Holy Cross Academy PTG

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Time: 6:45 p.m.
Place: HCA Cafeteria

Attendees
Sarah Marker (President), Gretchen Cetti (Vice President), Kristen Gualtieri (Treasurer), Kristy Frisco (Secretary), Mr. Michael Killmeyer, Lynn Brown, Stephanie Colasante, Tisa Giunta, Lindsay Lamb, Kris Nastal, Charity Rechtorik, Carol Reimer, Tara Robertson, Amy Tilley, and April Wrabley

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by President Sarah Marker.

Opening Prayer (led by Sarah Marker)

PTG Executive Team
Thank you to the individuals that submitted their letters of interest, and we're excited to work together utilizing the new model of the PTG for the 2019-20 school year

- Spreadsheet sent around with description of committees and positions of PTG as it is both currently and going forward as the Fundraising Group for HCA
    - Includes all current fundraising events, community-building events, possible ad hoc committees, etc.
    - Some have open chairpersons positions; those not filled by Executive Team members will be posted for the school parents as available positions to Chair
- Help to improve the family-feel of the school
- An "umbrella" organization for all school fundraising

Upcoming HCA/PTG Events

- May Hoagie Fundraiser – Pickup Thursday, May 23 in cafeteria
- Donuts with Dad – June 3 7:30-8:30 in cafeteria
- Paint Nite Friday, June 7 – advertise in neighboring parish bulletin? (Charity R.)

HCA Events Calendar for 2019-20

- Many dates for annual fundraisers and events approved and secured in advance of the 2019-20 school year
- Yearly calendar will be posted on website as well as put into Community Google Calendar on website

Family Nights Out (Restaurant Donation Events)

- Lindsay L. is taking over responsibility from previous person
- Want to plan them 6 months or more in advance
- Amy T. will ask Bravo for June

Philly Pretzel Sale Fundraising

- Tisa G. has information from Philly Pretzel about fundraising opportunity;
- We purchase the pretzels up front at a wholesale price, then sell at a profit
    - Maybe have Pretzel Fridays, could sell at events, perhaps collaborate with Athletics?

Walk-a-Thon

- Possibly collaborate with Highmark's "Walk for a Healthy Community" Event that takes place on the North Shore in spring
- Also looking into how St. James does it (on site, during the school day)

Increasing PTG Involvement

- Utilize Homeroom parents more to reach out to other parents; have one representative per grade at monthly PTG meetings (not necessarily HR parent – they can appoint a representative if they can't make it)
- Ask teachers to attend meetings

Spirituality Development

- Want to have more service projects, more faith-based events
- Create a Special Committee for partnership between school and parish communities
    - Responsible for organizing student ambassadors during CSW Masses
    - Get Mass intentions for different school Masses (Grandparents Mass, Volunteers, Teacher & Staff Appreciation, etc.)
    - Perhaps have Cherub Choir at a Mass, then host "Donut Days" after Mass

Ambassador Families/Buddy Family Program

- Assign current HCA families to new families; try to match children grades
- Kristen G. and Lindsay L. to chair
- Have in place prior to New Family Meeting (early August)
    - Have PTG/SAC present at New Family Meeting to explain what the parent organizations do
    - Have a FAQ on website

Field Day

- Already have money in budget for providing lunch to students and volunteers (AVI Foodsystems again?)
- Reach out to Shelly and Tracey to see if they need us to do anything to support organizing volunteers and events for Field Day

June Meeting Location/Date

- Amy T. looking into Bravo for June meeting on Monday, June 10, 2019

Closing Prayer