



MQP Home & School Association Meeting Agenda

January 18, 2024 at 7pm - 16 Members Present
Holy Family Room

7:00	Opening Prayer
7:00 - 7:10	Welcome/Meeting Overview - Denise Watkins <i>Denise welcomed everyone into the new year and thanked all for being at the meeting.</i>
7:10 – 7:45	Event Updates - Chairpersons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast with Santa - Dawn Morgan <i>Dawn is still working on final numbers for the event and was not able to attend the meeting so she will give a full report at the February HASA meeting. Suggestion was made to call one table at a time to Santa to avoid kids waiting in a long line. Comments were made that the new Santa was great!</i> ● Santa’s Workshop - Jennifer Hulsen <i>Jennifer reported on a great event - seems to work very well scheduling it the day before Breakfast with Santa so that tables can be set up and used for both events. Jennifer was blown away by the generosity of what people donated. \$3298 raised for Stewardship! Huge thanks to Jennifer and the countless volunteers who made the event happen. Might be easier to have it on a half day – this year’s calendar had it on a full day. Comments made that gift bags were easier than wrapping paper.</i> ● Hospitality/Staff Christmas Party - Kylene Blumeyer <i>Kylene reported hospitality is going well - teacher’s pantry is stocked for the month. Staff Christmas Party was fabulous - lots of great food and drinks. Huge thanks to Kylene for all of her work. The group discussed when is the best time to hold the gathering for max attendance by the staff/faculty. Kylene is now working on the decorations/food for the CSW faculty/staff luncheon scheduled for Wednesday Jan 31st from 11-12:30pm in the Lubeley Room. Idea was raised to purchase Sam’s Membership with Tax Exempt status for Hospitality Chair to keep in his/her possession for the year’s expenses.</i> ● Library/Curriculum - Junior Achievement/Catholic Schools Week (CSW) - Laura Miller <i>Laura sent in a report - volunteers for Junior Achievement are still needed. Please consider signing up. Here is the link: <u>MQP: Junior Achievement Day (signupgenius.com)</u> You do NOT need a business background to volunteer to teach the lessons. Training and materials will all be provided to you. The training will take place via Zoom on Thursday, April 4 in the evening. The JA Day at MQP will be on Friday, April 12, 2024 from 8:00am-3:00pm for grades K-8. Each class needs a minimum of 2 parent volunteers. It is a full day commitment. Please reach out to Laura Miller with any questions at MILLER.Laurakay@gmail.com.</i> ● Spring Fling - Kim Obholz/Ashley Silverman/Missi Williamson <i>Kim/Ashley/Missi reported that the committee has started their planning – and advertising for the event begins this week. The Committee is always looking for new ideas on parties, new hosts, etc. Committee is working to involve more parishioners (not just parents of school kids). Baskets have already been assigned for each grade for the basket raffle. Food/music have</i>

	<i>been booked. Please encourage new families to reach out to the committee with ideas. Spring Fling will be held on April 26th starting at 6pm. Idea was raised to invite newly registered school families to Spring Fling by their Buddy Family, if class lists could be made available.</i>
7:45 – 7:50	Pastor's Report - Father Craig <i>No report this month but Father Craig always sends his thanks to all for their hard work and dedication to HASA.</i>
7:50 - 8:00	Principal's Report - Mrs. Fanning/Mrs. Hildebrand <i>Mrs. Fanning/Mrs. Hildebrand communicated many thanks for the new cones purchased by HASA. The MQP Open House is scheduled for Feb 6th. Ambassadors may be needed to help conduct tours, please contact Denise Watkins or Karen Reilly if you can help. Trish (MQP Office) has prepared a packet to give potential incoming families. Decorations will still be in place from Hospitality. Plans are still being discussed - Denise will finalize plans with Mrs. Fanning.</i>
8:00 - 8:10	Teachers' Report - Mrs. Manne/Ms. Rejent <i>Mrs. Manne reported on Polar Express – it was a great event. Thanks to all the parents who helped/volunteered. The kindergarten teachers will be attending an education conference in Nashville this summer which has just been approved by Father Craig.</i>
8:10 - 8:20	President's Report – Denise Watkins <i>Denise reported that the Spring Fest Committee is looking for new Food Chair Shadows to take over FOOD duties. They have detailed notes to pass along to the new volunteers. They will report at this meeting next month – please consider taking on this role and spread the word! Denise also reported on a potential funding request for a new sound system in the gym. The current system is so old that it is no longer repairable. Denise will follow up with Brady Ward. The total cost would be split three ways between the school/HASA/athletic association. Denise also reported on a future funding request for subscription renewal for Generation Genius - requested by Mrs. Harris. Denise will do some further investigation with Sue O'Leary, as it appears this has not been previously funded by HASA.</i>
8:20 - 8:30	Treasurer's Report – Megan Dolan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Budget Review and Update <i>Megan presented the latest budget as of Jan 17 2024 and hi-lighted the latest profit and expenditures updates. Current HASA balance is \$187,149.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff Holiday Gift Fund <i>Mary reported that she collected \$17,800 from 130 families and presented a check for \$345 to each faculty/staff member. Thoughts were discussed on fair ways to distribute funds – should part-time staff receive a prorated amount? Discussion tabled - idea was presented for a small committee to discuss and bring back to HASA with ideas.</i>
	Board of Ed - Beth Radefeld <i>Beth called in on speaker phone – she has a funding request from the Board of Ed for ads for the Feb 6th Open House - the Marketing Committee is handling ads for the St Louis Review and Kirkwood/Webster Times. Total cost is \$601. HASA has paid for this in the past and will again. Another funding request is for the Middle School. In the past we bought quarter zips for the middle school teachers to identify them as the middle school team. Beth reported this was part of a significant effort by the Board of Ed to keep students at MQP through middle school, by trying to give the middle school its own identity outside of the elementary grades. Beth would like them to be available by the Open House. They would like the principal and vice-principal to have them, as well. The order would be for a total of 8 quarter zips for an estimated cost of \$400 (exact pricing still being sought). Denise will follow up with Danielle Emert and Heather Fanning. This request initiated discussion on other potential strategies that might be considered to keep families at MQP through middle school/ways to keep the middle</i>

school special and granting 'special' privileges reserved only for 8th grade. Ideas suggested included the creation of a 'School Engagement Committee' aimed at increasing school morale, improving student retention and addressing parental concerns in a timely manner. Other ideas raised centered on improving readiness for high school including study skills workshops, tips for organizational skills, enrichment program, service projects, etc.

The next Home and School Meeting will take place on Thursday, February 15th at 7pm in the Holy Family Room.

2023-2024 HASA Meeting Dates

8/24, 9/14, 10/19, 11/16, 12/14, 1/18, 2/15, 3/21, 04/18, 05/16