

Home School Association (H.S.A.) Meeting Notes – 9 September 2014 meeting

- Angie Eidem (H.S.A. President), called the Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM, opening prayer offered.
 - Thanks to Upstream and The Cheese Haus for providing the refreshments for the meeting.
 - Introduced the H.S.A. Board and gave a brief explanation of its role in providing funds for, among other things: the student on-line math enrichment program (ALEKS), Sycamore, special projects, field trips and teacher appreciation.
 - Credited Pam Roland for her outstanding work organizing the restaurant fundraisers over the course of the summer.
 - Highlighted the date of the November H.S.A. meeting as 4 Nov.; as it was incorrectly listed as 7 Nov. on the hand-out cards provided at the School Open House.
 - Discussed the “Power-Up with Technology” fund raising campaign.
 - Thanked everyone who has given of their “time and treasure” already to support the school, asked folks to continue to volunteer for our enrichment programs.

- Spring Minutes were approved by consensus.

- Jennifer Nieto provided the Treasurer’s report – H.S.A. beginning balance was reported as \$20,062.29. Updates will be provided at all subsequent H.S.A. meetings.
 - Will create a form for teachers to request funds

- Pam Roland (Stewardship Coordinator) encouraged signing up for Volgistics, as it is “not going away” and noted that there were volunteer opportunities with the Book Fair, Lunch Room assistants and Uniform Exchange. In particular there was a need for coordinators for the Art Reach and Enrichment Program. The need for adult crossing guards was discussed, particularly in light of the safety concerns with cars speeding and not stopping for red lights. Currently the duties are being handled by the faculty.
 - Turkey Bingo will be the 14th of November; will need volunteers for that event. More information to follow. Dates for Health Screening, Fun Lunches and Art Reach will be available soon.
 - Restaurant nights have begun, Dairy Queen (26 Aug) was our first event. The school’s return on this event was \$310; great showing by the school families – please keep it up. We have a lot of restaurants participating, keep supporting them.
 - There is a family night event at Papio Fun Park (25 September) with all indoor activities included from 5-8 PM, there is no school scheduled for the next day.

- Joan Woodard spoke about the annual Fundraiser; the goal for this year is \$40,000. The fundraiser is a Walk-a-Thon, the students brought in mailing labels, the H.S.A. will mail. Teacher help and the class time is much appreciated. Congratulations to Miss Fast’s class for bringing in the most labels. Discussion ensued regarding what the kids learn from this particular fundraiser; physical activity (walking), use of technology (mind); concern raised that the kids may not be involved, that it is /was

mostly a parent effort to collect the names. Not much effort exerted by the kids for this type of fundraiser.

- Diane Ferro spoke about the upcoming Ceili event scheduled for 7 March as a great opportunity for stewardship. There will be a kick-off meeting on 9 October. The remodel of the kitchen in the Steinhausen Center is the project. The Ceili website is linked to the parish website.
- Mr. Makey introduced the new teachers – Miss Crowley, Mrs. Carlson, Ms. Wisniewski and Mrs. Hill and expressed his appreciation to the H.S.A for the things that they do to support the school.
- Mrs. Redburn introduced Susie Fogarty (coordinator for Omaha Catholic Schools Teammates Program). The Teammates Program is a school based mentoring program. It is designed for 1 hour a week, with the students gaining valuable insights from adult mentors. The program is linked with the Strength and Talents tools used by Gallup, and is currently in all the area Catholic High Schools except Duchesne and Mercy HS. Sign up is available at their website, <http://teammates.org/>.
- Angie presented checks to the teachers and thanked them for all that they do for our children.
- Father Damian gave the closing prayer and the meeting closed.