



## MQP Home & School Association - Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2022 at 7pm

Holy Family Room

	<i>Jennifer Hulsen, HASA President, called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the first meeting of the year. All attendees introduced themselves. Total meeting attendance: 24 people</i>
7:00 – 7:05	<b>Opening Prayer</b> - Father Craig
7:05 - 7:10	<b>Secretary's Report</b> - Karen Reilly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roster Review/Updates</li> </ul> <i>Karen Reilly distributed a master roster list so that all present could check that their contact information is correct. This master list records both phone numbers and emails to be used for easy HASA communication – if anyone would prefer that their phone number not be shared/used for non-urgent communication, please let Karen know.</i>
7:10 – 7:40	<b>Event Updates - Chairpersons</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spirit Wear - Jessie Austermann</li> </ul> <i>Jessie Austermann reported that spirit wear is currently open for orders, and will close on Sunday 8/28. After the order window closes, Jessie will meet with the vendor to 'tweak' the offerings – see what's in stock/available, what are best sellers/duds, etc. If you have ideas for spirit wear offerings you would like to see, contact Jessie. Jessie reported that \$2000 was raised last year; this year's total will exceed that. Idea was raised to have a booth at Bratfest to sell basic spirit wear offerings - Jessie to explore possibilities. Idea was raised to add a \$10 registration fee to new family registrations to pay for a t-shirt so new students would have instant spirit wear - this idea has been raised in the past and will be noted for next year's registration.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Supplies/Playground Balls - Lindsey Field</li> </ul> <i>Lindsey Field reported that 100 families pre-ordered school supplies for a total of \$4000 in total sales resulting in a net profit for MQP of \$1000. A portion of these proceeds was spent on 60 new playground balls. Due to supply chain issues, these balls will arrive in intervals – 18 balls will arrive next week 8/30. Lindsey has coordinated with Mrs. Goodwille and Mr. Suellentrop on specific needs – Mr. Suellentrop will manage the new inventory of balls and distribute them as needed.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buddy Family - Yvette Pelikan/Jen Daake</li> </ul> <i>Jen Daake reported that the Buddy Family Pizza Party was a great success, receiving an abundance of positive feedback. About 37 new families (= 50 new students) were welcomed – a large increase from as recently as five years ago. Gifts were distributed at the party to new families – MQP tervis tumblers that were leftover from a prior event were stuffed with a welcome package created by Angela Fiordelsi of the Rectory staff. The gifts were a huge hit – Jen and Yvette feel this is an important part of welcoming new families. Suggestion was made to continue some sort of gift – the treasurer can assist with which budget this should be part of. Over 100 new student signs were distributed – this took many volunteers. Several suggestions were made for next year's chairpersons to evaluate: add more volunteers due to large scope of work in a short time period, have HASA Chairpersons/Exec Board/Ambassadors in attendance at the pizza party to inform about HASA and generate interest.</i>

- Ice Cream Social - Mari Barringer

*Mari reported that the event was a huge success with high attendance, receiving an abundance of positive feedback. The amount of ice cream purchased was right on target, with very few leftovers – these will be heading to the teachers' lounge. Mari recommends teaming up with the Athletic Association again next year for the pep rally – everyone enjoyed it.*

- Volunteers

*All-School Volunteers (SUG) - Denise Watkins*

*Denise Watkins reported that the all school event sign-up genius SUG will go live on Sun 8/28 at 7pm. Information will be communicated in the MQP Weekly on 8/26 and a separate HASA flock note is planned for Sunday 8/28. Each school family is asked to volunteer for 3 slots per child K-8 and 2 slots per child Preschool – of these, at least 1 commitment per child should be from the all-school/parish event board (not the grade specific ones). If everyone fulfills their required number of commitments, every slot will be filled! Countless volunteer opportunities exist for all times of day, spread all throughout the year. Denise needs an assistant chair to take over this position next year – she explained that it is a job you can do on your own time. Please contact Denise if you are interested in learning more!*

*Recess/Traffic - Andrea Travers*

*Andrea Travers reported that while recess duty is almost filled, numerous traffic volunteer spots are still open. Andrea expressed the importance of filling these spots for the safety of all students and parents, alike. Andrea also needs an assistant chairperson to take over for next year; this job can be done according to your schedule, on your time – and you can reuse SUGs already created from prior years. Please contact Andrea if you are interested in learning more!*

*Cafeteria - Mary Speciale*

*Mary Speciale reported that most slots for cafeteria duty are filled – review the SUG for open slots if interested. This year only two volunteers are required most days with just Wednesdays (pizza Day) still requiring 3 slots. Thanks to all who have already volunteered! Note - you are welcome to bring younger children with you to your cafeteria duty (but not recess duty). A sub list was also recently created/distributed for last minute cancellations.*

