

HGS Home and School Meeting Minutes- February 9, 2009

Meeting opened by Judy Dettwiller

Opening prayer- Michelle Trapen

Katie Tricon from First Bank and Trust was present to discuss tuition financing. There is a link to the bank from the HGS registration site on-line. Any questions can be directed to Ms. Tricon at the bank or Barbara Hudgins.

Treasurer's Report by Michelle Dionne- HGS takes in approximately \$84,450.00 from Patriot Fund.
Current balance is approximately \$40,560.00.

Bylaw changes were made requiring all clubs, teachers, and other entities to submit a budget to home and school to determine the amount of money which will be earmarked next year. The earmarks have basically remained unchanged since the inception of the Patriot Fee and some may now require more money, whereas, some may not be utilizing all funds.

School Supplies through Innisbrook are a convenience to some families; however, credit/ debit card numbers were obtained by hackers from their site. All HG families that were affected had money returned/ did not have to pay their credit card bills. Aside from this problem, it is difficult to find a chairperson to head the committee due to problems with delivery of supplies. Discussions included doing away with this service, having supplies delivered to each individual students' home for an extra charge of \$10.00, or obtaining another company to provide this service (very difficult this late in the year). HG makes a 5% profit from the sales of school supplies through Innisbrook.

Golf Tournament will be held March 25, 2009. Anyone with questions or willing to help can contact Renee Arcuri.

Street Dance was tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 27th, which is the first Friday of Lent. Sister Michaeline denied the request to have the dance this day due to Lent.

Career Day is scheduled for Friday, April 24th. Please contact Giselle Chiasson if you would like to help out or be a speaker.

Voting issues discussed and voted upon by ballots:

1. Vote to fund \$1400.00 on Drama Club backdrops for play- **Passed.**
2. Vote to fund plant/ sweet booths for fair, so that parents are not asked to bring in these items for the fair. Approximate cost- \$1200.00- **Passed.**
3. Vote to add teacher classroom expenditure fund for 2009-2010 budget only or as an earmark to be funded every year. (All teachers were being given \$5.00 per child to set up classrooms at the beginning of school year. This was cut from HG budget to balance the budget). **Vote was passed to set this as an earmark.**
4. Vote to send in contribution of \$1400.00 retirement gift for Sister Michaeline, rather than ask all children to donate \$2.00 as the diocese requested- **Passed.**
5. Vote to offer school supply purchases from Innisbrook- **Passed pending someone volunteers to chair this project.**

There was some discussion regarding the budget and use of the Patriot Fees for projects. With the submission of budgets by all clubs, teachers, etc, requesting money, we should have a better idea of appropriate/ needed amounts for earmarks. The earmarks for the current budget are available on-line under the current bylaws in the addendum. The new bylaws and budget will also be posted once completed.

Closing prayer by Father Cayet

Next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2009, 6:30 pm.