St. Bernard Academy HSA January Meeting January 8th, 2020 Dining Hall 6:04 PM



Attendance: Danielle LaFreniere Margy Gallasini

Jessica FrostCorinne SchafferJanelle KramerLindsay FaSara SpanosMary ComitoJill and Chris BaltzAmanda Chiavini

Welcome: The meeting was called to order by Daniele at 6:04 pm.

Opening Prayer- Margy read a gospel passage.

Officers Update

Presidents Welcome

Treasurer- Raised over \$20,000. Thanks to all who donated. More parents donated this year, lower donation amounts. Luncheon was a success. Food and service was on point and teachers are very appreciative. Bank is \$68,000.

Room Parents- If you have spent money out of class funds, please submit receipts. Receipts are turned in at end year typically, but also turn them in as you go.

Committee updates

Faculty Christmas gift

Preston Taylor Ministries- Pictures posted on Instagram and Facebook. Successful

Post-concert hot chocolate- First night hot chocolate too hot but otherwise it went well. Easier in the cafeteria. Do we really need to do this? Parents would not miss it. \$100 over budget because we had 2 instead.

Auction- Auction committee meeting next Wednesday, all are welcome. No update on Fund a project. An idea is individual book dedications. Parents pay \$50 and a sticker with the child's name and graduation year. The auction committee is going to start marketing campaigns earlier for fund a project so there is not as much pressure on auction night. Talk about using auction funds for security at school but it was discovered that there is a grant for private schools if they install security cameras. Committee wants to survey parents and ask what project would be important to them. Executive committee needs to approve any decision in regards to use of funds from auction. Class baskets are due March 16th, so they can be marketed on social media.

Pre-selling must haves is an idea that might happen, possible tab on website where parents can purchase. The must haves are decided by the faculty; out of uniform, ice cream, homework pass etc. There was also discussion that class art projects would only be needed by the lower level classes. The thought process on this was many parents do not want to buy their older kids art project, it's cuter when they are young.

Earth Day Committee- Next week meeting for committee. Waiting on proposal from Chef Dan and Sabo in regards to composting. Moving in the right direction. Free bins with metro if we do education. Water filters were not done over Christmas, they are coming soon.

Parent Education- Alison Edwards, Tuesday February 25th and 6:30. Dr. Michele Borba, "Unselfie" at Ensworth elementary. Children need to be taught empathy, children are not born. Should push it to teachers to go. MBA January 27th, speaker about how to raise a boy. Michael Reichert

Ongoing Business-

Box tops- Download app. Cut tops due in spring. No pressure, no prizes.

Event Planning forms- Make sure they are being turned into Jessica and put in binder

Catholic Schools week- January 27th- 30th. Monday- Mass, introduce service project, Vanderbilt Nicu. Speaker. Tuesday- Talent Show, Wednesday- community awareness day- no concession sales. Thursday-Pajama Day. HSA provided snack and movie. Student basketball game. Can we have a thoughtful choice to the movies? Remind parents to send reusable water bottles. Popcorn and clementine. Bookmarks with prayer to keep. Friday- Special presentation with the service project. Friday at 11:30 dismissal. No helpers because early dismissal that day. Teacher's luncheon.

1st **Penance Reception** – Separate binders. Can we find info on where these are? We need more info on this.

Grandparents Day- changed to March 27th

Spring trivia night-still looking for new date

Spring family sports event- Woman's Vandy or Belmont basketball games. Belmont has double headers, who would want to organize?

Father Daughter- 3/27th.

1st Communion Reception- Need to follow up

Mother/Son- We need to find out details and make sure something is booked.

Overwhelming request to order supplies online. More expensive. You used to be able to do this. School stopped because more expensive. More cost effective now. Most private schools offer this. And many public schools

Amazon shopping list for grade level.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:23 - Report done by: Cristin Coster, HSA Secretary 2019-2020