

St. Hilary Parents' Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- I. **Opening Prayer**-The meeting began at 1:50 p.m. with an opening prayer.
- II. **President's Report**- The school directory is almost complete. The \$15 fee was wrapped into the tuition. Jeannie introduced President-Elect Wendi Lawson-Gissinger who talked about the mission of the Parents' Association.
- III. **Parish Care for Creation Representative**-Jackie Stringer was introduced and gave a presentation on the one year old organization Care for Creation which helps to recycle goods. They make money on recyclable goods and will turn around and give back to the school in the form of beneficial programs. She will be meeting in October to discuss this with the teachers.
- IV. **Financial Report**- Dana gave a report on the projected budget for the 2009-10 school year and passed out the information to the parents in attendance. The information will be published along with these minutes.
- V. **Committee Reports**-
  - a) Karyn Martin discussed the upcoming Celebration and encouraged parents to purchase raffle tickets which will help offset the cost of the Celebration. The cost is \$100 with four chances to win throughout the year. This year's theme for the Celebration will be Traveling through the Tropics. All are welcome to attend the upcoming meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. in the Spiritual Center.
  - b) Hot Lunch has begun with a new online ordering system. Lisa Luby is looking for help with laundry. This entails washing the aprons and towels at home. If anyone can help out with this, please call Lisa Luby.
- VI. **Principal's Report**-
  - a) Discussion about pick-up and drop-off - cross only at the crosswalk and be courteous of the drivers in front of you. Parents are concerned about children being let out of cars too early and cars pulling out of line to drop off.
  - b) Discussion about field trips-Field trips are always approved by Dr. Nugent and the cost is always taken into account. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreats are being funded by the St. Hilary Foundation. Every effort is made to try to defray costs of field trips. The Parents' Association for example is contributing \$50 per student for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science Camp.
  - c) The raffle tickets sales are underway. Please consider supporting this fundraiser as the Parents' Association funds are used to greatly benefit St. Hilary School and its students.

- d) Booster seats-Discussion regarding booster seats being brought to the school for students. This is just too chaotic for the teachers but looking into other safety nets down the road. The use of Copley/Fairlawn busing is available for field trips but only between the hours of 10 to 1 p.m. This makes utilizing the busing system hard as most field trips do not fall into that time frame.
- e) The magazine drive is underway and 100% family participation is expected and appreciated. This is the biggest fundraiser for the school and benefits the teachers with programs that otherwise would not be attainable.

VII. **New Business**- The Parents' Association Board is open for suggestions regarding any new programs that we might possibly be able to bring to St. Hilary for the student body around or after January

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next General Meeting will be on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Area.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Vieltorf-Secretary