

Holy Cross Lutheran Academy

PALs Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

In attendance: Betty Hoyer, Rob Sinninger, Nancy Kruckemyer, Edie Herota, Pastor Matt Wallis, Chris Johnson, Jen Wong, Carrie Paulsen, Michelle Lauria, Diane Reed, Amanda Erikson, Kathy Sinninger, Bethany Sciortino, Carol White, Jackie Haines, Maria Ramos, Mindy West

Opening Prayer: Pastor Matt Wallis

Ways and Means Report: Jen Wong reported the fundraising results of the **Mainstreet Marketing** catalog sales. HCLA sales totaled: \$6434.98, profiting \$2574. Lake Mary campus sales totaled: \$1372.50, profiting \$549. Products will be delivered the week of October 24th. **Book Fair** is scheduled for the week of November 7th. Doors open Monday at 8:30, Tuesday is student's preview day and Wednesday night there will be a Family Night with later hours (Dominos Pizza will be served). The book fair will only be open on Friday morning so that parents can prepare the cafeteria for the Middle School dance.

Holiday Shop will be available December 13th -16th for students to buy small items for their families and friends. The school will receive a 14% profit. Jen will see if the company, Mainstreet Marketing can set up Holiday Shop for the Lake Mary campus as well.

Room parents should remind their parents to bring in **Box Tops** and **Yoplait** pink lids. The 7th and 8th graders will continue to sell the **Honey Baked Ham gift cards** throughout the year. Order forms will be included in the next newsletter. Turn orders into the front office. This will help fund the D.C. fieldtrip. There is a 20% profit to the D.C. fund.

Betty is looking for volunteers to begin to work on the **Silent Auction for the Crusader Dinner** that will occur in late March or April. Please email her if you are interested. Carrie Paulsen has the sample letters and distribution lists from last year and is willing to assist this person.

Spirit Store: Carol White set up the Spirit Store this evening. She spent approximately \$2500 on new/restocked items. She will be setting up once a month for parents and students to purchase their spirit items. There are tie-dye t-shirts, smencils, new drawstring P.E. bags, zippered hoodies which can be worn during class time. Betty asks that the pullover hoodies not be worn during class time, only entering and leaving school. Coach Fowler has approved visors to be worn during P.E. Carol will be updating the store with seasonal items. The website is being updated. She sold approximately \$1100 this week. The school profits 30-50% of the sales. She will work with Edie to provide product sales to Lake Mary campus.

Upcoming Events:

- October 12th, 9:00 a.m., **Courtyard Dedication** at the church with the Lake Mary campus preschool. HCLA's Student Council and Chorus to be there.
- October 22nd, HCLA will be hosting a booth at the Chamber of Commerce's **Health Fair** in the Seminole Town Center Mall. Sue Stark is looking for volunteers.
- October 23rd, Chris Johnson and Pastor Matt will be offering the first "**Family Experience**" **Service**, 12:15-1:25. This will be held once a month for families of PreK-5th grade.

- October 28th, **East Lake Church's Trunk or Treat** in Mount Dora.
- October 29th, 5-8 p.m., **Trunk or Treat at the Holy Cross Church**. Chris Johnson encouraged everyone to come out and decorate your cars and offer candy. You need to register online at the church website. Middle school students will be decorating the HCLA bus for service hours. Chris is looking for volunteers to decorate the church property for this event. Donations of candy/ decorations can be brought to the church office. Maria Ramos suggested putting information on "why Christians are celebrating Halloween" and school information in their bags. Chris agreed and is already working on that.

Chris also encouraged everyone to check out the newly remodeled **Youth Worship Center** upstairs at church. They have 2 new Xbox's , the Wii, pinball, and ping-pong. It's open 2:30-7:00, Tuesdays and Thursdays to the 6-8 graders and Mondays and Wednesdays to the High School students. They have tutors available and Bible Study from 6-7.

Service Projects: Each homeroom will be **Adopting a Soldier** and sending them cards and letters this month. **Pastor Appreciation** is this month and Sue Stark is preparing cards and care packages for the local pastors. The schools and church will be collecting food for the **Lake Cares Thanksgiving Baskets** in November. Please purchase items from the list only.

D.C. Trip update: The 7th and 8th graders have raised over \$900 so far. The fieldtrip is \$895 per student. They will be selling **Dominos \$10 cards** next week through the 24th. 50% profit for each card sold. There will be a **Family Night** on October 18th at **Metro Burgers** in Lake Mary, 15% profit. "Waffles for Washington" was very successful. They will do "**Presidential Pancakes**" on October 23 at the church. Honey Baked hams will continue to be sold. Carrie Paulsen suggested a **Holiday Vendor/Boutique** where the vendors display their goods/ services and donate 10% of their sales to the D.C. fund. Bethany Sciortino suggested a photography session for Holiday cards as another fundraiser.

Volunteer Opportunities: Still need **Math Superstar** volunteer for the 2nd and 4th grade classes.

School Administration Reports

Edie Herota: 139 students enrolled at the Lake Mary Campus. She appreciates the evening PALs meeting for her parents to come to their campus. Monies earned from the Mainstreet Marketing sales will fund her teachers to go to a conference at the SSC campus in February. She is looking forward to the upcoming events for her students: Pumpkin Patch at Lakeside Fellowship, Green Meadows Farm, Eastbrook Nursing Home, Thanksgiving Baskets, Courtyard Dedication and the Book Fair at HCLA.

Nancy Kruckemyer: Looking forward to parading over to the Lakeside Pumpkin Patch, visits from the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office motorcycle policeman. She is very excited about the new playground equipment that was recently installed, thanks to a local grant.

Rob Sinninger: Elementary students are adjusting well, no issues with their lockers. Many students signed up for football and cheerleading. Teachers are using their new monitors and having students direct the lessons with them. Students K-4 will have student-led conferences this year. They will write up and present their information to their parents. Monies from the recent fundraiser will allow 4 teachers to go to Conference and 3+ to a reading Conference.

Betty Hoyer: The One to One learning program is being embraced and the students are getting use to their NOBIs. She and Rob attended an Administrators Conference and realized HCLA is on the forefront of technology. Teachers and students are still in transition with the new

technology. Electives for the second quarter will include Music, Art, Technology and Drama/ Debate. Sign language and Book Club will be added.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 p.m.