

St. Eugene Home and School Association
General Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Erica Galligan, Chris Hudak, Dawne Manista, Christine Melloch, Chuck Mickschl, Kevin Beisser, Michael Taylor

Members Present: Bernadette Gauss, Jill Repinski, Beth Rouse, Cindy Uhen, Trish Dabrowski, Ki Lea Baker, Eileen Placek, Brian Mularski, Ken Wirth, Ann Falk

Call to Order: 6:40 p.m.

I. President's Report: Erica Galligan

A. Recent Fundraisers

1. **Golf Outing** 9/6/09-The golf outing this year was chaired by Chris and GiGi Nicolet (CYM families) and was held at The Bull in Sheboygan Falls. 40 golfers and an additional 12 joined for dinner. \$6500 was raised which is split 50/50 with CYM.

2. **Magazine Sale**-This year we achieved our gross goal of \$29,000. SES receives 40% profit minus expenses for prizes and incentives. The students were excited to earn the pizza party for 11/9. Please continue to renew or order magazines online throughout the year at QSP.com and enter SES code. We will continue to receive the 40% profit year round.

3. **Trivia Night**-our 3rd Trivia night was held on 10/17. A great turnout of 35-40 enjoyed a very fun evening. A spring trivia night will be scheduled for Adults and a family night is being considered.

4. **Box Tops**-Manon Gatford thanks all who are clipping Box Tops. This is a great fundraiser. Please continue your efforts.

B. Upcoming Events

1. **Rummage**-Drop off 10/31 and 11/1 with sale date Saturday 11/7. If you were unable to volunteer this year please consider a couple hours next year for drop off help, sorting or selling. Many great volunteers are needed to keep this successful fundraiser going.

2. **Book Fair**-The upcoming book fair is set for November 16-18. Send \$ with your kids or stop by yourself. Start your Christmas shopping or purchase books for the teachers from their wish lists.

3. **NEW Family Board Game Night**-Please join in the fun on 11/14 in Mackin Hall at 6:30. All ages welcome. Bring your favorite game. This is a new Parish/School community building event.

C. **Volunteer Form**- New Point System in effect. Only 20 families have not responded and we are working with them to encourage participation.

D. **Projects to Fund**- Mr. Murphy, our school band director, has requested \$946 from H&S to purchase 21 Black Orchestra Stands, 18" suspended cymbal, cymbal stand and Bass Drum Stand. Vote taken and project approved.

II. Principal's report-Michael Taylor

Mr. Taylor first thanked those who were in attendance. Parental involvement is important for the strength of our school. H&S would like to increase attendance at the General Meetings but they are still poorly attended.

A. H1N1 report-A few possible cases reported but not confirmed. The staff is doing their best to teach kids proper hygiene. Parents are encouraged to keep kids home if they have a fever **and** to keep them home 24 hours after fever free without medications. Not many kids reported absent however it is up slightly over last year from 1.5/day to 7/day. The North Shore health department is eventually planning to have vaccine clinic, however this has been delayed.

B. Recruitment Coffee- The next recruitment coffee for prospective kindergarten parents will be held 11/19 at 9:30. 3 fliers will be sent home with students in 2nd grade or younger to allow families to personally invite friends/families with preschool children. This is a way for them to meet the teachers and tour the school during school hours and has been an effective recruitment tool in the past. A higher percentage of parents who attend have enrolled as compared to those who tour during open house.

C. Parent-Teacher Conferences- Conferences are mandatory and very important. Sign up sheet has been sent home. All are asked to conference with at least their children's home room teachers. Please indicate which specialty or other middle school teachers that you wish to see. The schedule will be released the Thursday before conferences. If you are unable to attend please arrange a conference with the teacher at a different time.

D. To Everything There Is a Season- This is a Parish Faith Formation event set for Saturday 11/21. All attendees will gather for a meal. Adults/teens will then have a speaker while children will go upstairs for kid's activities. There will be different rooms with kids activities representing different parts of the church year i.e. Advent, Christmas, Lent. Bring your whole family!

E. **Open Houses and Tours**- During these types of events it is sometimes difficult to get across the value of faith based education. People have different perspectives on what they are looking for in a Catholic education. We would like to translate that into something meaningful to prospective families. All those present were given a short survey to rate the importance of 9 statements to them.

III . School Board Report-Bernadette Gauss

A. **Annual Fund**- The focus of this year is to increase participation, especially with school families. In the past participation has only been 40%. It is important to support the school and acknowledge that you support what is going on in the school. ANY donation is welcome and does not have to be a large amount.

B. **K3 Program**-School board is researching the possibility of offering a K3 program in the 2010/2011 school year. There are a number of programs in the North Shore. The goal is to increase enrollment and revenue. Please watch for the school board minutes posted online 2-3 weeks after each meeting for updates. Everyone is also welcome to attend the meetings. There is an open forum at the beginning of each meeting for questions/concerns. You can e-mail Bernadette Gauss with any specific questions you'd like addressed or just come to the meeting.

IV. Potential Fundraising Opportunity

Brian Mularski, current SES parent, presented a potential fundraising opportunity for H&S. Brian is involved with a company called DESK ARMOUR. This is an online internet safety company that allows parents to monitor their children's online activities. For \$40 a year the company will give parents a weekly online safety report which can include time of day spent online, sites and viruses blocked, comparisons to average trends by age, gender, location, etc and more. The company offers free, no obligation assessments of kids for 1 week and will report back to parent. The company updates its computers every 2 hours to allow them to catch any new sites that kids may be visiting. The company installs the software remotely and there are different levels of monitoring ranging from lenient to strict. The passwords are set by the company so that kids cannot change them. The company does not track actual content (email, IM chats, etc) but rather whether certain activities occur and how often. This service is available to any parent, however if SES decides to carry as a fundraiser the school will receive approximately \$8 per user. For more information visit www.deskarmor.org or pick up a brochure in the school office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32

Respectfully submitted, Dawne Manista