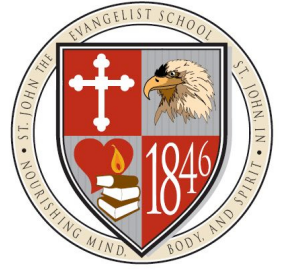


# Home & School Association

## General Meeting Minutes September 15, 2021



- I. **Opening Prayer at 6:40** In attendance was the HAS Board members **Jeanne Lukac (President), Lisa Guzzo (Vice President), Heather DeJarlais (Treasurer and Music teacher) and Matt Fisher (Secretary)**, as well as **Katie Fredericksen (Principal), Dawn Czarnik (Event Coordinator), Sara Bell, Stephanie Degenis, Brittany Miller, Angel B, Bob Csanyi, Adia Bredaw-Csanyi, Mary Skocik, Steve McCrea, Liz Sheeran and Jen Dorn.**

Ms. Lukac opening statement: HSA role is to be voice of parents as well as support fundraiser organizations and efforts and provide guidance to where the funds from the fundraising events are allocated. HSA weighs and discusses financial needs raised by school faculty and approve where the funds shall go. Support all volunteering efforts.

### II. Volunteer Responses

- a. Parking Lot Chaperone (4)
  - i. Process is going ok so far.
  - ii. Parking lot chaperones should be trained to guide pre-schoolers drop-off.
  - iii. Ms. Fredericksen raised the question of asking for afternoon volunteers.
  - iv. Ideas raised to have SJE media team prepare and distribute an arrival and dismissal video.
- b. Lunch Room (3)
  - i. Need 3 more for Wednesdays (12 noon to 1PM)
- c. Virtual Room Parent (11)
  - i. Support teacher; collect plates and napkins from other parents or procure themselves; anything helpful to teacher that can be done outside class room.
  - ii. Discussion about some confusion about what Room Parents will do given limitations of not being in the classroom.
- d. Bulk Mail Assistance (23)

### III. Upcoming Events

- a. **St. John Oktoberfest** (September 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>)
  - i. Ms. Czarnik asked if more hours (up to 6 hours) could be earned to encourage higher participation. Currently, families are limited to 3 hours.
- b. **Race For Education** (October 22nd)
  - i. Occurs on a Friday (45 minute event; 8:30 AM Round 1; 1PM Round 2). Last year was done just during gym class.
  - ii. Smoothies and water are served afterwards to students (Smoothie King typically sponsors)

- iii. Volunteers: Ms. Degenis recommended Room Parent plus one (1) other they recruit; or if the Room Parent cannot attend must find two (2) volunteers.
- iv. Dawn Czarnik has a map of routes each grade walks (older kids go further than younger grades).
- v. \$40K was raised last year, Dawn thinks potential for a bit more this year.

**c. Halloween Party & All Saints Day**

- i. Halloween theme was nixed last few years in favor of All Saints theme only
- ii. Ms. Lukac re-introduced Halloween theme to be revived this year
- iii. Halloween falls on a Sunday this year; All Saints holy day of obligation falls on Monday, November 1, 2021.
- iv. Halloween parties proposed for Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>; Students may wear black and orange; Virtual Room Parent to be contacted by teachers
- v. All Saints dress up allowed on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**d. Book Fair (November)**

- i. Ms. Fredericksen proposed moving to the Spring in order to give more time for COVID to play out.

**IV. Supplements For Teachers (PASS)**

- a. Ms. Lukac described this as historically a cash/gift card effort organized by Room Parents to give something to teachers at holiday
- b. Issues around certain class parents doing substantially more than others
- c. Concept raised for a HSA fee to be charged directly so that teacher/aide pot can be allocated more evenly
- d. Teacher Appreciation; Ms. Fredericksen proposed food truck and massage chairs.
- e. For further consideration/discussion:
  - i. time to still do this before holidays?
  - ii. Can we set up separate account for electronic contributions?
  - iii. What is goal to collect per student or give to faculty/aides?

**V. Financial Update**

- a. 5K Race Fundraiser did well this Summer – raised nearly \$8K. Ms. Degenis commented that the event was very well run.
- b. Ms. Lukac comment: Focus for spending is on class rooms and bathrooms. Waiting for numbers from Mr. Cooper and will present to Church to determine amount of funding they would share. Parking lot project is expensive and not at tier 1 priority.
- c. HSA wants to take on more of a roll in supporting Music (new Ukuleles) and also Art, Robotics and other clubs (i.e. stipends for teachers coaching/running clubs).

**VI. Open Discussion**

- a. Ms. Degenis mentioned that informal Facebook pages were being created by individual class which was helpful for parents in the same classes to connect/ask questions, etc. Suggestion is for Room Parents to be encouraged to set these up for each grade.
- b. What are additional things being done for Blake Boswell (cancer patient receiving chemo treatments). Ms. Fredericksen mentioned prayer services each week and that all were wearing Yellow to school to support him on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- c. Dawn Czarnik will be reaching out soon for Spring Fling volunteers.
- d. Question from concerned parent: Is there going to be a mask mandate? Ms. Fredericksen confirmed we are following State and Federal guidelines. Concern from parent is that governor has already taken the position about not mandating masks. 81% supported optional mask at parents' discretion when SJE survey was taken. Ms. Fredericksen emphasized matters concerning COVID are under continuous evaluation and policy changes will be implemented quickly as circumstances evolve.
- e. Question: Is there a school board? Ms. Lukac responded there is/was an advisory board that met semi-frequently prior to COVID.  
Ms. Fredericksen comment: There will be a vision/mission team created with stakeholders inside and outside school.  
What about clubs this year (Robotics, etc.): Ms. Fredericksen to include comments in Weekly Update memo.

## **VII. Closing Prayer**