

Home & School Association

General Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2023
6:30 PM



I. Opening Prayer at 6:38 PM

In attendance were Jeanne Lukac (HSA President), Lisa Guzzo (Vice President), Heather DeJarlais (Treasurer), Matt Fisher (Secretary), Frank Mikesic, Ashlyn Knesek, Jamie McGarry, Kyoko Hahn, and Marianne Trgovich.

II. Open Positions:

a. HSA President and VP (nominations)

Ms Lukac: There are open President and VP roles. They're fun roles that the new principal has made all the more enjoyable. She has been very hands-on in working with us. The Events have been streamlined and we feel like things have been simplified. Send any nominations in email. We will have elections at the final HSA meeting in May.

b. Event coordinator was hired, Crystal Q.

III. Past Events

a. Daddy Daughter Dance

Saturday, February 4, 2023; 5-9PM at Innsbrook Country Club

Jamie McGarry: It turned out great. We didn't do a host event survey. We perhaps should have – it was a great event, but the layout of the venue was awkward at times. Next year there are probably options at Innsbrook to get a different more open layout. If anyone has additional suggestions, please notify Stephanie Bracken [event chairperson].

b. Book Fair

Sunday, February 12, 2023; 12 noon-3PM (school and parish families)

Mon-Wed (February 13-15); opening at 7:30AM during school hours for students

Ms Lukac: It went very well. The new contractor was easy to work with and we brought in about the same money we did last year. Probably around \$3,000. We are going to let the teachers do Amazon wish lists for things they need for their classrooms and Ms. Grimmer is going to get some requests fulfilled for the library.

IV. Upcoming Events

a. Lenten Soup Lunch

April 5, 2023

Ms Lukac: The kids will not need to bring in or order lunch this day. 'Round the Clock is donating the food.

b. Spring Fling

Friday, April 21, 2023

Ms Lukac: All tables will be reserved. You can put names in or just indicate that you'd like to sit with parents of children in a certain grade, etc. Family style - 10 per table. Chicken, beef tips, and a vegetarian option will be main dishes. This year the bar is premium – 5 hours open top shelf. There will be typical games, auction and dancing like prior years. The auction will be live again as we've hired an auctioneer.

[Several auction items were discussed.]

PASS paddle-raise

Mystery prize paddle raise to raise funds for bathroom remodels

All tickets are for sale on-line: www.sjespringfling.org

c. Field Day

May 19, 2023

Mr. Mikesic: I have been in touch with Jill Pierce and the Principal to begin planning. Lots of ideas we are going through in previous years activities to choose prioritized what activities worked best at the various grade-levels. Ms. DeJarlais: Last year there was a short time the 8th graders shared with their kindergarten buddies.

[Discussion about new activities/games and how to discuss with the Principal.]

d. Graduation Mass 8th Grade Reception

May 24, 2023:

Mr. Fisher: HSA funds the event – we need a coordinator which traditionally is a parent of a 7th grader, plus volunteers made up of 7th grader- parents.

Ms. DeJarlais: There will be a K graduation ceremony, there will be special tee shirts, a video and other treats that will involve the school plus the parents in the gym the morning of the last day of school (a Wednesday).

Teacher appreciation is coming up. MaryGrace Fagen planned it last year. It will probably be first week of May 2023.

Order pizza for Field Day (Mr. Mikesic said he spoke to them and will do 10 days before for staff, students and volunteers).

Discussion about costs for this in previous years.

[Discussion about Field Day security staff at various locations (Civic Park, school, etc.)]

V. Financial Update

a. PASS program Spring 2023 goal

donations: <http://pass22.givesmart.com/>

Ms. McGarry: We are well on our way to meeting the annual goal of \$60K (more than ½) and hoping we can beat it, especially with the paddle raise at Spring Field

b. Treasury Update

Ms. DeJarlais: If anyone has any reimbursement items, please let me know.

The Treasury has \$73K. The total needed for a year and all of its events is \$84K not including special projects, items and remodels.

We collaborated with K.O.C. [Knights of Columbus] to pay for a new refrigerator for gym.

I've been talking to 8th grade about 8th grader trip and costs.

Ms. Fanno wrote a nice letter thanking the HSA for the Challenger trip for 5th Graders. They were thrilled and very excited about this trip.

We are taking the 7th grade Holocaust Museum trip as well.

Closing prayer and meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.