

# HOLY ANGELS SCHOOL

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## Holy Angels Parent Advisory Council (HAPAC) Thursday, September 10, 2009 \* 7:00PM Science Building

### MINUTES

**Present:** Sister Leonarda Montealto, O.P, Principal; **Executive Officers:** Gina Morabe, Chairman (5); Lorelyn Clemente, Vice-Chair (6); Audrey Balingit, Secretary (1); **Representatives:** Holly Bitanga (K), Alejandra Gonzalez (K), Ruben Rocha (K), Ila Bansil (1), Imelda Gutierrez (2), Roberto Rivera (2), Leonora Pineda (3), Angela Rodriguez (5), Romeo Natan (6), Grace Abad (7), Rosalie Encenzo (7), J. Carlito Panganiban (8), Rizalino Ricasa (8)

**Excused:** Elwin & Maritess Cajugaran (3), Ricardo & Marilyn Cepriano (4), Joselito & Rida Cruz (4), Helena Huerta (4), Dexter & Queenie Vitug (5)

Chairman Gina Morabe called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Sister Leonarda led the opening prayer.

The group unanimously approved the June 1, 2009 minutes through the motion of Romeo and seconded by Carlito.

Sister Leonarda welcomed and introduced the **new representatives:** Holly Bitanga (K), Alejandra Gonzalez (K), Ruben Rocha (K), Imelda Gutierrez (2), Leonora Pineda (3)

### **2009-2010 HAPAC Goals & Objectives**

In the past, Gina used to outline our goals. This year, she said that she is opening it up for suggestions so that the group as a whole will decide the goals and objectives for this year. Gina said that one goal that should definitely be on our list this year is to build our school gym (Mr. Calma's "Building Our Dream" Fund). Sister Leonarda asks us to pray hard because average gyms now cost \$5 million to build.

### **Theme**

After watching the movie "Kung Fu Panda" Gina recalled the conversation that Po, the main character had with his father, Mr. Ping. His dad said, "*To make something special you just have to believe it's special.*" Gina said, "Holy Angels School is a great school because I believe it's a great school. I think you all agree with me; otherwise, you wouldn't be here meeting with us tonight." Inspired by the song "I Believe," Gina came up with the following HAPAC theme for this school year: "**We believe in Holy Angels School.**" Audrey played a CD of Elvis Presley's rendition of "I Believe". Gina provided everyone with a copy of the lyrics so that the group can sing along.

Sister Leonarda introduced "Angel Stories," an idea that Audrey presented at the executive committee meeting on Saturday, August 29, 2009, after the retreat. These are stories of blessings that our school receives. For example, Sr. Leonarda told two stories about donations made to Holy Angels School for \$500 and \$2000. She encouraged us to tell our own Angel Stories in our future meetings.



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## NEW BUSINESS

***Duties and Responsibilities of HAPAC Representatives.*** We reviewed our duties and responsibilities.

### ***HAPAC Photos***

Each couple should submit a 4 x 6 photo by Wednesday, September 16. We need to update our photos on the HAPAC Bulletin Board. Gina will also have us sign a Photo Consent Form in order to put our couple and group photos on the HAPAC link of our the school website. We also need to update our Duties and Responsibilities on the HAPAC link. Audrey will contact Catherine regarding adding the new representatives to the HAPAC Googlegroup.

### ***Parish Fiesta***

The Parish Triduum Themes: Petition, Healing, and Thanksgiving.

Holy Angels School is in charge of the “Mass of Petitions” to be held on Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 pm. Sister Leonarda wants to make sure that we ask parents and parishioners to write down their petitions that will be placed in a bowl. The bowl will be brought to the altar during the Offertory. After the Mass, there will be a movie at the Parish Hall. Hotdogs and other snacks will be sold. Gina is negotiating for “No Homework Night,” so our children can stay for the movie. Sister Leonarda clarified that it’s no homework for the students who attend the event.

On Friday, October 2 at 6:30 pm, a “Mass of Healing” will be held. Invite not only those who need physical healing, but also those who need emotional, financial, and spiritual healing – healing from pain and anger. [NOTE: Structure set-up will begin at 3:30 pm. Parents will earn 2 points per hour worked.]

There will be no 5:45 pm Mass on October 1 and 2.

Our Parish Fiesta is on Saturday, October 3 from 10 am to 2 pm. A “Mass of Thanksgiving” will be held at 4:30 pm.

Sister Leonarda will email the prayers for the three masses created by Fr. Joepel.

Booth set-up will begin as early as 8:00 am. Parents may earn 1 point per hour worked from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, and 2 points per hour during clean-up.

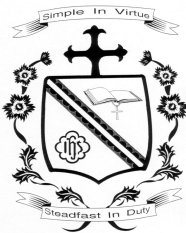
Mrs. Reich will send out a volunteer sign up letter to all parents. HAPAC Reps do not need to create their own letters. We also need to solicit help from our room parents.

