

Holy Cross Academy - Parent-Teacher Organization

August 2024 Meeting

August 30, 2024

1:30 PM

Holy Cross Academy and Zoom

ATTENDANCE

- In attendance: Karen Collier, Laura Corchado, Ms. Doyal, Dr. Fry, Maryanne Harring, Meghan Lee, Mrs. Merkal, Francesca Mohammed (zoom), Melissa Parella, Fr. Renner, Katie Ventura
- Absences: None
- Guests: None
- Quorum: Yes

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Opening Prayer given by Dr. Fry

July Minutes: Approved

- Vote
 - Yes - Unanimous
 - No - 0
 - Vote: passed

President Report

- After Actions
 - Ice Cream Social at the Welcome Back to School Event
 - 500 bowls were used
 - Next Year - Have a trolley cart to deliver ice cream to teachers
 - Used Uniform Sale - Back to School
 - Next sale in October
 - White polos are free
 - Polos will be wheeled out during back to school nights

Treasurer's Report

- Financials Update - as of June 2024

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- Budget Update
 - 2023-2024 Year End Balance - \$17,569.00
- School Support
 - IXL Costs have increased - Now \$5,700.00 (a \$1,100.00 increase - it was negotiated down from a 27% increase to a 22% increase)
 - Researching new supplemental programs
 - Mrs. Merkal will send an email to teachers asking for recommendations
 - Final Decision - PTO will support and renew IXL Math and ELA) for 6-8 grades and Math honors classes for the 2024-2025 school year and look into other options for 2025-2026 school year.
 - PTO/School Administration will look into the Accelerated Reader contract - It renews in November 2024

Old Business

- 50/50 Raffle
 - Diocese Discussion
 - Looking into the tax regulations for the raffle
 - The outcome will determine the giveaway levels and if we can give away (1) \$10,000 grand prize or (2) \$5,000 grand prize winners due to tax withholdings rules
 - Rules will determine the language used in advertisements
 - FACTS will be used to collect money and for easier tracking
 - All money will be due by 10/18
 - Winners will be pulled at Trunk or Treat (10/25 or 10/26 - rain date)
 - PTO will still host the option of a buy-out for those who are not comfortable with gambling
 - PTO will make a financial hardship option available
- By Law Vote
 - The vote has not take place due to the office not sending out the PTO newsletter
 - The vote is taking place through the use of google form.
 - Everyone on the board has the ability to check the results in real time
- Newsletters
 - There will be a collection link for additional Volunteer sign ups.
 - The board will have access to the form so everyone can check for additional volunteers for their committees.

- Vitrus training discussion was held with Dr. Fry - If the adults are not along with children they can volunteer - examples - passing out food, helping with event parking are ok

New Business

- Recess Support
 - PTO would like to support with purchasing balls, hula hoops, etc for recess
 - Administration prefer support with volunteers assisting with the upkeep of field paint lines

2024-2025 Events/Committee Reports

- Grandparents and VIP Day
 - Last year 170 guests attended
 - Many options discussed; there were proposed to school administration to select from
 - Option One
 - Follow the same schedule as in 2023-2024 and 2022-2023
 - Half day, split attendees into two groups by last name
 - End the day with a Grandparents and VIP blessing or Mass
 - Option Two
 - Hosting during the school day. Welcome Grandparents and VIPS to the hall with lunch (served by students) and performances from the choir and predetermined grades. Students eat lunch in their classrooms. Visitors go to the classrooms and the day ends with a rosary. The day is dismissed as usual with - similar to the way the day was celebrated before the COVID shutdown
 - Option Three
 - Hybrid event
 - Due to limited parking at the school, discussion about a shuttle from the Geico lot. No decision was made.
 - Considered by not recommended
 - After school is dismissed - hold a special Mass at the St. Mary's followed by a lite reception - PLC is too small to support this idea
 - Moving the event to the Spring
 - Parking at Geico is still requested - Dr. Fry will submit the request
- Trunk or Treat
 - Last year 35+ (maybe 40) cars participated

- Kona Ice is secured
- Boy Scouts requested to sell pizza as a fundraiser
- Raffle Announcement
 - 7:30 PM
 - Ticket Drum
- Hospitality Committee
 - Finalizing the plan for the monthly luncheon
 - Luncheons sponsored by grade
 - Snacks for the teachers every other week
 - Dr. Fry sponsors bagel every other Tuesday
 - Other Tuesdays will be Tomayko's Tasty Treats

Principal's Report

- Discussion about further support with excess PTO funds for the 2024-2025 school year
- No motion of vote on a proposal

CLOSING

- The next board meeting will be held on September 27, 2024, at 1:30 PM in the HCA Library.
- The meeting ended at 2:45.