



MQP Home & School Association - Meeting Agenda

November 17, 2022 at 7pm

Holy Family Room - Total Meeting Attendance 19

7:00	Opening Prayer - Karen Reilly
7:00 - 7:05	Welcome/Meeting Overview - Jennifer Hulsen <i>Jennifer thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded all that timewise, our goal for the meeting was to keep it at 90 minutes max, with any additional, non-agenda items to be held until after all the scheduled reports were made.</i>
7:05 – 7:40	Event Updates - Chairpersons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trunk or Treat - Meghan Torno Zahra <i>Meghan reported that 152 families registered for Trunk or Treat; after all expenses (DJ, maintenance costs, prizes, etc) a total of \$2205 was raised. Meghan followed the checklist that her predecessor, Mari Barringer, had created as a guideline - which was a huge help. Meghan initiated communication with the maintenance staff prior to the event and was pleased with their response. No problems to report. Car limit was capped at 60 cars parking but Meghan felt that could be increased to 75 next year. HUGE thanks to Meghan and Kelli White for a great event!</i> • Scholastic Book Fair - Kylene Blumeyer <i>The Scholastic Book Fair was held in the library last week - numbers are still being calculated and will be reported next meeting but 25% of all sales will be returned to MQP in the form of reward dollars. The response to having the fair during parent/teacher conferences was very positive. HUGE thanks to Kylene and Emily Joseph for a great event!</i> • Auction - Jill Azar/Julie Redmond <i>Jill and Julie sent the following report: Thank you for the overwhelming support for the auction this year! We considered it a successful evening! This is due to the amazing volunteers and hard work from all parts of the school and parish. It was a 100% group effort. We felt as though people enjoyed the event being held in the gym. We received positive feedback on the decorations, the auctioneer, the food, the silent and live auction items and the fun addition of the DJ. We do not have the final numbers yet but we believe the gross revenue to be right around \$400,000 and, after expenses, we believe the net profit will be around \$330,000. The money for the fund in need will be deducted from this number and the remaining money is split between the school and the parish - 70% to the parish and 30% to the school. These funds are used for maintaining and improving as needed. Fr. Craig is gathering bids for the construction of the fund in need. The total raised for the fund in need was \$91,000.00!! We held the auction wrap up meeting. Each committee head has been asked to create a document with notes to pass on for 2024. All notes, fliers, financials will be loaded into a google doc that can be shared. (We will make sure this is part of the Home and School shared google drive.) If anyone is interested in chairing 2024 please let us know. It would be wonderful to meet and get a recap while everything is fresh. HUGE thanks to Julie and Jill and their team for a great event!</i> • Breakfast with Santa - Laura Boeker

