

Minutes for 2/24/10 H&S Meeting – school cafeteria

Mrs. Martin – spoke to new tuition rate structure, Catholic and Non-Catholic. Mrs. Martin made note of the memo and Alert Now that went out to explain and clarify tuition changes for 2010/2011 year. Also noted ways to save \$ on tuition (new student referrals and Fund-it). There was discussion regarding the budget for next year and where money is coming from and going to. Noted we have lost \$30k from St. Gabriel church subsidy, and have tried to offset this shortage with 0 salary increases. Also noted cost per student is greater than actual tuition per student (actual cost nearly \$6k). With all of this said, it is even more important to support H&S.

Discussion moved to programs the school is involved with that earn us money or credit towards school equipment. Price Chopper and Big Y give points the school can use to purchase items; with points earned from Price Chopper we purchased a microscope and other science equipment. Points from Campbell soups are used in a specific catalog, from which we recently purchased an overhead projector. Ink cartridges, cell phones, etc. are used to purchase computer related items and Target gives cash.

A question was raised on how a parent would know about all of these programs and how to get enrolled. President referred to the H&S webpage, specifically the section titled “10 ways to help St. Gabriel school”!

Another question was raised regarding grants. Mrs. Martin let us know there is a committee that has been formed that is currently looking into and applying for several grants, including the Hope Grant, Hoffman Foundation and assistance for going green.

Laura Rhoades – Laura started off with big Kudos to the committee that worked on the pasta supper, which raised \$720 this year, vs. \$100 last year!

Kindergarten won the pizza party for the greatest amount of box tops ... we earned \$1,100 CASH! Box tops are sent in 2x per year. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> contest for an ice-cream party.

Scrapbooking on February 5<sup>th</sup> made \$40.

H&S has given the school \$41,000 to date, with an additional \$19,000 due.

Reminder – the school store is another way for the school to earn extra money ... keep the store in mind whenever you need supplies! Open March 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Also open for school events.

Upcoming events:

- Candy sale – final orders due 2/24
- Coffee Hour at St. Gabriel church on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> after 10am mass (donations and set-up/clean-up help needed).
- McEducator Night at Windsor Locks McDonalds rescheduled for Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> (Gretchen will see if hours of teachers will be the same ... there was a request to have the younger grade teachers there earlier)

- Talent show has been changed to Friday, April 9th. March 30<sup>th</sup> will be tryouts and a run-through(during the school day). Volunteers will be needed
- Extreme Bowling – April 11<sup>th</sup> at Bradley Bowl, 3-5pm (tickets \$15 pp)
- Next H&S Meeting – Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Volunteer hours that have been tracked throughout the year will be communicated back to families over the next couple of weeks.

Gr. 3 – 7 will begin IOWA Testing this month. Test will be administered for short periods of time over a number of days.

Gr. K – 2 will be given the standard Gates/McGee tests during March as well.