

## APPROVED MINUTES – Home & School Meeting November 29, 2011

Opening Prayer led by Heather Schrimpf

Fr. Schrader discussed the new mass translation and how it's a learning process that will require patience and understanding. If at any time you or your children have questions about the changes, please ask the priests.

**Minutes** from the September 27, 2011 Home and School meeting were approved as is. Motion to approve by Debbie Kolb. Motion seconded by Molly Bexten.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed and approved. Motion to approved by Diane Stiefermann. Motion seconded by Donna Bruemmer. Noted the current report has an asterisk by the Fall Fling showing \$18,000 but the profit from that event will be closer to \$25,000 when all the bookkeeping has been finalized.

**Principal's Report:** Thanked those who planned and attended the Fall Fling. Thanked those involved in the US Cellular award. The school won \$50,000 and should receive the check in the coming weeks after completing some tax paperwork. Money will be used to replace computer components as well as some AR computers in teachers' classrooms.

With the Advent season upon us, several classrooms are doing different activities. Carolyn Saucier has Advent pamphlets available here tonight if anyone wants to take one home for their family to read.

The Character Plus trait for December is compassion & kindness and as part of that Mrs. Kuster along with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are organizing a coat drive for the Samaritan Center. Please send your unwanted clean, gently used coats to school by Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.

SW-PBS program is being developed by the teachers. Currently they are creating the school-wide expectations of what good behavior entails and collecting data from student behavior reports. Next year we will focus on teaching those good behaviors.

The self-study committees have been working on their reports. Four of the 11 committees have already submitted their reports and the other groups should be finishing up shortly. Thanks to all those involved in this process.

**Guest Speaker:** Stan Oschner spoke to the group about continuing our children's education at Helias Catholic High School. It is a spiritual and financial commitment that provides benefits to our children. Area Catholic 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been visiting the school. They have hosted over 350 students so far this fall on these site visits. The two main reasons to send your child to Helias: 1) it is a Catholic school, to help your child grow in their faith and remain Catholic throughout their adult life – to be faith-filled citizens and 2) it prepares them for college graduation. Only 51% of college students actually graduate with a degree and students coming out of Helias have a much higher college graduation rate because they have been challenged and self-disciplined during their time at Helias. High school choice is an important decision and shouldn't be left up to a 14-year-old that will base their decision on one of three things: where their friends go, their chance at sports, and how easy it is. The parents should make the decision for their child that will be most beneficial for their child's future.

**Parish Council:** Diane Stiefermann's term as the Home and School representative on the Parish Council comes to an end this December and we need a new parent volunteer for this position. It is a three-year term that requires attendance at a monthly Parish Council meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday). If interested, please contact Diane before year's end to be considered for the position.

**Fundraising Events:** Fall Fling was a huge success. Raised \$25,000 for our school. Thanks to all the planning committee members for their hard work.

Alyssa Bruemmer spoke about the upcoming school carnival. It will be held Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-8:30. They will need help stapling raffle tickets once those are printed. They have planned a fund-raising night at Ruby Tuesday for sometime in January that they ask parents attend to show support.

The IC Chili Supper is scheduled from March 17, but at this time there is no chairperson. We need a 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent to volunteer for this position before the January Home and School meeting. Contact Jennifer Gerling to volunteer for the position.

**Scrip:** Janie Wyrick noted that order forms have been sent home to order teacher scrip gift certificates for the holiday season. The scrip program has made about \$20,000 so far this year. New merchants joining the program include: El Espolon, Prison Brews, Pet Smart, Scott Loethen Family Tree Art, Heads Up Salon and Lord & Taylor.

**Cub Scouts:** Joe Cremer reported that the Cub Scouts have been busy with activities this fall, including a family campout, a park clean-up, popcorn sales, a WWII veteran guest speaker and the upcoming Jefferson City Christmas parade this weekend. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade dens are working on their religious awards.

**Budget process:** Jennifer Gerling said the budget process for the Home & School will soon start, so if anyone has budget items they'd like to submit for the upcoming budget year they should send those to Jill Struempf or Jennifer Gerling by *January 24<sup>th</sup>* to make sure they are considered.

The next Home and School meeting will be held January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Kremer's class won the attendance prize for most parents in attendance at this meeting at 25%. The class will get frozen fruit bars.

Closing prayer was led by Jennifer Gerling. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.