Queen of Heaven Home School Guild

Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2019

Opening Prayer - Father Greg

**Pastors Report**- Father Greg

* Shepherd’s Mass tomorrow
* Advent wreaths are a great opportunity to help celebrate Catholic traditions as a family.
* Parish is starting a renewal called “Christ Be Our Light” this Lent

**Principal’s Report** - Mrs. Damico

* This Thursday Shepherd’s Mass @ 8:30 w pre-K dressed as sheep and shepherds
* Early dismissal 12/5&6 – PreK @11, Kinder @ 11:15, 1-8 @ 11:30; Buses available for all but Cheektowaga district. ASP still running.
* Eagle Hour next Thurs after school Mass w each grade caroling. Join us for Mass, stay for breakfast and songs. Eagle Hour starts at 9:15 in Café
* Report Cards home tomorrow in Family Envelopes, send envelopes back to school next day
* Honors Breakfasts next Mon & Tues. Merit Certificates passed out 12/11 at 8:15 in the Gym
* Thank you to everyone who ordered cookie dough and other items. The school raised $5100 in profit. Pick up orders on 12/11. 32 kids earned teacher for the day
* Parishioners School Fund continues to help our operating budget. Recently received a donation from one parishioner of $1000. WE brainstormed the best use of the money and as a result after Christmas we will be getting a computer monitor welcome sign for the front hallway that will be updated with pictures and the latest news.
* 12/20 Christmas Concert – arrive early, seating also available in the loft.
* On Jan 24 Queen of Heaven will be sponsoring the Snowball Dance for the Southtowns. Grades 5-8 are invited. Mrs. Smith has stepped up to be in charge but needs help decorating and chaperoning. The cost of tickets will be $25 in advance or $30 the week of the event. Invitations coming soon!
* Save the Date – 1/27 Start of Catholic Schools Week and Grandparents & Special Friends Lunch. More info out soon.

**Teacher’s Report** - Mrs. Walsh

* All the teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents for conferences this week
* Little kids really enjoyed their Thanksgiving celebrations
* A reminder ASP is open on the early dismissal days but pack a lunch for your kids if they are coming as the cafeteria will be closed.

**President’s Report** – Amanda Schieber

* HSG is serving all the teachers Christmas lunch as a thank you for what they do for our kids. Food will be from North Star Tavern and board members will volunteer to serve.

**Vice President’s Report** – Sarah Leahy

* Scholastic was overbooked at the beginning of the year for our Book Fair dates in March. Since it coincides with our open house, we looked into other option and are going to have Usborne Books do it this year. The profit back to HSG is the same through them and they will provide staff on-site. Many are familiar with their options and high quality of books. The school trained specialist is a Catholic school parent herself and has done book fairs in other local schools. We are excited to have such different options since we will still have the Scholastic monthly flyers.

**New Business**

Kerry Miller – Save the Date for the following Nights Out to benefit the school:

Chuck E Cheese – 1/17 (MLK weekend)

Panera – 2/11

Anderson’s and Chipotle – TBA

Becky Lombardo

8th Graders selling cheese & pepperoni and concessions at Christmas Concert

All set for Merry Moose – items ordered, kids always have fun, send your lists in with the envelopes that go home

**“A Night of Hope” Sweepstakes Update** – Jen Staychock

* Working on schedule to sell tickets at Galleria Mall, Market in the Square
* Sponsor letters went out – if you know any businesses that may want to give donations or baskets let me know
* 30% of giving happens in Dec so now is the time to ask

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