	<p><i>Breakfast with Santa will be held on Dec 10th (doors open at 9am) and include a breakfast buffet, assigned seating, crafts, photos with Santa and a cakewalk. Laura reported that over 200 people have registered so far– it will be capped at 300 and is expected to hit this number. There is a SUG to contribute to the Cakewalk – it can be accessed via the MQP Weekly. Teen volunteers are still being sought – if your teen would like to help contact Laura at ljboeker@hotmail.com.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality/Staff Christmas Party - Mari Barringer <i>Mari reported that the Holiday Staff Party will be held on Friday Dec 9th at Mari's home after the half day dismissal – specific plans are still being finalized with Miss Smith.</i> • Catholic Schools Week/Literacy Week - Laura Miller <i>Laura has created a proposal to couple Literacy Week and Catholic Schools Week with a couple of special events aimed at getting kids excited about reading! Proposed events include: a 'Cat in the Hat' character to come to MQP to read the book to students aged preschool to 2nd grade; all teachers (preschool thru 8th) pick a movie that goes with a book that the kids read first – then the movies will be shown on Friday and the kids have popcorn with the movie. Both funding requests will be in the \$200 range. The idea is to start small and potentially add more events in the future so as to not burden the teachers. Other ideas discussed include 'Stop, Drop and Read,' Kids making bookmarks, older students reading to younger ones, etc. Another idea was raised - having a dress-out day where kids dress as their favorite character from a book. Another idea discussed was donating books to area charities (Book St Louis was mentioned). Another idea presented was that if teachers would like a certain book to be purchased for their class, that they send a funding request through HASA – if the book is offered by Scholastic it could be purchased with reward dollars from the Book Fair. Miss Smith mentioned that a set of youth catechism books would be a useful resource – she will research this and submit a funding request. Laura Miller will coordinate her plans with Miss Smith and the Catholic Schools Week planning committee.</i> • Spring Fest - Jon Copley <i>Jon Copley reported that Spring Fling/Spring Fest weekend is April 21-22, 2023. The carnival rides company is booked. Planning meetings will begin in January. Clare MacConnell will be looking for any and all ideas for sign-up parties so please send all ideas her way at clare.macconnell@hotmail.com.</i>
7:40 – 7:50	<p>Principal's Report - Miss Smith <i>Miss Smith thanked all for their positive energy and spirit spreading through the entire school. Recent events have created quite a buzz and it is growing! Thanks to new parents coming to the HASA meetings and the overwhelming support at all school events. Let's keep this positive energy going!</i></p>
7:50 – 7:55	<p>Pastor's Report – Fr. Craig <i>Father Craig is out of town and could not attend the meeting but sent his deepest thanks to all for their work on HASA and all they do for MQP!</i></p>
7:55 - 8:15	<p>President's Report – Jennifer Hulsen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Update <i>Jennnifer reported that the striping (painted streets) on the playground has been completed and the reaction has been super positive! The kids are loving it. Preparations are underway for the funnel ball, two additional benches and three trash cans to be installed next.. Jennifer is working with Miss Smith on a class schedule (who is in the playground and when) to maximize student use. Many thanks to Jennifer and the Playground Committee for all their hard work!</i> • Santa's Workshop <i>Santa's Workshop is back and will be held on Friday Dec 9th in the morning. Students will be able to shop for presents for members of their household ranging in price from \$.50 - \$2 each. Donations of items will be collected and sorted starting Monday Dec 5th. Volunteers will be</i>

	<p>sought to help that day with helping students check out and at wrapping stations to wrap the gifts. Donations of gift bags, tissue paper, wrapping paper and tape will also be needed. More details to come! Funds raised will be used for the Stewardship Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library Initiative <p>A group has been formed to work on reopening the school library for weekly visits by each class – the target date is Literacy Week/Catholic Schools Week in January 2023. Members of the group are looking at all aspects of this project including fundraising (if needed), furniture/organization/decor, book organization/electronics system update and increasing the book inventory. For this year the plan is to have parent volunteers staff the library as needed but this would be re-evaluated for the future. If you have any ideas to share please contact Jennifer Hulsen at jenniferhulsen@yahoo.com and she will connect you with the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Alert Notification System <p>Discussion was raised concerning a school notification system that would allow parents to be alerted quickly if an emergency occurred at school. Ideas were raised on how the current Fast Direct or Flocknote systems could be utilized (idea - sender/subject line to read 911) for this purpose or if another system should be considered. Miss Smith will take this concern to the Safety Committee and look into options and report back on this and ALL safety plans currently in place.</p>
8:15 - 8:25	<p>Treasurer's Report – Sarah Saguto/Megan Dolan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Review <p>Megan discussed the budget handout which showed the budgeted versus actual numbers for the year. Thanks to many successful events like Bratfest and Trunk or Treat, and other events in which the actual money spent was less than the budget (like Grandparent's Day, Ice Cream Social and Buddy Families), we have out-performed the budget. Overall, spending is tracking very well!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Holiday Gift Fund Update <p>Collection for the Holiday Staff Gift Fund will begin in early December and end on Monday 12/19. Sarah and Megan will distribute the gifts on Wed 12/21. More information to come!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher Wish List Update - Denise Watkins <p>Denise reports that all the specifically requested items from the teachers have been ordered. She is still working with a couple of teachers on quantifying their requests so that their desired items can be ordered soon.</p>
8:25 - 8:30	<p>Secretary's Report - Karen Reilly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roster Review <p>The roster continues to be updated – please report any corrections to Karen anytime at karendreilly@sbcglobal.net.</p>

Additional Discussion – Comments were made regarding Spirit Wear – the response for the new vendor (Zoey's Attic in Webster Groves) has been very positive! Current ordering window closes on Dec 1st – link to ordering can be found in the MQP Weekly.

The next Home and School Meeting will take place on
January 19th at 7pm in the Holy Family Room

Note – There will be NO regular HASA meeting in December.
In lieu of a meeting, HASA Committee Chairpersons and Assistant Chairs will gather for a holiday party.

2022-2023 HASA Meeting Dates

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