

Home and School Association

Meeting Minutes

Feb. 8 – 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:11pm

In attendance: Aimée Bergan, Lisa Henry, Jill Right, Cheryl Brown, Suzanne Moore, Erin Killion, Emily McAtee, Danielle, Emert, Kelly Mehan, Alicia Albus, Kerry Keeney, Ellen Fesler, Fr. John Vien, Dedra Karpen, Emily Schoemehl, Denise Watkins, MaryJo Nordmann, Jennifer Grimmer, Molly Kerckhoff, Jennifer Hulsen, Janice Loeffelman, Michael Nieman

Opening Prayer – Kelly Mehan

Approval of minutes – Aimée Bergan

Moved to approve by Jennifer Hulsen, seconded by MaryJo Nordman, approved

Treasurer's Report – Ellen Fesler/Molly Kelly

- Staff Gift Fund - \$185 given to each teacher, \$100/custodian, cafeteria, traffic; Average donated was \$100/family; approximately 137 families participated (out of 226 families)
- Budget – largest expenses since November were \$2000 for heating system, teacher Christmas party \$800, Grandparents Day we were under budget a bit, and Catholic Schools Week we were over budget by a bit

Principal's Report –Mr. Michael Nieman

- Christmas party for faculty was a huge success – thank you
- Catholic Schools Week was a huge hit – thank you
- 4 teachers spent a day observing other schools' Makerspaces and how they use them, so they are now prepared to make their wishlist
- We will need to replace 50 laptops and all desk tops in both computer labs
- Trying to clean-up/declutter school – clothing resale rack is now in the Conference Room, metal cabinet for Safety Patrol rusted floor, so planning to put stop sign and key in office for Traffic Duty
- Lots of families have been touring school
- Possible start of school Aug. 15
- Still exploring 1:1 option for laptops for upper grade students

Pastor's Report – Fr. John

- Thank you for being involved and active in parish and school
- Lent – time for prayer, fasting and works of mercy; church will be doing collection for Queen of Mercy parish in Houston again
- PLT looking for permanent parish secretary and 2 full-time positions (Parish Communications Director: bulletins, marquis, FlockNotes, Work with all parish organizations to coordinate calendars and missions; and a Director of Faith Formation to work with adults)

Board of Education – Danielle Emert

- Reminder to sign in at office whenever you are in the building
- Pre-school and Middle School open houses were very well attended
- Iowa scores – we are above average
- New tax law – possible benefits to parents -> may present info at Registration meeting

Old Business –

- S.H.O.P. – Jill Right/Kelly Mehan/Mary Koestner
 - Looking for a Chair for next year
 - Almost 50% participation of school families
 - \$4500 profit YTD (goal is \$15,000)
 - Need more help on committee: if you can help a couple of hours per week, please let the committee know
- Box Tops – Erin Killion
 - It's back!
 - Prize this year is dress down day and being on the Morning Show
 - All money raised goes to playground equipment
 - Will also be asking families to donate extra balls they may have in their garage – Erin will send info to Janice for MQP weekly
- Bratfest – Danielle Emert
 - Final numbers in: profit of \$1012 – sold all but 18 beer steins
 - Next year Jim Kelly's band will perform
 - Always last Sunday of Sept – Sept. 30, 2018

New Business –

- Auction
 - Chairs are Ellen Fesler and Kerry Keeney
 - November 3, 2018
 - If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please let Ellen and Kerry know ASAP as they are already working on it

- Open Positions for next year:
 - Assistant Treasurer
 - Shadow for Grandparents' Day
 - Shadow for Hospitality
 - MQP Weekly
 - Shadow for School Supplies
 - Shadow for Volunteer Coordinator
 - If you are interested in any of these positions, please let Katie Wedding or Aimée Bergan know.
 - Shadow for VP of Social
 - Shadow for Trunk or Treat
 - Shadow for VP of School
 - Shadow for Sandwich Program
 - Shadow for Stewardship Program
 - Shadow for MiniAuction Chairs (Sprinfest)
- New Position: Hospitality
 - Jennifer Hulsen and Danielle Emert will be taking these positions for next year to work on events like Open Houses, Pricipal Coffees, Faculty Christmas party, etc.

President's Report –

- Adoration: Thursday, Feb. 15 from 10-11pm: Katie Wedding and Dedra Karpen
- Thank yous:
 - Staff Holiday Party (Jennifer Hulsen and Danielle Emert)
 - Staff Gift Fund (Molly Kelly)
 - Catholic Schools' Week (Jen Duffy and Amy Golden)

BINDERS DUE FOR:

- Bratfest
- Catholic Schools Week
- Trunk-or-Treat
- Grandparents' Day
- Scholastic Book Fair

Next Meetings: VP Committees: April 12 at 7:00 in Holy Family Room
 HASA Board: May 10 at 7:00 in Holy Family Room – this date may change due to 8th grade play – stay tuned!

Prayer: Danielle Emert

Beverages: Beth Otto

Snack: Yvette Pelikan