



Holy Cross Lutheran Academy

PALS Meeting Minutes

Date: September 1, 2011

Place: HCLA Cafeteria

Time: 8:45 a.m.

In attendance: Betty Hoyer, Rob Sinninger, Tessie Devore, Jennifer Wong, Gayle Paul, Sue Stark, Monica Gilas, Lisa Turner, Carrie Paulsen, Nelly Coleman, Carol Neal, Charmaine Watson, Trisha Van Hecke, Audrey Jones, Melinda Davis, Wendy Johnson, Mandy Turner, Kristin Arruda, Zona Alapuranen, Carolina Ryan, Carol White

Principal's Report:

- Bookfair : Date Change to November 7th - 11th
- Enrollment: 157 students this year
- Expanded studies:
 - Chorus, Band, Drama, Technology & Debate
- Technology:
 - 7th & 8th graders all received computers this year. Elementary grades have all received updated technology. Monitors are now in every classroom. This new technology was a direct result of funds raised through PALS.

•Sports:

- Flag Football - through Blue Chip Athletics in Sanford; games will be Saturday mornings. Volunteer coaches needed.
- Cheerleading; Basketball; Soccer --Volunteer Coaches needed
- Karate - Possible Kenpo instructor found. Details & schedule being worked on by Gayle Paul & Betty Hoyer

•Parent Workshop Opportunity:

- Love and Logic: Raising Kids in Complicated Times.* Sept. 22nd, 6:30 - 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall at Holy Cross Church. All parents are welcome. Childcare will be provided for \$10 per family.

Catalog Fundraiser: Begins Sept. 7th; New company- Mainstream. Very nice variety of products. Holiday Gift Store this year. - Zona Alapuranen will coordinate a fundraising kick-off with them.

BoxTops: Last year raised over \$600. They will be collected again this year. Coordinated by Zona Alapuranen.

7th & 8th Grade Washington Trip: Fundraising ideas for this event were discussed, such as local restaurants or retailers providing discounts to our families and then the school would receive a % of money from them. Coordinated by Carrie Paulsen. Lisa Turner suggested we have fundraising funds available two years in advance.

Fundraising \$: Betty mentioned that some of the fundraising money this year would go to professional development classes for the teachers.

Room Mothers: Anyone interested in being a Room Mom for the Elementary Classes should contact the teacher. If you are interested in being a Middle School mom, please email Betty Hoyer.

Coordinator/Committee Opportunities:

Sign-up sheets were passed out to volunteer and lead committees to handle the following:

- Spirit Store: to handle inventory, sales and distribution, new product ideas, collection of funds, etc.
 - Events Coordinator - coordinate the Daddy/Daughter Dance & Mother/Son Bowling
 - Facility Projects - coordinate work days at the school to fix repairs & other handyman jobs
 - Gardening - coordinate help with landscaping, mulch, plants, etc.
 - Lunchroom - to support teachers during lunch hours and coordinate special projects
 - Anyone interested in the above should contact Tessie Devore to sign up.
- **Silent Auction:** discussion of holding this as a separate event this year. Need committee to begin working on it soon. May want to combine it with the Crusader for Education Dinner to be held in May 2012.
- **Carnival/Field Day:** discussion of having a field day for HCLA families rather than the Carnival.
- **Grandparents Day:** Sept. 12th - will only be for VPK and Kindergarten grandparents this year.

PALS Officers:

- Vice President position is available.
- Tessie Devore - President
- Jennifer Wong - Ways & Means
- Secretary - Gayle Paul

PALS Meetings: this year we will alternate between morning meetings and evening meetings. We want to encourage support from working parents. Monthly Meeting Dates will be on school website and in school newsletter.

Next PALS Meeting: Oct. 6th, 2011, 6:30 p.m., Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 780 N. Sun Drive, Lake Mary, FL 32746

All parents are invited and welcome to attend.

Meeting adjourned: 9:30 a.m.