

Home & School Association

General Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021
6:30 PM



- I. **Opening Prayer at 6:32 PM.** In attendance were the HSA Board members **Jeanne Lukac (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, Michelle Havens, Frank Mikesic, Kathy Hartman, Mary Skocik, Melissa Gould, Holly Busse, Dana Dietzer, and Amy Stein.**

Introductions of HAS Board and attendees.

September 15, 2021 meeting minutes approved.

II. Past Events

a. **Octoberfest**

Ms. Czarnik: Very crowded. Nearly \$50,000 raised. Event and funds raised have grown substantially since it started (raised \$10 - \$15K initially).

b. **Race for Education**

Ms. Czarnik reported that approximately \$50,000 raised (nearly 25% increase over previous year event)

Ms. Lukac commented that Octoberfest is a Parish-event while Race for Education is a school event (100% of funds stay with school).

Ms. Degenis comment: 5k tee shirts were not allowed as spirit wear (due to colors). It would be nice if event gear could double as spirit wear.

Ms. Czarnik, Ms. Degenis and others exchanged ideas for raising additional tee shirt funds with sponsors, etc.

Ms. Lukac and Ms. Fredericksen confirmed that lunch room and parking lot help was sufficient. We will send forms to solicit 2nd semester volunteers in the coming weeks.

III. Upcoming Events

a. **NET (National Evangelization Teams) Retreat (November 30th)**

Ms. Fredericksen: Mr. Rabito will spear head this event. 5th – 8th grades participate. It's a day-long event with outside speakers.

b. **St. Nick's (December 6th)**

Amy will drop treats in "shoes" on desks Sunday evening before kids arrive (Monday, December 6th). Issue raised for RE rooms which will be used Sunday which could interfere with shoes being left on there desks on Friday before they

leave for weekend. Solution raised that children in RE rooms will leave shoes lined up near wall out of the way.

Nut-free candy will be the treats.

c. December 13th – 17th

i. PJs/Polar Express

Monday – PJ day

Friday – Red and green wear day

ii. Christmas Teacher Luncheon

Box-lunches will be made and delivered by Butterfingers.

iii. Other

Ms Fredericksen: Advent committee arranged for middle-schoolers to do nativity show for the younger grades.

Ms. Dejarlais: K through 5th can wear red and green on December 6th for Christmas program.

Ms. Miller introduced a potential special moment for last school masses before Christmas break. During mass Santa would walk down aisle with a gift for baby Jesus and place it on the alter.

d. CSW (January 30th – February 5th)

Events TBD. Ms. Fredericksen confirmed there would be an open house and potentially a reception in lieu of a pancake breakfast.

Ms. Bell suggested having additional parent “ambassadors” during reception.

Ms. Hartman expressed interest in reviving a committee for new families/students for school. Ms. Csarnik mentioned the sponsors for new families were formerly called “guardian angels”. Ms. Lukac requested a volunteer request be made. Ms. Degenis suggested a new family orientation video (drop-off, NUT day explanation, what “AR” means, etc.).

e. Book Fair

Ms Lukac: End of January timeframe. Ms. Miller is organizing and once there is an agenda, it will be posted to SJE.

IV. Financial Update

- a. Status of P.A.S.S.** (Parent Assisted Supplemental Salary). Ms. Lukac reiterated that this is replacing the one-off Room Parent requests for money from various class rooms to aggregate into gifts to teachers. This is a school-wide collection that results in a straight cash bonus and likely more equitable to the teachers and aids as a whole.

Ms. Dejarlais reported that 31 of ~238 families have submitted donations to date.

Ms. Czarnik: We could use a separate GiveSmart account (service used for Spring Fling auction) so people could donate with credit cards.

Several discussion points around improving the messaging for P.A.S.S. such as

being more specific about whether it is a bonus or gift intent and debate over whether to make a specific dollar amount request for each family/student versus requesting donations with no specific parameters to encourage maximum participation.

b. **Other**

Ms. Lukac and Ms. Fredericksen: We potentially have \$75,000 for remodeling the 3 remaining classrooms. Ms. Lukac suggested the playground mulch to be replaced with rubber/foam mulch or padding. Ms. Csarnik may add this as a specific donation item in Spring Fling fund raise.

Ms. Dejarlias explained process for parties/room parents. Receipts for party costs can be saved and submitted to HSA for reimbursement (up to \$10 per student reimbursable).

V. Open Discussion

Ms. Lukac: Men's club usually sends chocolates to teachers (costing almost \$1,000). Suggest contributing to PASS instead.

Suggestion for more fundraisers (like a bingo night). Ms. Lukac explained there are only so many gambling events allowed for the parish and school. Our Pastor must approve additional events.

Ms. Fredericksen:

1. Gym shirts – Can HSA fund the tee shirts and the hoodies (for 8th graders)? School crest on front and signatures of class mates on the back.
2. Potential loan request from HSA for inventory of Spirit Wear. I would like to have an on-site “store” to sell gear during games or for people to purchase gear during business hours.
3. Issue with current vendors not offering small enough sizes for K – 3. Iron-on patches may be a solution as well as learning about other vendors and what they can offer and what additional costs would be to use more accommodating vendors, etc. Additional challenges due to overall economic conditions, supply shortages and rising prices.

Question from parent:

What are the emails about TRIP? Ms Lukac explained they are gift cards that retailers will fund a percentage contribution that can be used for tuition savings or you can elect to have percentage contributions made to scholarship funds for lower-income families. Carmen Shaffer runs the program every semester and has all information.

Suggestion made to revive “uniform closet” for donating out-grown items for other families to swap. Ms. Degenis requested a “swap” to be held in October when boys switch to pants.

Ms. Csarnik: Spring Fling tentatively planned for April 22, 2022.

VI. Closing Prayer – 8:34 PM meeting adjourned