

Home and School Meeting -- Notes

May 1, 2018

President Lilliam Mejia called the meeting to order. Other board members in attendance were Vice President Theresa Varvaro, Treasurer Christie Zizian and Secretary Marcia Dunn.

Marcia read the minutes from the previous meeting on Feb. 6, 2018.

Theresa reminded everyone that any outstanding volunteer point cards need to be turned in immediately. Each family must earn 100 volunteer points per school year or pay \$200. When volunteering, be sure to have the committee chairperson or teacher sign your point card to confirm participation.

Lilliam encouraged everyone to submit any and all ideas for the next school year, in either English or Spanish.

The following Home and School positions are available for the 2018-19 school year: President-Elect, Vice President, Used Uniform Chairperson and Homeroom Parent Chairperson. Please contact Lilliam or the front desk if you're interested. Lilliam noted that the upcoming 2018-19 school year will be her last to serve on the Home and School board, given that her youngest will be moving into eighth grade this coming fall.

Christie provided a rundown on all the fund-raising profits from the past school year. Here's the list:

--Eagle Pride 5-K generated \$12,594.99 (Athletic Department)

--Casino Night: \$21,000 (Development Office)

--Gala: \$120,000 (Development Office)

--Artwork: \$718.28 (Home & School)

--Boosterthon: \$25,694.44 (H&S)

--Spirit Night: \$354.54 (H&S)

--Used Uniform Sales: \$1,333.45 (H&S)

--Christmas Bazaar: \$1,818.45 (H&S)

--Campbell's and Boxtops: \$1,500 (H&S)

--Smile.amazon.com: \$273.22 so far this school year. (H&S)

*****Grand total profit: \$33,390.58*****

Lilliam reviewed new projects sponsored by the Home and School board. The first phase of a new sound system for the stage area was completed at a cost of \$19,737. Next up will be repairs to the stage curtains (we're still getting quotes) and completion of the sound system, using Boosterthon funds.

Lilliam reminded everyone that smile.amazon.com gives Ascension 0.5 percent of all sales, excluding taxes and shipping. So don't forget to take advantage of this whenever you shop online. Here's the link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/buy anything from amazon.com>

Office Depot/Office Max, meanwhile, rewards Ascension 5 percent of all sales. Just be sure to provide the school code: 70022358. Back-to-school shopping will really rack up the bucks! Here's the online link:

<https://www.officedepot.com/a/content/back-to-school/5percent/>

For parents needing after-school care, there are two categories. The first is for preschoolers from noon to 3 p.m. This is considered extended care. The second, considered after care, is for older students and runs from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Both cost \$4 an hour.

Ms. Violi stood in for Ms. Brady, who was not present, and provided a school update. We will be switching the online system for student information this summer, stay tuned for details. Information on this new parent portal system will be forthcoming, as it becomes available.

Ms. Violi also reported that bingo is now canceled at Ascension, effective as of the end of April. This means no more bingo revenue for the school. Ms. Violi stressed there will be no tuition increase for the 2018-19 year and no drastic tuition increase for 2019-2020.

In other news, the floors in both the cafeteria bathrooms and kindergarten bathrooms have undergone a deep cleaning. More such cleaning is being considered elsewhere in the future, Ms. Violi said.

Iowa test scores will be sent home with students on May 7. End-of-course testing for Algebra 1 and Geometry will take place over the next two weeks.

As for school safety, Ms. Viola said all security plans have been reviewed the past few months, involving both the Brevard County Sheriff's Department as well as local police. A security audit is forthcoming, meanwhile, with new measures already taking effect.

A parent in the audience asked Ms. Violi how much money the school stands to lose because of bingo cancellation. Her reply: up to \$75,000 per school year.

Lastly, Ms. Cassidy's class scored highest for parent attendance.