

HCS Parent Association

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2017

Time: 8:45am

Location: Heritage Christian School

Attendance: Kari Kovach, Liz Johnson, Melanie Sawaya, Anneke Berry, Mr. Scott, Amanda Larson, Marsha Barrows-Smith, Crystal Apodaca, Suzie Chang, Bill Sawaya, Maria Pierce, Brenda Andrews, Jeanne Ehlers

Call to Order: 8:48am

Welcome and Prayer: Liz welcomes, Mr. Scott prays

Treasurer's Report:

Action: Treasurer goes over the financial report

Beginning balance=\$30,408.10, 4 deposits=\$3,948.79

9 checks= -\$15,365.19 for the Teacher's lounge, boosterthon, paper cutter for art teachers, box tops, etc. and the Bank fee for \$3.00.

Ending balance=\$33,838.21

Numbers are based on the March 1-31st, 2017 statement, with \$12,000 in un-cleared checks to date

True balance=\$21,838.21

Principal's Report:

Action: Mr. Scott reminds everyone that today is the national day of prayer. Students will be praying around the flagpole in front of the school.

Action: Reminder about the family movie night on Friday, May 12th, it will be gone over in more detail later in the meeting.

Action: Grandparent's day is coming up on Wednesday, May 17th. We will have parking available at the City Lights church just up the street from the school and a shuttle will be available to transport guests to the school. Mr. Scott says he would recommend everyone to park up at the church that is able.

Action: Friday, May 19th from 6-8pm, the school will be celebrating Mrs. Lee and her many years of service.

Action: June 5-7th will be the 8th grade retreat

Action: June 14th will be the day of the Field day. The younger grades will be at the school enjoying fun activities that Coach Schneider will be in charge of, while the upper grades will be off campus at Rollin' 253.

Action: Last day of school is June 15th and will be a ½ day, with the awards ceremony starting at 8:45am.

Action: Two camps available this summer. Mrs. Ausmus will be providing a writing camp June 19-23rd and the 26-30th, while Mrs. Zeiger will be providing an Art camp June 26-30th.

Action: Enrollment update-we are up for enrollments for next year at 183 students as of now. Pre-K, K, and 2nd are already full and more classes are filling up. Each class will take up to 24 students. Liz asks if he knows why enrollment is up...if it is from the promo on the radio or primarily from referrals. Mr. Scott says referrals and word of mouth has always been the best way that the school has grown and the Lord has had his hand in it. Bill says this is the highest enrollment the school has ever seen at this point in the enrollment process.

Action: Update on hiring for positions for math/science teacher for the middle school. Heritage has hired Kelsey Wilkening. She graduated from UW, has taught many levels and is very excited to be joining us. We also have a couple candidates for the 3rd and 4th grade classes. Liz asks about Mrs. Powers and if anyone has been found to take aftercare. Mr. Scott says that her dad has unfortunately passed away and Mrs. Powers has decided to stay on to continue to be the aftercare coordinator for another year.

Action: Liz asks if we will still be doing boosterthon next year. Mr. Scott says that he believes it is a great fundraiser and the kids love it. He said there was an idea brought to his attention for a coffee fundraiser in the fall where part of the funds go towards funding clean water for Ethiopia. If we chose to move forward with this, it would teach the kids about giving back to others outside of their own community. Melanie says that Boosterthon gets 24%, but they provide everything for you, make it user friendly and that she hasn't seen anything that comes close to what they can provide with support. Liz adds that we fundraised for playground improvement and we should all pray about what it should go towards for next year. Lastly, Liz asks when the bleachers will be arriving. Mr. Scott says they should be arriving sometime soon.

Old Business:

Testing week-

Action: Anneke says everything went well and many thanks to Eva Bruce for helping!
Ended up doing all snacks each day instead of toys.

Teacher Appreciation week-

Action: President reminds everyone in the past we would do something in particular for teacher appreciation week but this year we redid the teacher's lounge.

