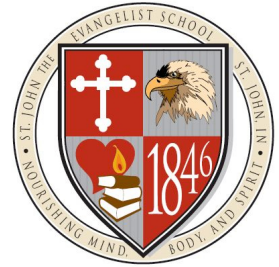


Home & School Association

**General Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2022
6:30 PM**



- I. **Opening Prayer at 6:33 PM.** In attendance were the HSA Board members Jeanne Lukac (President), Lisa Guzzo (Vice President), Heather DeJarlais (Treasurer and Music teacher) and Matt Fisher (Secretary), Brittany Miller, Emily Borrelli, Kathy Hartman, Ashlyn Knesek, Jennie Pawlak, Mary Skocik, Chris Bohling, Olga Cervantes, Katie Hurey, Jamie McGarry, John Dietzer and Caryn Groen.

- II. **Approval of minutes for November 17, 2021 meeting**
Motion to approve minutes passed.

- III. **Upcoming Events**
 - a. **Book Fair**
 - i. SJE gym during school hours only Monday, January 24th through Wednesday, January 26th
 - ii. Virtual purchases open January 24th through February 6th
Ms. Miller: Book fair will be set up in gym; kids and teachers can come down and make wish lists then highly encouraged to make purchases virtually. Volunteers still welcome beginning on Saturday set-up. Scholastic will match whatever is earned and contribute toward school purchases/teacher wish lists. Loose change donations will go toward book purchases at library.
Ms. Knesek: Is there a way to donate directly? Ms. Miller suggested contacting children's teachers.
 - b. **Open House (Sunday, January 30th 11AM-2PM)**
Ms. Lukac: No breakfast this year but if anyone knows interested families please encourage them to attend.
The need for volunteers is TBD. Ms. Miller discussed veteran families to show up and lead tours.
 - c. **CSW (January 31st – February 5th)**
Ms Dejarlias: Email forthcoming to describe activities during CSW
Ms. Lukac: On Friday of CSW, we'll order pizza slices from Sicilian Joe's; Individually packaged ice cream will be passed out in afternoon.
One day they have a color theme by grade where they wear that color instead of uniforms.
 - d. **Valentine's Day Party (Friday, February 11th)**
Discussion regarding passing out Valentine's. This year, the guidance from school advises against passing out treats and Valentines, but

discretionary at teacher/Room parent level.
Middle schoolers will receive Jimmy John's lunch.

e. **Ash Wednesday (March 2nd)**

Ms Lukac: Typically Lenten Lunch is done with 'Round the Clock that includes soup and bread.

TBD as date approaches – historically the lunch occurs close to Easter toward the end of Lent.

f. **Spring Fling (Friday, April 22nd)**

- i. Sponsorship packets are available and Dawn is distributing
- ii. Auction donations being accepted (vacation home stays, sporting event tickets, etc.)
- iii. Volunteer opportunities: <https://www.sjeschool.org/hsa>

Ms Lukac described the event similar to a wedding reception with raffles, auctions, game room, dinner, drinks and dancing. Spring Fling is 1 of 2 events in which all money raised goes entirely to the school (RACE is the other) versus being divided among church and school. Volunteer hours for Spring Fling are generally not limited as with other events. Raffle baskets are prepared by each class (typically parents contribute \$10) to get students and parents involved in prizes for fundraising.

g. **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2022)**

Ms. Lukac: We are in need of a chairperson to organize the week.

Typically, HSA has funded something special is done each day during the week, like Starbucks, a plant, a breakfast, a lunch, etc. There are 23 teachers plus aids that are typically included.

Ms Groen, Ms. Lukac and Ms. Guzzo discussed coverage/recognition of staff or others (Mr. Hoke/landscaping). Ms Lukac responded with the holiday and other appreciation gifts included staff. Discussion among several concluded that additional recognition should be considered depending on resources available in the future.

IV. Guardian Angel Program – new SJE families

Ms. Lukac described that Kathy Hartman had volunteered to chair this program. Ms Hartman: After list of new families is known, I will reach out to other parents of students in the same grades to sponsor/guide new families and perhaps join them when attending school/church events.

V. Financial Update

- a. **Status of funds available**
- b. **P.A.S.S.**

c. Other

Ms. DeJarlias: We are on budget but haven't funded certain things yet, such as the Spirit Wear store that Ms. Fredericksen would like to start for on-site spirit wear sales. On behalf of the teachers, PASS was very much appreciated at Christmas. 70 of 238 families contributed.

Ms. Lukac: PASS contributions will be encouraged again for a Spring/year-end bonus.

Discussion among HAS board and parents about how to encourage greater participation and what expectations might be at Christmas versus the Spring from both the teachers' and the parents' perspective. The HSA board is continuing to refine its approach to increase awareness and participation. Special mention will be made at Spring Fling which is expected to be successful.

Ms. Dejarlias gave a status on how much middle school grades had left for parties. HSA contributes \$10 per student for parties to be funded throughout the school year. Teachers/room parents submit receipts to Heather for reimbursement to that limit.

HSA budget still has \$75,000 set aside to remodel 3 bathrooms. Other items for consideration are playground mulch and parking lot cones.

VI. Open Discussion

Ms. Lukac: Also at Spring Fling we are doing an athletics-specific fundraiser for new uniforms.

VII. Closing Prayer.

7:50 PM meeting adjourned.