Holy Family Home & School Association

February 6, 2025, at 7:45pm - Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order

A. Prayer - Kayla

B. Roll Call - Mary Sowada, Reba Leither, Angela Rushmeyer, Amy Casey, Kayla Feldewerd, Father Edward, Mr. Sopcyk

2. Recommended Actions

A. Routine Matters-Grandparents Day was moved to #2 on the agenda

1. Approval of the Agenda- Reba Approved, Amy seconded

2. Approval of the Minutes from November meeting- Angie motioned to approve, Reba seconded

3**. Review of current finances**-We surpassed what we have for income so far. That is without the Color Run and Catholic Financial included. No further questions currently.

3. Event/Committee Reports/Updates

A. Update on Snowball-Fundraiser did well, with the money being received. More than likely need to move the date next year due to a wedding. There was question, do we have it on a long weekend ? There is also Freeport's fundraiser in January and the weekend after Freeport's is catholic schools' week. Another question, why don't we use a local restaurant? We are looking at other options for the future. Delish did run out of food. Money brought in at dinner does not matter a whole lot. It is more of a way to bring people into the fundraiser.

There was a question about raising tuition for the following year. With that, we need to keep increasing tuition because we never know what the future holds with what benefits we receive.

Most schools' tuition is higher except for Sacred Heart in Freeport. Next Monday there is a school board meeting and a decision about tuition will need to be made at that time. So far, books are included in tuition. Getting funding from the state is used for books, bussing, etc. Maybe we could add some of these ideas in the letter to present why tuition is at the amount that it is at? Home and school heavily supports our budget and pay raises. Maybe we can make more money to keep tuition stable. We are at the lower end of tuition. Other schools have to submit tax papers and tuition is based on that.

B. CSW Dance-There are concerns about hall monitoring during the dance. Kindergartners seem to look lost at this event with everything going on. Few people had mentioned about kids roaming free. Some kids may venture off to get away from the loud noise. Maybe more chaperones in the future? Also, talked about pick up. Everyone needs to check in and out in the future and talked about having one entry and one exit. Possible ideas for some changes for next year. Maybe 5th grade buddies for the first 30 minutes? Or have kindergarten buddies? Kindergarteners seem to not know as much about the dance. As far as monitoring, teachers are not required to come at this time, but it can be a long

day for teachers to go from school to the dance. Would like to take a look at the dance form and make some updates for next year.

C. Update on Book Fair-Ignatius online Book Fair is scheduled to be May 1st through May 8th.

D. CUF Raffle- Sales are slow currently. Tried to open it up longer this year.

E. 5K Fun Run-Libby Brever is chair. Friday, May 2nd is the scheduled date for the Color Run.

F. Grandparents Day-There was a wonderful thank you from Father Edward for all the help with the Capital Campaign thus far. Will be able to do project in one phase. Hoping for the bids to be lower than 8.5 million. The Capital Campaign is focused on public relations. Strategy is more about building relationships than money. There were concerns about the Campaign being a part of Grandparents Day. But still want to show Grand friends the plan for the school and introduce it to them on Grandparents Day. And would still like to send envelopes home with them that day to provide information.

There was an idea to make Grandparents Day more about saying "Thank you" for all the help that has been donated at this time. If they are interested in more information, then they would be able to access that information. Not sure at this time who will be presenting this idea on Grandparents Day. A thought, would it be best for this information to come from Mrs. Sowada or Father Edward to make it more personal? Grandparents Day is Friday, May 9th.

Grandparents do a lot to support the school. We want to build connections. Amazing Donations are being seen.

G. Golf Tournament- Ask city council for gambling permit

4. Action Items

A. Investment to General School budget from reserved funds-Additional $50,000 is reserved. Reba approved. Amy seconded.

B. Investment to Meal program for extra milk-All meals are paid for, but if students bring cold lunch and they would like milk it will be additional cost. The additional cost last month was $35.00. The school will pick the cost up going forward. Amy motioned to approve. Angie seconded.

C. Staff milestone employment years- Recognize staff who have been with HFS 5 years or longer. Staff would get a $25.00 scrip card for every 5 years they have been with HFS. We would need to back track this year and then stay on track going forward. Angie Approved and Reba seconded the motion to approve.

D. Home & School Officer positions for 2025-2026-Angie will be president for one more year. Reba may be done. Otherwise, will announce in Newsletter or ask people about joining. Kayla would resume secretary for next year. Would need a Vice President.

E. Calling potential families before Open House- Don't know who will be calling yet. Possibly divide names and reach out and call families with potential students to join HFS. Lists of families are from all 4 parishes. Have had some phone calls about preschool. Phone calls need to be made on the week of the 17th. Hopefully we will have list by the end of next week. Can email list.

F. Teacher/staff appreciation week-Have done this day on early release day, but we are only down to one early release day left. We should still do this day. Conference meals- Order what teachers like. Sub sandwiches are usually ordered for lunch.

5. Future Home & School possible meeting dates:

Tentatively Thursday, April 10th or Thursday, April 24th for next meeting

6. Adjourn-Reba motioned to adjourn. Amy seconded the motion.