

HSA Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2015

- I. Opening Prayer By Shannon Dohrwardt.
- II. Welcome from Shannon Dohrwardt
 - Introduction and the purpose of HSA was given.
 - There are numerous forms of communication such as: the school website, Facebook, HSA E-Newsletter, Happenings, Website Newslfash, etc...
 - Virtus information reminder, all volunteers are required to be trained and approved. Please visit www.virtus.org to register or check your status.
- III. Father Jim discussed proposed building plans for the expansion of SHCC and SHCS.
 - Contractors are being interviewed.
 - A capital campaign will be launched to SHCC parishioners and the community.
 - The only buildings that will remain untouched are the Church and the new prayer garden; the school will receive a double facelift to match the rest of the new construction.
 - Sometime in September a drawing of the plans will be placed in the Narthex and will reveal the “new” look of SHCC and SHCS.
 - The new plans will include new functional facilities for SVDP, CCE, Youth, SHCC Administration, and a new hall or meeting rooms.
- IV. Dr. Coleman and new business was presented.
 - Architect blue prints for the new buildings can be found in the teacher’s lounge in the main school building. There will be a total of 31 classrooms, a gym, cafeteria, new meeting rooms, etc...
 - The construction for the new building is estimated to take 18 mos.
 - The 2015-2016 school year has started with 368 students.
 - SHCS has added AP classes for Jr. High Science and Social Studies.
 - An introduction of staff (old and new) was given.
 - The hot lunch program began Monday, Aug. 31st, and order forms were sent home on the first day of school.
 - Tristan Schwehr was on the PLL 12yr Old West All-Star team that made it to be 3rd in the world at the LLWS! We are very proud of our little saint and his major accomplishment!
 - The school Happenings Newsletter received a new look this year, to simplify the content and to highlight the most important information.
- V. HSA Board Reports

- A. Treasurer: Susana Garcia- financial report given. Some of the items mentioned are supported by the HSA fundraisers that are hosted, and the allocations vary.
- Butterbraid bread will be sold this year. There are a few fundraisers that are only held every other year to give a variety every year. The fundraiser calendar is posted on the school website, to allow parents to choose which fundraisers they would like to participate in.
 - Teachers receive \$200 in class funds to help off set their costs and expenses for the classroom. The school also gives, \$150 to each teacher.
 - HSA gives away \$500 to a boy and girl, 8th grade graduate at the end of the year, who will attend a Catholic High School The \$500 will be paid to the CHS of their choice.
 - Every 2nd Sunday of the month the school hosts parishioner refreshments after 9am Mass.
 - Educational software has been purchased and renewed annually, such as Connect Ed, IXL, BrainPOP, etc...
 - 20 tablets were purchased in 2014-2015 for the middle school building.
- B. VP: Rayanne Darensbourg
1. Open Committee Chair positions: End-of-Year Skate Party co-chair, Father/Daughter Dance co-chair, Field Day co-chair
- If you are interested in one of these openings, please contact HAS at hsaenews@sthelencatholicsschool.org.
 - 2. President's Volunteer Service Award- Presented by Yvonne Turner.
- Remember to record your service hours for the entire year, to count towards your qualification for the PVSA.
 - Students 14 years old and younger must complete 26 hours of community service in 12 months. Parents must complete 100 service hours in 12 months to receive the award.

VI. Committee Chairs

A. Volunteer Coordinator: Brie Johnigan

B. Magazine Sales: Macie Ingram

- Magazine representative, Krystal was present to explain the kick-off of the magazine fundraiser! This fundraiser is the 2nd largest one for SHCS and it usually brings in around \$13,000! Students will receive Garfield key chains as part of their incentives and a new incentive has been given this year. VIP sellers from K-8 will go on a field trip to Harbor Home to donate items to foster kids in need. PK3/PK4 will donate canned goods and items to the SVDP Pantry.

C. Dinner Dance: Suzanne Polk

- 2015 Dinner Dance raised \$70,000 for SHCS.

- The goal is to get more involvement from our PK and Kinder families. There are class projects and class baskets that are created by these classes but the attendance from these families has been low. We need the support and you can help by spreading the word for the Dinner Dance. This event is a successful way to have fun and raise money at the same time!
 - There is a \$3000 per student gap that is needed to teach each student and provide services for. This includes the insurance cost that has increased, insistence on certified teachers, supplies, maintenance, resources, etc...
 - SHCS tuition is consistently in the middle compared to the other 61 schools in the Archdiocese. To keep the rates lower than half of the schools in the diocese, we need the support from the fundraisers that we host.
- D. Lunch Room: two helpers needed each day from 10:45 – 12:15. Contact Shannon Cronin: shannonlcronin@hotmail.com
- Volunteers are needed for lunchroom duty. Email Shannon if you are interested in volunteering.
- E. Used Uniform Sales: Used uniform sales were a success! Next drop-off will be in December with a uniform sale in January.

VII. Dates to remember

- A. Bake Sale for Camp Kappe continued through Friday, Aug. 28th. The funds raised will offset the cost for the 5th grade students' trip.
- Students will go on a Tuesday-Friday overnight trip to Camp Kappe. They will be participating in nature and service activities, and prayer. The trip is scheduled for March 8-11th, 2016.
- B. Hot lunches begin August 31
- C. No school on Labor Day, September 7
- D. Golf Tournament on October 12 to benefit SHCS Athletics
1. Volunteers needed. Contact Lily DeAnda: lily_deanda@hotmail.com
- E. Next HSA meeting on October 21 at 8:15 AM
- F. Don't forget your child's Casual Dress Pass to be used Thursday, Aug. 27, for attending today's meeting!