- Grandparents' Day - Ann Beckmann

*Ann reported that Grandparents' Day will be celebrated on Friday, 9/9 with a brief service in church starting at 9:30am followed by numerous activities in school including a photo booth in the lobby, an art display, games in the gym and tours of the classroom. More details coming in the MQP Weekly on 8/26.*

- Bratfest - Jill/TJ Scherbel

*Bratfest 2022 is scheduled for 9/25, from 4-7pm. Tickets are currently on sale so please complete the pre-orders. Food and festivities will be similar to last year with much of the food donated by several resources including the Donley and Pollaci families and the Women's League. We have also received a very generous donation from Grey Eagle for beer/seltzers. There will be FREE pony rides and a petting zoo. Also, free inflatables in the gym, young families kids corner, and face painting. Entertainment will be provided by Fr. Tim Cook's band and MQP's own Kelly's Heroes. Mass is scheduled for 3pm.*

- Auction - Jill Azar/Julie Redmond

*Invitations and registration will be ready the first week of September. Invitations will be mailed to all parishioners, school and PSR families. A total of 1500 going out. RSVP will be online only through the Give Smart Link. Raffle tickets will be available and sold at Grandparents' Day. We will be using QR codes for that along with registration and the Amazon wish list. The auction kick off will take place starting Monday, September 12. It will conclude at Sunday mass. This will be a daily competition. Encouraging students and parents to either bring in a monetary donation, gift card or purchase off of the Amazon wish list. There will be a daily raffle winner*

	<p>for anyone that participates. Working on the flier to introduce the week along with the details. We are still accepting sponsorships on all levels along with silent auction donations. We are capping the oral auction items at roughly 10. We are about there! But if you have something fabulous please don't hesitate to reach out. We have some amazing items along with a few surprises that are in the works!! Auction website is LIVE but still needs to fill in with info from each committee. This will be a great resource. Be sure to also follow MQP Auction on instagram. Fund-A-Need video will be shot at Bratfest. All interviews will take place that day. Please attend the afternoon mass to show a packed house! Anyone interested in being on a committee please contact Jill Azar or Julie Redmond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitality - Mari Barringer/Kylene Blumeyer</li> </ul> <p>Kylene reported that Hospitality continues to stock the teacher's lounge with snacks and beverages for the teachers. Mari and Kylene are also working on new ideas, including sprucing up the teachers' lounge and having different grades 'sponsor' the teachers each month – providing special treats and a chance to win donated prizes (Cardinals or Fox tickets, gift cards, etc.) More details to come with all efforts aimed at showing our enormous appreciation for the MQP teachers and staff.</p>
7:40 - 7:45	<p><b>Board of Education Report - Danielle Emert</b></p> <p>Danielle Emert reported that typically the Board's first meeting of the school year is in September but with all the things the Board is working on this year, they did have an August meeting. Danielle is School Board President for the 2022/2023 school year with Tricia Steffens as Vice President, Steve Notestine as Secretary, and Beth Radefeld as Past President. The Board members are Yvette Pelikan, Eric Fields, Denise Molen, Beth Ward, Kelly Pimmel, and Lisa Schulte. This year the Board will continue/finish the review/update of the Board of Ed By-laws and Policies that they've been working on since last year. They will also be focusing on their committees: Inclusion (overseen by Yvette Pelikan), Marketing Committee (overseen by Danielle Emert), Middle School (overseen by Beth Radefeld), and the newest committee School Improvement Process (currently overseen by Ms. Smith). The Marketing Committee and Middle School committee are both looking for additional members so if you have an interest or know of someone who would be a fit – please reach out to Danielle or Beth Radefeld for more information. Every Archdiocese school goes through a School Improvement process for accreditation. With COVID, this was pushed off last year. The board will begin this process now along with Father Craig and Ms. Smith. If anyone has any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to Danielle!</p>
7:45 – 7:50	<p><b>Pastor's Report – Fr. Craig</b></p> <p>Father Craig reported on All Things New – preliminary plans were presented to parish priests last week for feedback. The Archdiocese will now review this feedback and make revisions – new preliminary plans will be presented to key parish leadership next for another round of feedback – and eventually presented to the entire parish (listening sessions planned for Oct/Nov) In the meantime, Father Craig advises that we carry on – trust the process - and keep volunteering, attending mass, etc. Also, he reported that lots of beautification efforts are on-going in the parish. The exterior of the building has been power washed, lighting is being repaired, landscaping spruced up, etc. The bleachers will be cleaned this weekend, the cost is being split by the Athletic Association and the Parish. Father Craig thanked all for their hard work and dedication to MQP.</p>
7:50 – 8:00	<p><b>Principal's Report – Miss Smith</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to School Night</li> </ul> <p>Miss Smith reported that Back to School Night for 1st - 8th grade (similar Preschool/K event was already held) is set for Thursday 9/1 at 6:30pm. The program will begin with 30 minutes (general info/speakers) in the gym followed by three 15-min sessions in the classrooms (these</p>