Food and Games

Fil-Am Club – arroz caldo and pancit

Knights of Columbus – BBQ

Latin Club – not sure



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K, 1, 2 – Mexican food by El Faro (carne asada, enchilada, tostada, ceviche) and drinks; small jumper  
3, 4, 5 – Breakfast (chicken adobo, grilled beef, longanisa, and pancit) and drinks; face painting and games, like spin the wheel and Q&A, while the kids are in line.  
6, 7, 8 – Turon, banana que, pizza, cantaloupe juice; big slide and games from Mater dela Rosa.

Sister Leonarda stated that ticket boxes will be provided by the church. She also asked that the reps talk about how much the food and games will cost. Each ticket is worth 50 cents.

Imelda emphasized the importance of thanking our sponsors and donors. We can solicit help from the teachers to have our children create “thank you” drawings or letters for our sponsors. Imelda used El Faro, a big donor during past events, as an example for her idea: We should hold a fundraiser at El Faro. We will help in their promotion, and they will help us by donating a percentage of their sales during our fundraiser. (Refer to Mr. Calma’s fundraisers at Rubio’s.)

**Family Mass Guidelines.** Sister Leonarda thanked Gina for creating the “Family Mass Guidelines.” Gina indicated that this was one way of helping the new reps when it’s their turn to host a family mass.

## ***Holy Angels PEACE GARDEN***

In response to the Holy Father’s call to take care of our planet, and our Safe and Caring School Program’s teaching to be aware of our environment, Sister Leonarda wants to pursue the PEACE GARDEN Project. She has partnered up with her friend Vinny (PhD in Agriculture), Mr. Calma (Science), and Mrs. Cordano (Art) to create a program structure and timeline. Children from Grades 5 through 8 will be involved in planning and designing. Parents will be involved in providing materials and in building the garden. The entire school community will be involved in planting and maintenance. Holy Angels will go green.

PEACE - **P**arents’ **E**nhanced **A**ctivities for **C**hildren’s **E**nvironment

GARDEN – **G**lobal **A**ction to **R**ehabilitate the **D**eterioration of **E**nvironment and **N**ature

In order to fund this project, Audrey’s company will present the opportunity to all parents to enroll as customers of environmentally safe products. Five percent of all purchases will be donated towards Holy Angels School. More information will follow regarding the company, especially the opportunity for parents to make extra income during this tough economic time. Audrey will do a presentation and send the website.

Grace said that her company will be able to help us with a more holistic approach by introducing “green” activities. All suggestions are welcome, and we will have a follow-up “Go Green” Meeting.

## ***Holy Angels PARENT AMBASSADORS***

The latest marketing strategy for our school is sending birthday cards to children, who have been baptized at Holy Angels Church. Once they turn 4, a school brochure is sent with the birthday card. Sister Leonarda needs help in giving follow-up calls to the parents of these children. She will email us a job description. We also have to think about businesses that will help promote our school. More details to follow.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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## *Gift Wrap Sale: September 11 - 28*

Last year, the profit was \$10,098.50. Our goal this year is \$11,000.

## *Walk-Jog-A-Thon*

Last year, the profit was \$13,304. Our goal this year is \$13,000.

## *Church Ministers*

Please invite other parents to participate. The next Ministers' Potluck Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11 after the 4:30 pm Mass.

## **EVENT REPORTS**

### *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Mass: Sunday, September 6*

Carlito and Rizal reported that due to the Labor Day Holiday and the Bay Bridge being closed, not all 8<sup>th</sup> Grade families were able to attend. Food was just enough. Gina commented that the students looked good in their uniform. Sister Leonarda stated that the students hosting the family mass are required to be in uniform. We also need to put a "RESERVED" sign on the second, third and fourth pews for the students. The first pew is for the Eucharistic ministers.

### *Welcome Reception: Monday, August 24*

Sister Leonarda wanted to remind us that while it is exciting to catch up with fellow HAPAC Reps, please do not forget to welcome our new parents. Gina said that Mrs. Corral did not want the reception to be held near the Kindergarten room because of the noise. Also, if students hear that their parents are still around, they will not settle down.

### *HAPAC Retreat Recap: Saturday, August 29*

Fr. Joepel facilitated the retreat. There were 13 HAPAC Reps present. Audrey and Gina will consolidate notes and show them to Fr. Joepel before disseminating the final notes to HAPAC. Gina shared a few moments from the retreat, including the theme "Passing on the Light of Christ." She said that Fr. Joepel used this example: When a candle lights another candle, it does not diminish its own light. So we should pass on our light to our children and to everyone in our community.

Sister Leonarda said that the school needs to educate parents about the spiritual aspect of parenting. Talks about parenting and the spiritual aspect of parenting will be scheduled.

### *Class of 1959 Reunion*

September 11: Cheese and wine from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, followed by dinner at the Basque Cultural Center, where Sister Leonarda will give their Golden Diplomas. They will be attending the Mass at 1:00 pm on September 13.

Before the Closing Prayer, Gina said that Opening and Closing Prayers at future HAPAC Meetings will be led by HAPAC Reps. Sister Leonarda will give us ideas on how to lead prayers.

The Closing Prayer was led by Sister Leonarda.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.