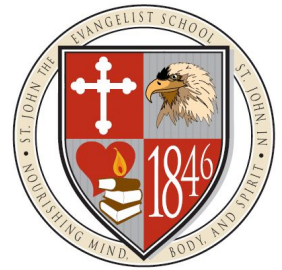


Home & School Association

Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2022

6:30 PM



- I. **Opening Prayer at 6:30PM.** In attendance were the HSA Board members Jeanne Lukac (President), Lisa Guzzo (Vice President), Heather DeJarlais (Treasurer and Music teacher) and Matt Fisher (Secretary), Principal Katie Fredericksen, Dawn Czarnick, Stephanie Bracken, Jill Pierce, Brittany Miller, Sara Bell, Mary Silocik, Juanida Vazquez, Frank Mikesic, and John Deitzer

- II. **Approval of minutes for February 23, 2022 meeting**
Motion to approve minutes passed.

- III. **Upcoming Events**
 - a. **Lenten lunch tomorrow (sponsored by 'Round The Clock)**
- Send donations with students to support Acuna and Vukojevic families
Ms. Lukac described the event for the meeting participants and opportunity to make donations.

 - b. **Spring Fling (Friday, April 22, 2022)**
 - i. Raffle baskets (get any outstanding donations into Room Parent ASAP)
Open discussion about difficulty getting raffle basket volunteers and collecting donations from all families. Multiple emails have limited results. Ideas exchanged about (1) quantifying contributions for various events and fees by month in future years; (2) educating parents at 5-K or back to school night (3) asking Room Parent to quantify and collect all required and voluntary amounts at the beginning of year to streamline the process.
 - ii. Purchase tickets and reservations: www.stjohnspringfling.org
 - iii. Volunteer opportunities: <https://www.sjeschool.org/hsa>
Dawn reported auction items are mostly in and being entered into system. Friday, April 8 is the deadline for tickets. There are a few volunteer opportunity slots available. All-in-all, everything is coming together in a timely fashion.
Ms Czarnik confirmed that she can publicize paddle raise items prior to event.

 - c. **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-6, 2022)**
MaryGrace Fagen has organized and prepared a flyer for the daily meals/treats. The planning for this event is complete.

d. Field Day (May 19, 2022)

Stephanie Bracken and Jill Pierce will chair the event. Ms. Bracken and Ms. Fredericksen discussed that 8th-graders could meet with their Kindergarten “buddies” for a slot of time during Field Day. Tug of war begins at 1:30. Other events and logistics are in the process of being organized/scheduled with back up plans for bad weather.

e. 8th Grade Dance (May 13th) and Graduation Mass (May 18, 2022)

Ms Mamelson and student counsel are organizing. Mr. Purvine will DJ. Depending on cost, there may be a balloon drop. Total allocated HSA funds are \$1,000. Michelle Mahoney is organizing the reception for the graduation mass in the narthex. Ms. Fredericksen mentioned there would be a practice at the church on the prior evening (17th). Graduation mass begins at approximately 6:30PM, followed by a video and awards/reception. The event is expected to take a couple hours including the mass. Ms. Bracken asked if tickets were required. Ms. Guzzo mentioned she would reach out to Ms. Mahony to learn what to expect for RSVP and family seating process.

IV. Financial Update

Ms. Lukac reported on the 3 class room remodels covered in prior meetings. She reported that contractors and materials refreshed quotes are coming in closer to \$80K per classroom vs \$75K budgeted initially due to rising labor costs over the past couple years. Ms. Lukac does not expect these increases to prevent the HSA from funding as planned this Summer.

a. Acoustic tiles and playground update

The HSA received quotes for both of these items which were too costly to pursue further this year.

Ms. Fredericksen asked if acoustic tiles and bathroom remodels on 2nd floor could be priorities next year.

b. Recently approved items (Spirit wear store; K-2 books, 7th and 8th grade field trips)

Ms. Fredericksen reported that students were thrilled about these items coming back after being cancelled in prior 2 years due to COVID. Bus service/transportation for events continues to be the most difficult part due to driver availability and rising fuel costs.

c. Hallow App purchase consideration

Ms. Fredericksen reported that Hallow App is a Catholic app with something for everybody including adults. It would be a good tool for the SJE community with everything ranging from calm music to games and meditation programs. Cost was estimated at \$2000 for 250-500 users. She expressed appreciation for HSA’s consideration for this program next school year.

d. Other

Ms. Dejarlais mentioned requests for certain financial reports were made of the Diocese that should be helpful in preparing budgets going forward.

V. Open Discussion

Ms. Guzzo reported that a parent had reached out to her concerned about lack of recess time for middle-schoolers.

Question from parent regarding issue with science curriculum that was raised in an email this afternoon. Ms. Fredericksen responded that the curriculum materials purchase several years ago that predated her does not exactly line-up with state standard in the manner and order certain topics are taught during middle school years but in aggregate, all items were being covered. She reported that she and the dean were in the process of aligning the subject matter from existing curriculum materials to coincide with the required order and timing in the state standards. A complete replacement of curriculum materials was costly (> \$50,000) but they could accomplish the same by manually adjusting it as described.

VI. Closing Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM