

HOLY GHOST HOME AND SCHOOL

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2009

- I. Welcome and Opening prayers- Nick Gagliano
- II. Introduction of officers- Nick Gagliano
- III. Chairperson Reports-Erica Drummond updated Ashley Sandage's email address (aes@ccsattornies.com) for information regarding weekly school newsletter
- IV. Treasurer report-Michelle Dionne. Handout given to those in attendance with the balance in the Home and School Association account and a list of expenses paid as of 11/16/2009.
- V. Principal's report-Marie Bernard (in Tangee's absence). Marie read letter from Bishop Muensch regarding his recent visit to the school. Marie also talked of the substitute teaching experiences of her and Tangee in recent weeks.
- VI. Needs Surveys-Nick says that this year he would like a committee to form to review all input and form a list to present in January to be voted on by all members. Last year money went to new carpet squares in the Pre-K and Kindergarten rooms and to fix plumbing issues. Nick also mentioned that there are some changes that need to be made in the by-laws, a rewording in some areas that are unclear. Michelle Trappen questioned the paper issues..."Why do we need to now make so many copies at home? Is there a need for paper by the school?" Jennifer Balisteri answered, "The teachers were asked to lessen the school supply list...continue to try to cut back on family expenses...takes time away from teaching to make so many copies." Comments from other members in attendance also included the budget for school (including money for funding paper, ink, etc.). One commented, "Children are better prepared for the future if they know how to print from the computer." Nick concluded, "Put in Needs Survey...money for paper and ink."
- VII. Nick introduced Toby Aguillard from the Tangipahoa Sheriff's Office to speak about "Internet Safety." Toby shared the Tangipahoa Sheriff's Website (www.TPSO.org) so that we can check our local sex offender registry and local arrest information. This was part of his very informative demonstration on keeping our kids safe on the internet.
- VIII. Patriot fee drawing winner-Jennifer Balisteri
- IX. Commencement-Nick. Nick mentioned that he would like all Needs Assessments in before the Christmas break and thanked all who attended tonight.