	<p>sessions are repeated so that you may attend them in any order, especially if you have multiple kids/teachers to get to).</p> <p>Miss Smith also made a presentation on a new Positive Discipline System (Live School) that she is proposing – it is an online program/app that provides schools with a set of ideas, tools and strategies used to promote positive behavior and build dynamic school culture. It is customizable to fit your school's behavior expectations. Teachers would have the app installed on their cell phone/computer and would award individual or class points for acts of kindness/good behaviors that they witness. The app then tracks these points by individual student, class and 'family' – a group of students led by an 8th grader and made up of other students from every grade level. Students can use points earned to redeem rewards in the 'Reward Store' == candy, special prizes such as lunch with a teacher, etc. Parents can also track their students' progress. Point totals would be posted on the TV screen in the lobby so all students can see their family/class's progress. The cost of this program would be about \$2574 for one school year (26 teachers x \$99/teacher). Due to the cost of this program and the late timing with the funding request, a vote was delayed until the HASA Executive Board can ensure the proper associated documentation/implementation information and approvals are fully in place. More details to come.</p> <p>Miss Smith also provided HASA with a 'wish list' from the teachers consisting of items they'd like to have for their classrooms. Sarah Saguto and the HASA Exec Board will work with Miss Smith/staff to identify actual products requested/their costs so that fully documented funding requests can be presented for future votes.</p> <p>Jennifer thanked Miss Smith for ALL her work to get the school year going and for taking care of our kids!</p>
8:00 - 8:20	<p><b>President's Report – Jennifer Hulsen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground Update</li> </ul> <p>Jennifer Hulsen reported that after lots of hard work/planning/meetings, many exciting playground improvements (paid for by pre-COVID Boosterthon funds) were accomplished over the summer, including resurfacing of the blacktop, fresh striping, new grass/landscaping, a deck box (near the dumpsters) for loose balls/toys, new basketball nets, etc. Funnel ball is coming soon! The Children's Village is in the works and will be in place soon. Donation requests will be forthcoming to purchase items for the village such as brooms, play food, etc. The new digging site will be expanded. A road will be painted on the playground surface for the preschool driving toys. Thanks to our wonderful committee for all of their hard work and stay tuned as more improvements are put in place!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VP Roles</li> </ul> <p>Jennifer reminded the group that HASA has three VP positions – VPs of School (Denise Watkins), Social (Yvette Pelikan) and Fundraising (Suzanne Moore). All HASA events fall under one of these VP categories – see HASA Roster for details. Event chairpersons are encouraged to reach out to their VP for help/support while planning their events – the VPs will also be pro-actively checking in with their event chairs.</p> <p>Jennifer also expressed how important HASA is for our school and parish community. Thanks to all who attend the meetings – please disseminate the information from these meetings and bring your feedback!</p> <p>Jennifer also pointed out that there are still some open assistant chairperson positions on the roster for this year – please review and reach out to the chairperson if you are interested in learning more – we'd LOVE to have you! All chairpersons are reminded to coordinate communication needs with Anne Steffens, the MQP Communications Director and creator of the MQP Weekly email. Also, please talk to Sarah Saguto about your event's budget.</p>

8:20 - 8:30	<p><b>Treasurer's Report – Sarah Saguto</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget Review and Update</li> </ul> <p><i>Sarah presented an updated 2021-2022 budget handout showing each event from last year, with details on budgeted vs actual incomes and expenses. Work continues to close out last year's books in order to finalize this year's 2022-2023 budget. More details will be coming soon. Sarah urged all event chairpersons to consult with her about their budget needs when starting to plan their events.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Gift Fund Recap (May 2022)</li> </ul> <p><i>Sarah reported that staff gift fund donations collected last May resulted in a \$250 check for every staff member. All recipients were very appreciative – Sarah passed around several thank-you notes she received to share with the group.</i></p>
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The next Home and School Meeting will take place on  
Thursday, September 15th at 7pm in the Holy Family Room.

**2022-2023 HASA Meeting Dates**  
**(These are subject to change)**

8/25, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15, 01/19, 02/16, 03/23, 04/13, 05/18