from last year. The H1N1 vaccines will be completed tomorrow, and the health department will be returning on December 9th to administer the second dose for those under 10 years of age. The Linked in Christ campaign was budgeted at \$55,000.00, but has only taken in \$1,860.00 as of today. She said we should be committed to the campaign, or it needs to be taken out of the budget.

Lisa thanked the child care providers from TMP-MHS. The Send a Parent drawing was held. The winners were Collin Werth, Samantha Wick, Leanne Rack, Laura Casey, and Mark Loftus. They each won \$5.00 gift cards to Wal-Mart.

The meeting was adjourned.

