



## PALS Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2011

**In attendance:** Betty Hoyer, Rob Sinniger, Tessie Devore, Michelle Lauria, Tricia Van Hecke, Bev Marubbio, Nelly Coleman, Carolina Ryan, Wendy Smith, Kristin McAllan, Lisa Turner, Jennifer Wong, David Fosberg, Lori Bessler, Matt Martin, Edie Herota, Jackie Haynes, Monica Giles, Gayle Paul

### **Principal's Report - Betty Hoyer:**

**Pep Rally** - Friday, November 5th 2:45 p.m. Football player and cheerleaders should wear their uniforms; team photos will be taken

**Letters to Soldiers Project** - very successful. Many boxes of letters will be sent to soldiers to show our gratitude for their service.

### **Thanksgiving Baskets:**

All classes will be asked to provide thanksgiving food items and baskets will be made up. Items must be turned in by Friday, November 11th. If you are able to contribute, please select items from the following:

- instant mashed potatoes
- canned yams or sweet potatoes
- stuffing (boxed)
- canned green beans
- canned corn
- canned peas
- canned cranberry sauce
- jello/pudding
- cream of mushroom soup
- canned peaches
- pre-made graham cracker pie crust
- pumpkin pie filling or another dessert (cake mix and frosting, brownies, etc.),
- turkey gravy packets
- coffee
- tea



### **Pig Roast Sunday, November 20th at noon at Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

Bring a side dish to share and enjoy the day

Dr. Elray will be visiting Holy Cross Church from Guatemala.

### **Principal's Report - Rob Sinniger**

Kindergarten through Fourth grades will be celebrating 11/11/11 with a "**Paperback Picnic**". Parents, grandparents or other volunteers are asked to participate by bringing a blanket, a book (you can purchase one at the HCLA Book Fair) and read to your child. Teachers will send out more information and a sign-up form. Middle Schoolers may read to the children in K - 4th as well. It will be scheduled during the children's regular lunch hours, which are either 11:30- 12:00 or 12:00 - 12:30

### **Elementary School Parties:**

Since the Halloween parties went well, there will be a Thanksgiving Party with a focus on giving thanks and praise to God for our blessings and a Christmas Party with a focus on the birth of Christ. Each will be during the last hour of the last day before the breaks. More information will follow from each teacher.

### **Christmas Performances:**

December 19th for 3rd through 8th grades and December 20th for VPK through 2nd grades. Located at the church at 7:00 p.m. A story, physical performance and technological presentation will be performed.

### **Fundraiser update- Jennifer Wong**

The Academy raised \$6,435 with a \$2,574 profit

The pre-school raised \$1,372 with a \$549 profit

It went well, however, next year we need to plan ahead regarding the frozen food items so that the parents know when to pick them up and also need to address some online ordering issues.

### **Box Top Program:**

Chris Marubbio will administer this program for us. Tessie Devore will make sure there is information regarding this program in our school newsletter.

### **Book Fair:**

Books are being delivered today. Set-up on Monday.

Fair will be held Monday, November 7th through November 11th. Monday starts at noon. Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night is **Family Night** 4:00 p.m. Pizza, chips and drinks for sale and funds raised will go to the 7th & 8th graders WashingtonD.C. Trip. The Middle Schoolers can



sign up to work this night. Lisa is looking for more volunteers to help with the fair. Tessie Devore will add this to the school calendar.

**Christmas Gifts:**

Please do not bring in gifts for the children in your classroom. Parents may give gifts to the classroom. Teachers will let the parents know the wish list for their classroom.

**Toys For Tots:**

Chris Marubbio will be collecting toys for tots again this year. You may bring in a gift for this after the Thanksgiving break. Look for info in the next newsletter.

**Middle School giving idea:**

It was suggested that Middle Schoolers provide community service this season by possibly serving food at "Grace for Grits". To be discussed further.

**Fall Party for Middle Schoolers:**

Friday, November 11th in the HCLA cafeteria. 27 children have signed up. Tricia Van Hecke will handle food and drink with help of Jennifer Wong, Lisa Turner and Charmaine Watson. Lori Bessler and Michelle Lauria will handle decorations and favors.

**HCLA Open House:**

Tuesday, November 8th 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please invite people to visit our school.

**Gift Market:**

Friday, November 18th. 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the church.

So far 14 vendors have signed up. There will be a silent auction and drawing for 2 Cirque de Soleil tickets. There will also be a bake sale. If you would like to bake for the sale, please bring the baked goods to the school on that Friday and they will be brought over to the church. No peanuts!

**Gardening Project:**

Wendy Smith works with Downtown Credo and they have provided a gardening project to the New Image Center, planting a garden, teaching the children, cooking classes, etc. She would like to start this project at HCLA. The plan would be to start the garden beds in January, teach the kids about gardening, provide the produce to our cafeteria, etc. We will need donations for lumber, gardening tools and supplies. If you would like to donate, please contact Wendy Smith. More information & volunteer opportunities will come as the time approaches.



**Holiday Shop Fundraiser:**

December 13th will be pre-view day. The holiday shop will be set-up in the cafeteria on the 14th - 16th. School will get 14% of all profits.

**Pre-school Update - Edie Herota**

Thanks to fundraising efforts, Edie will be sending 3 teachers to the National Association for the Education for Young Children (NAEYC) conference.

Pre-school will also be participating in the Thanksgiving Baskets, Letters to Soldiers, book fair, pre-k 4's will presenting their Christmas Pageant at a luncheon at the Senior Intervention Center and middle schoolers will read to the children for the 11/11/11 Paperback Picnic.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

**Next meeting** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Thursday, December 1, 2011. 6:15 p.m. prayers and 6:30 p.m. PALS meeting will begin.