



Home and School Association

General Meeting/September 27, 2010

Opening Prayer: Anne Malinowski 6:35 p.m.

In Attendance: Anne Malinowski, Ann Marie Botch, Melissa Krishock, Maureen Wallin, Tricia Christ, Theresa Goerner, Robyn Davis, Sue Kemp, Helen Midouhas, Tracy Hine, Melissa Glaser, Jennie Fisher, Donna Collazo, Mary Eichhorn, Rosalyn Gomez, Stephanie Jones, Colleen Corella, Maria Mogford, Fanta (no last name provided)

Anne welcomed everyone. She asked them to introduce themselves and share their children's names and grades, and their favorite thing about HGARS.

Principal's Remarks:

HGARS has been re-accredited through Middle States for the next seven years. The school's focus will be on the following: Love of God, Love of Self, and Love of Others. Children face many problems nowadays and love of self is important. This message is in newsletter, on the website and teachers can explain it further if needed. Additionally, Mrs. Wallin feels it is her role is to pursue the children's interests and ideas. For instance, the 6th, 7th, & 8th grade boys are interested in starting a volleyball team.

Following Mrs. Wallin's comments about children's love of self, Anne explained the balloon decorations at the meeting and read a touching poem about how children are like balloons.

Treasurer's Report:

Anne read from the document, "HSA Purchases for the School Year-to-Date." Melissa suggested that Anne further explain the Mother Theresa fund. It exists for those in need of tuition assistance.

New Businesses

Home & School Purpose: Anne explained the purpose of HSA according to the bylaws.

General Meetings vs. Board Meetings: General meetings can be attended by anyone who has a child at HGARS. Board meetings are for board members and chairpersons to discuss upcoming events in more detail. Upcoming topics for general meetings include pantry facials and yoga.

Changes to general meeting: This year, general meetings will consist of less business and more fun things to do, such as the topics listed above.

Family Bingo: This event was held on Sept. 24th. It was attended by many and lots of fun.



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Chicken BBQ & Apple Dumpling Sale: The sale will be held on Oct. 28th. More help is needed to assure success. The apple dumplings are a new addition this year. Positive feedback was received from the samples given out at Family Bingo.

Breakfast with Santa: The breakfast will take place on Oct. 21st. Anne explained how the event works and asked for more volunteers to help out.

PTO Today: Melissa shared that HSA received a certificate of recognition for participating in the PTO of the Year contest.

Drawings: A drawing was held for two prizes: the gift card winner was Stephanie Jones and spirit wear item (reusable tote containing HGARS logo) winner was Maria Mogford.

Anne reminded everyone to check out the HSA website and encouraged new attendees to speak with board members after the general meeting about any questions or concerns they have.

The next general meeting will be held on Nov. 10th.

Closing Prayer: Anne Malinowski 7:28 pm



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