Request: If any parents feel moved to do something for your teachers, to please do so.

Upcoming Events:

Mrs. Lee Retirement-

Action: It will be held at the school on the night of May 19th, starting at 6pm. Melanie will be putting a book together with stories from past students and parents that had her as a teacher including current students/parents. The book will be at least 200 pages.

Request: Kari says she would love to help. Can we show pictures of her and all of her 4th grade classes through the years? Mr. Scott says we have plenty of year books through the years that Kari is able to look at and scan pictures from. He also says that he will have a list of certain people that will speak during the night instead of having an open microphone.

Nominations-

Action: Nominations have begun! We have had 5 nominations so far and May 19th is the cut off. All nominations will go through Mr. Scott to review and we will vote at the June meeting. Anneke adds to continue to submit yourself or others and keep in mind the time commitment.

Upcoming bdays-

Action: Coach Schneider will be celebrating his birthday on May 28th. Liz will take care of a card and candy for him.

Field day-

Kari says she will need volunteers to drive students to and from the school to Rollin' 253 for field day. The in-line skates will be included plus the snack bar will be open if the students would like to bring money to purchase something.

Request: Anneke suggests to send out a flyer for volunteers and information for the day.

Funding Requests:

Movie Night-

Action: Family movie night will be held on Friday May 12th and Finding Dory will be played. Crystal fills everyone in on the details. She says she would like to decorate a bit with Red, white and yellow so it could be general and reused for future movie nights. The 8th graders will be hosting concessions with popcorn, including flavored shakers, candy, etc. The money raised from concessions will go towards the end of the year 8th grade retreat to Island Lake Camp. Melanie says the parents will purchase big bags of popcorn for the concessions. Crystal includes more details such as a pre-show for the kids to get the wiggle out. Amanda recommended to look up Go Noodle online. Crystal also mentioned of having a table in the back of the gym with coloring for the younger kids plus a raffle of some sort. Other parents suggested a raffle for a basket of treats at the concession stand and the money go towards the 8th graders. All agreed. Lastly, she reminds everyone the licensing fee is \$282 for an entire year, starting from the date of your choice.

Request: Anneke motions to take the extra money from what was left over from testing week and utilize it to pay for the licensing fee for the movies. Marsha seconds the motion.

Action: All in favor? All-yes, 0-Nay for \$282 to go towards paying full year of licensing fee starting May 12th, 2017.

Mrs. Lee (classroom funds/party)-

Request: President says Mrs. Lee likes to have a poetry reading party in her class and would like to utilize her classroom funds for this party. Her classroom has the funds.

Action: Approved.

New Business:

All school BBQ-

Action: Melanie will be in charge of the food and anyone that would like to help, please contact her. Anneke says she will be in charge of the entertainment, anyone that would like to help with that, to please contact her. Marsha says she may be able to obtain large tubs of ice cream to donate towards the event.

Request: Anneke motions to take the extra money left over from testing week of \$363 to go towards the BBQ, if needed. Marsha seconds the motion.

Action: Liz asks all in favor, All-yes, 0-nay for \$363 towards all school BBQ on Friday June 2nd.

Teacher gifts-

Action: Melanie says in years past we gave the staff yearbooks. She asks everyone what they would like to do for the staff and suggests to be prayerful about it. The staff likes to get the yearbooks, but do we want to change it up and do something different? We have a budget of \$320.

Ways to give-

Action: Bill says there is a PayPal link on the website now, if you feel you are called to give to the school. Liz suggests we make a signature line with all the ways to donate. Jeanne asks how many scholarships the school is able to give out. Bill says the number of scholarships have gone down and that is why we are hoping for more donations/offering towards the school through the website. We are wanting to help those in need and bring that number back up.

Closing and Prayer: Anneke prays

Meeting Adjourned: 10:31am

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 1st @ 8:45am