

St. Helen Catholic School

HSA minutes

February 6, 2019

8:15 SHCS cafeteria

1. **Opening Prayer-** Dr. Coleman- A prayer of thankfulness for Father Richard's improving health.
2. **Campus Updates-** Dr. Coleman
 - School is getting ready for next year's accreditation visit. Accreditation puts the school on level with other public schools. This will take place mid- September.
 - Open House was very successful. About 60 new families are interested in attending our school. We have lost about 10 families since we came back from Christmas break due to families relocating.
 - We are looking at staffing for next school year.
 - Many families have asked about having a security guard working at our school. This is something that the school cannot afford at this time.
 - Back playground- We continue to have issues with flooding in the school's back playground. This is a design issue. The school has purchased a pump which helps alleviate with some of the water, but it continues to be a problem. The city is aware of the issue.
3. **Treasurer's Report-** Judy Wittman/ Dr. Coleman
 - Last year the school spent \$600,000 because of the new building. This year we have spent \$170,000. New desks have been purchased, technology applications are in the process of being updated and the school has been beautified with new murals.
 - Fall Free Dress pass raised \$2098, Family Fun Night raised \$20,015 and used uniforms sale raised \$3,100. The school started the year with \$54,706 in funds and we now have \$68,981.
4. **Committee Updates-**
 - **Step for Students-** Jennifer Spade- This is a fun fundraiser for everyone. It is a wonderful community event. It is also direct money for our school. It is a 5k run/walk event. It will take place on Saturday, February 16. The race begins at 8:00 am. Registration fee and all donations raised goes towards your commitment fund. The class with the most registrants gets a pizza and ice cream party. There are prizes like lunch with a buddy, Principal for the day, lunch with the principal, and such for students who raise the most. The Super Bowl Bake Sale was a huge success, we raised \$1200. The next fundraiser for this will be Tuesday, February 12. You can wear your pajamas to school for \$5.

- **Gala-** Raquel Wood- Over 340 tickets have been sold. Ticket sales after Sunday Masses have been successful. Parishioners are wanting to get involved and feel included. Church staff have been helping with baskets. We still need volunteers for many things such as setting up the day of, clean up after the Gala and other items. Many things can be taken home to help with the Gala. Please consider volunteering. Ticket sales will be on going until Wednesday, February 20th. We are also seeking sponsorships.
- **Volunteer Coordinator-** Macie Ingram- Gentle reminder that family service hours are due April 15.
- **Self Defense class-** Michelle Whitney- Self-defense class for moms will be offered on a weekend from a Karate instructor. Please be on the lookout from our Face Book page or a flyer. Pending date Sunday, February 17, 2019.

5. Dates to Remember

- **Spirit Night will be held Friday, February 8, from 4:00-8:00 at Panera on Pearland Pkwy**
- **Father/Daughter Dance: March 22, from 6:00-9:00 pm.** Watch out for a signup genius for volunteers to come soon.
- **Final HSA meeting for the year will be Wednesday, May 8 @ 8:15.**

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