PRAYER AND CALL TO ORDER

Ed Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:47 am. In attendance were Ed Wilcox, Laurie Ghigleri, Kristin Zimmer, Michelle Ihlefeldt, Molly Homec, Fr. Mark, and Mrs. Schindler.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH’S MINUTES & POSTING ON WEBSITE

The February minutes were distributed to the Board electronically for input or revision. There were no suggested changes. They were approved and have been posted to the HSA section of the school website along with a recap of the Town Hall Meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Ed reported that there is a balance of $8,649.73 in the Checking account and $6,581.31 in the Games account, for a total of $15,231.04. He also distributed a budget update and February transaction listing.

OLD BUSINESS

- REVIEW TEACHER’S WISH LIST AND PURCHASING PROGRESS
  Prior to the meeting Molly provided updated purchasing reports (see attached). She was able to purchase the science supplies that were approved for K-5. Pre-School/Jr. K is finished. Kristin has also received a list of needed science items from Mrs. Nuvolini. She will ask Mrs. Nuvolini to prioritize the list. The Board will review the prioritized list(s) and determine what requests will fit in the current budget.

- SPAGHETTI DINNER/BASKET RAFFLE RECAP
  The snow days prior to the event caused the basket raffle ticket sales to be a little low. It was noted that communication between the HSA and pasta/dinner item suppliers needs to be very clear. If the item is a donation and changes slightly the day of (i.e. 190 breadsticks vs. 300) we need to be gracious receivers and roll with it. If we actually purchased an item (i.e. spaghetti) we need to be sure we are getting what we paid for. Attendance was also a little lower than last year, but that could also be related to the snow during the week. The event works well in the gym, however, it was noted that it would be nice to have some background music, not a talent show/concert, but maybe some school kids playing. There was discussion about the raffle baskets; is it good return on investment? Has it lived its useful life?

- ELECTION UPDATE
  There was discussion that an eblast was to have gone out asking for nominations and inquiries. Mrs. Schindler stated that this has not happened as Lu has been very busy with her work. Mrs. Schindler will contact Lu regarding nominations and finalizing the ballot and process. Mrs. Schindler will speak interested parties to identify positions where they can be successful and will include a request for further nominations in the weekly newsletter. Molly may be interested in moving into the Room Parent Coordinator position.
NEW BUSINESS

• NEW FAMILIES
  No report at this time.

• TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
  No report at this time.  Kristin will update the board via email in the coming weeks.

• PRINCIPAL SEARCH
  Fr. Mark asked the group the following question:

  In your opinion, considering where the school is and where you would like it to be in the next ten years, what characteristics and skills are needed by the next Principal to lead our school?

  The Board members shared their thoughts with Fr. Mark and there was discussion that it is a diocesan requirement that they need to be Catholic.  Additionally, it was felt that the new principal needs to be able to explain why Catholic education is different (vs. charter, etc) and valuable.

  It was noted that there is a need for the pastor (Fr. Mark), principal, business manager (Mike Novak), and Admissions Director (Mr. Chromy) to be able to work together for the good of the school and the parish.  The vision needs to be “both and” not “either or”; we want to fulfill our mission as a Catholic school, parish, and individuals to provide a quality education to all.  From a business viewpoint there is the realization that there need to be a budgetary balance amongst all the different types of students, but this needs to be a clear plan/vision in line with our Catholic faith and mission.  We want to be inclusive, not exclusive, at the same time that we strive to create an environment of academic excellence.

FUTURE EVENTS

• DONUTS WITH DAD- 3/18/16-7:00AM
  Ed will contact Lizzy Rodriquez about her willingness to lead.

• SPRING FLING & RAFFLE  4/29/16
  An update will be provided at the next meeting.  Plans are underway.

• MUFFINS FOR MOM-5/6/16-7:00AM
  No report at this time.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS/OTHER
GE Johnson is doing the ground breaking for the playground on Wednesday March 23rd at 12:30pm.  They would like RSVPs as they are doing refreshments.

Mrs. Schindler is working to improve the distribution of the new Friday newsletter via Constant Contact.  This newsletter is to streamline communication; she has gotten a lot of feedback that people want information communicated to them, but a “single point of contact” not continuous emails from a variety of sources.  There was discussion that the school needs someone who can coordinate school communication efforts.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am.