

Home and School Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2010

The January 11, 2010, meeting was called to order by Stacey Lang at 7:00 pm.

Opening prayer was led by Fr. Kevin.

Fr. Kevin reported on the new church's progress. The Stations of the Cross and Resurrection Jesus are now in the new church. The flooring and stained glass windows are progressing. The dedication for the new church is set for March 14th at 3:00 pm.

Christy Schwartz asked if there were any corrections to the November minutes. There were none, and the minutes were approved.

Michelle DeWitt then gave the treasurer's report. The major transactions were \$3,770.00 collected for the Christmas fund. There was \$64,935.00 in HFE Bucks sales and \$71,762.50 in HFE Bucks inventory purchased. Also, \$3,400.00 went to classroom funds and \$144.84 for Mary's Baby Shower expenses. The ending checking account balance is \$5,006.08 and the ending savings account balance is \$14,001.26.

Old Business – Stephanie Hagans said the label drive has exceeded its first goal of 10,000 labels. We have collected 11,909 labels, and the children earned an extra recess. As for HFE Bucks sales, the goal was \$30,000.00 and was surpassed by over \$24,000.00. As a result, the students and staff will receive a 16 ounce snowball courtesy of Cerv's. The new VISA cards along with Wal-Mart were the biggest sellers. However, as of 12/31/09 Applebee's had the largest profit. Whiskey Creek was recently added and offers a 20% return. There is a new contest that just began in January. Each person that purchases HFE Bucks for the month will get his/her name entered one time, no matter the amount purchased, into a drawing for a \$25.00 gift card from Home and School. Sherrill Ruda reported HFE just received a check for over \$1,500.00 from the Box Top collection. We will be receiving another one for \$1,300.00. This is a large increase over last year.

New Business – Deana Rupp stated the Chili Supper is January 31st from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. She thanked Marvin and Jennifer Rack at Northwestern Printers and said they have been great to work with. The raffle sheets were mailed to families and can be returned to the school office or the collection baskets at church. The volunteer forms went home this week. The committee is asking for one parent from each family to volunteer at least two hours and two desserts. Mrs. Rice asked if they would need the 5th graders help as it seemed there was an over abundance of adult volunteers last year. Stacey Lang said she would discuss it with her co-chair, Trina Gottschalk, this week. Michelle DeWitt stated the kitchen could always use more help during the second shift with washing dishes. Deana reminded everyone that the money earned from the Chili Supper all goes directly back to the school to help with the budget. We had a \$20,000 profit last year which was a record and hope to reach or exceed it this year.

A discussion was then held regarding the used uniform sale. Some families already donate their used uniforms to the school that gets to keep the profit. Others felt the parents should be able keep their profit. A suggestion was made to have a place on the HFE website for parents to post the uniforms they

have for sale. Stacey said she would talk to Spencer Casey about this possibility. It was decided that parents can either mark the uniforms themselves and keep their profits or donate them to the school.

There was no School Advisory report.

Mrs. Simon then gave the Principal's report. She said the second HINI dose would be given tomorrow. Teachers and Staff are eligible to receive it as well. Fifteen students have not turned in their pre-enrollment forms for next year. From Kindergarten through 6th grade, 285 have signed up. We currently have 284 students. The Kindergarten class is closed as 50 have pre-enrolled. There will be 14 in the KA class and 18 in KB and KC. There is a budget meeting on Thursday night to help determine the book fees for next year. Mrs. Simon is expecting them to be \$200.00 per student. The reason for the increase is mostly due to freight charges. Catholic schools week is coming up. Each day will have a special theme. On Wednesday, the HFE students will attend mass at TMP. Everyone will eat lunch there, participate in some activities, and return at 2:00 pm.

The drawing for the Chili Supper raffle tickets was held. Brenda Stoecklein won the adult sheet and Emma Humphrey won the child sheet.

The meeting was adjourned.