



PARENTS' CLUB

HPUMC DAY SCHOOL PARENTS' CLUB

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 8th 2026

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

- I. WELCOME AND PRAYER : Lauren Gott
 - Call to order at 9:05
- II. CHANCE'S CAFÉ: Lauren Gott
 - a. As a thank you to all members for a fantastic fall semester coffee and treats have been provided in today's meeting.
 - b. For any upcoming events please consider reaching out to Chance's for coffee, hot chocolate – they can also do snow cones, popcorn or other themed treats. They are excited to partner with us, and we want to encourage and promote that partnership.
- III. NOVEMBER/DECEMBER RECAP: Lauren Gott
 - a. Family Giving Campaign: Amy Goad, Rachael Reekie, Anne Orand (not present)
 - i. Over \$98,000 raised, around 80% participation. Some donations are still coming in – and they are encouraged (we just received an additional \$5,000 this week!).
 - ii. More kid-focused events offered, those sponsorships went over well.
 - iii. We still would like a sponsor for carnival – reaching out to people who needed to wait until January for a new tax year to make their donation. This sponsorship can also be split between families, or those who want to add onto their previous donation.
 - iv. It was discussed having the FGC earlier in the next year. Possibly October (so that there is enough time after the beginning of the year, and before the holidays). It was thought the campaign was a little late in the fall this year.
 - v. Event chairs could increase to 4 people as this event is a large undertaking.
 - b. Bake Sale: Rebecca Morgan
 - i. Staggering the classes into 20 min increments worked well, but the 4's did get a little distracted by the end of the 2 hour block.

- ii. Need more volunteers – this would allow people to walk kids around on a 1 on 1 basis and help them ‘shop’.
 - iii. Raised \$910. Went to Wesley Rankin Center for food insecurity.
 - iv. For next year consider limiting the amount of treats, not the donation. (i.e. send a \$20, but only 5 treats max). Or have kids make 2 dozen treats each, since we did run out this year.
 - v. Micah had the idea to break it into 2 days: The ‘selling’ on the day before so it could be smaller scale – 4’s could travel to different classes. This could push the education element of the event more. Kids could use tickets or punch cards the next day for the ‘buying’.
 - vi. Lean on integrating the Chance’s team – teaching the kids how to sell items, or take a field trip across the street and make cookies.
 - vii. Each class could sell to a grade level to make it more intimate.
 - c. Cookies with Santa: Rachael Reekie
 - i. Cups with lids were a game changer for the milk.
 - ii. Loved the pictures – and all of the crafts that followed from the teachers using those photos.
 - iii. Could separate sessions by age group for shorter attention spans, so older ones can hear the story.
 - iv. Make sure half day goes first for pictures, so parents aren’t picking up at the same time.
 - d. Teacher Events: Vanchelsa Williams, Courtney Aldaco (not present)
 - i. Christmas Party
 - 1. Teachers loved the party at Ozona’s, great team building for the staff.
 - 2. Think about having something at the beginning of August (maybe after the “meet the teacher” and the full prep week) so the teachers could come together off-campus earlier in the year.
 - ii. Cookie Exchange
 - 1. Amazing organization this year with the sign-up genius for varied items.
 - iii. Hot Chocolate Bar
 - 1. Make mobile, since the cart is actually mobile – delivering to teachers in their classrooms.
- IV. CARNIVAL: Adrienne Swaner, Kelsey Morgan, Janie Moreland, Liles Bowden (not preset)
- a. Sending out a sign-up in the next few weeks for sub-committees.
 - b. Raffle basket sign-ups for room parents with suggested list ideas. Raffle will be just for kids’ items, adult items are still welcomed for the silent auction.
 - c. Looking at raffle ticket prices going up in cost this year.
 - d. Silent auction – chairs have already reached out via email to all previous donors, but if any family has additional connections or personal donations please reach out to Janie Moreland or Liles Bowden. (janiemoreland124@gmail.com or lilesbowden@gmail.com)

- e. Kid art – needs a dedicated chair or volunteer. Instead of every class creating something it could be a whole school project, or age-based art. Need an artist to help facilitate (Hayley Eckert may have someone).
 - f. There is no dedicated Carnival t-shirt this year, the shirt to be worn day of will be the same as the FGC shirt. There are more to be purchased in stock on the Spirit Store website.
- V. “SOUP”ER BOWL DRIVE: Rebecca Morgan
 - a. Canned food drive benefitting the Wilkinson Center, February 2nd -6th
 - b. There will be 2 bins in the front office to also choose which team will win with your canned food donation.
- VI. MOMS, MAHJONG AND MINGLE: Mary Irby
 - a. Feb 10th, 6:30-9:30 at the Charleston Club (same price to host there as it was to order tables)
 - b. Ticket sales going live in the next few weeks: use square and check out for free for families that have tickets via the FGC.
 - c. 9 tables of 4, capped at 36 seats: more can attend ‘standing room only’.
 - d. Right now there is no teacher this year, could have people sit with more advanced players to teach.
- VII. WRAP UP: Micah Crissey
 - a. Introduction of Kelsey Foster as our new curriculum director.
 - b. Church still looking at hiring a director of safety.
 - c. Registration = 100% full for next year.
 - d. You can send ‘letters of recommendations’ for new families, but church families will take priority.
 - e. Parent recommendations typically don’t match with best case for the kid – so they might not be accepted this year (they have never formally been accepted in years past).
 - f. The decision to not have a spring scholastic book fair was made. We have over 9k banked from the fall book fair and setting up and running the fair is a huge undertaking for the administration. Parents in the room were very supportive of this decision – the fall book fair lead to a lot of tears and negotiations. The fall 2026 book fair will still happen (1 book fair for the school year).
 - g. Our Graphic Design chair has been relocated out of state, so we will need some help with graphics this spring. If you have any experience with Canva and can help reach out to Lauren Gott (lauren.e.gott@outlook.com).

IMPORTANT DATES

January 14th/15th – ‘Snow Day’ for kids, more information coming, but this is an in-school event for kids only, sponsored by the FGC.

January 15th – Early Closure at 4:45

January 19th – No School

January 30th – 4's Winter Wonderland Concert

February 10th – Moms Mahjong and Mingle, Charleston Club, 6:30-9:30 pm