



MQP Home & School Association - Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024 at 7pm

Holy Family Room - 16 Members Present

7:00	Opening Prayer
7:00 - 7:05	Welcome/Meeting Overview - Denise Watkins <i>Denise welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for being present. She announced that we would be bouncing around our agenda a bit in order to accommodate speakers' schedules.</i>
7:05 – 7:35	Event Updates - Chairpersons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Fest - Jon Copley <i>The Spring Festival Committee has begun working on this year's event. The good news - lots of people are returning to their previous chair roles. The committee is looking for opportunities to simplify – setup, prep, number of volunteers, etc. Basically the same format as last year – carnival rides in back, ferris wheel in front, games in the gym, Time to Shine and entertainment on the stage in back. Looking at using existing MQP owned stage/equipment rather than renting. Using our own tables/chairs. Spring Festival will run from 10am - 10pm on 04/27/24. We will employ one policeman and won't have to have anyone overnight - the carnival company is bringing the ATM so MQP does not need to get one. EMT/First Aid will be on site. Working on a logo/t-shirts – if anyone has any ideas let Jon know! Committee is currently planning food choices – based on last year, will cut back on brats (lots left over) and focus on pizza/chicken and decide on other offerings. Hot chocolate will be offered, if the weather is cool. Sponsorships are getting started; no eagle bucks this year - certain sponsorship levels will come with ride tickets/bracelets, etc. Next year they'd like to assign certain jobs to certain grade level parents - similar to the tradition of Kindergarten Dads doing the cleanup. The Committee will continue its planning to ensure this year's event is a great success.</i> Spring Fling - Kim Obholz/Ashley Silverman/Missi Williamson <i>A lot of work has been completed for Spring Fling on 04/26/24. All is booked for the event - music, food truck, etc. New hosts are volunteering - continuing to work on theme parties that will appeal to all parishioners, not just school families. Plans are coming together for the grade level parents' and student parties. Everything is on track!</i> Hospitality/CSW Teacher Luncheon - Kylene Blumeyer <i>HUGE thanks to Kylene Blumeyer for all of her work on the teacher/staff luncheon for CSW. The luncheon was very well received with unanimous compliments from the faculty on the decorations, delicious food and how nice it was to be able to gather ALL together in one spot. Question was raised on volunteer coverage for the paras during the luncheon - but it was decided to keep this off the All-Volunteer SUG for now.</i> Library Update/Curriculum Update: Junior Achievement - Laura Miller <i>Junior Achievement - still have major volunteer needs. Each class should have a minimum of 2 volunteers but can have up to 3. Training will be held via zoom on Thursday, April 4 in the evening. Laura has kits and supplies in the library that can be available ahead of time if anyone would like to look through them. Junior Achievement day is Friday, April 12 from 8am-3pm. Many ideas were discussed including getting the word out to the entire PARISH for volunteers,</i>

	<p>including a link to the Junior Achievement website to explain what the program entails. Also it may be easier for some to volunteer if they could split the day, if possible? Mrs. Fanning and Mrs. Hildebrand confirmed you don't have to be a parent to volunteer – just compliant with Protecting God's Children. Also, thanks to Laura for all her work on CSW - lots of great comments about the activities - the Planetarium, Wild Bird Sanctuary, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast With Santa - Dawn Morgan <p>Dawn reported on Breakfast with Santa - a great event, very successful - thanks to Dawn for all of her hard work! Had to switch caterers this year, Westwood Catering was great - went very well. They delivered everything and picked their equipment up afterwards. Santa was great. 310 people registered but more showed up on the day of the event - they put up additional tables to accommodate the extra crowd. Setup always takes longer than cleanup but it went well. The event made \$907 profit. Will make adjustments to the amount of food ordered based on numbers this year. Should always be the day after Santa's Workshop - nice to utilize table setup for both events. Would be nice if the day before was a half day so that setup could begin earlier. Dawn has already booked the caterer and Santa for next year's event.</p>
7:35 – 7:45	<p>Principal's Report - Mrs. Fanning/Mrs. Hildebrand</p> <p>Mrs. Fanning expressed a big Thank You to the volunteers for the Feb 6th Open House - it was great to see so many families tour MQP. Kylene Blumeyer did a wonderful job on all the signs and decorations/ballons still hanging from CSW. 18 families toured MQP with potential for 25 students ranging from preschool to 4th grade. Many thanks to the volunteers who gave tours and made the day a success! Special thanks to Molly Kelly for making and donating the beautiful decorated MQP cookies and Mari Barringer for printing and donating the MQP Thank-You notecards.</p> <p>Mrs. Fanning also addressed some concerns that had been voiced at a prior HASA meeting. Regarding her lack of attendance at HASA meetings, Mrs. Fanning explained that she spoke to Father Craig when she first arrived at MQP – he suggested she and Mrs. Hildebrand tag-team the after-school meetings. Since she attends numerous meetings every month (Board of Ed, Finance Committee, Safety Committee, Formation Committee, etc.), Mrs. Hildebrand attends HASA meetings. Mrs. Fanning will attend HASA meetings every opportunity she can, but some weeks she is spread thin and can't be at two places at once. She emphasized that she cares deeply for all the students and families at MQP and is always here for us - her door is always open, she answers every email and phone call.</p> <p>She is open to bringing back 8th grade privileges that have been lost - she just needs to know what they are! This year 6th/7th graders were added to the 'Buddy' system to encourage friendships between the younger students and their middle school buddies - it was not meant to slight the 8th graders by any means.</p> <p>Mrs. Fanning did not attend the faculty Christmas Party in December but this was certainly not meant as an affront to HASA or the hostess. This was a direct result of a bad experience in the past at a similar type event – and absolutely nothing to do with MQP.</p> <p>Mrs. Fanning spoke from her heart – she is thrilled to be at MQP and cares very much for all its students and families and is dedicated to its future success!</p>
7:45 - 7:55	<p>Teachers' Report - Mrs. Manne/Ms. Rejent</p> <p>On behalf of the teachers and staff, Ms. Rejent thanked HASA for the lovely CSW teacher luncheon - very complimentary of the food, decorations and everything about the event.</p>
7:55 – 8:05	<p>Pastor's Report – Father Craig</p> <p>Father Craig regrets being unable to attend the meeting but has a commitment to speak with the Cornerstone Bible Study Group in the Lubeley Room at the same time. He sent this detailed report:</p>

	<p>-Father Brown has taken up residence in the MQP rectory and is assisting Father Craig with Masses and Confessions. Father Brown's position with the Archdiocese does not allow him to assist Father Craig with any administrative or pastoral tasks.</p> <p>-Significant repair work continues on the church and rectory buildings: tuckpointing and lintel repair, new gutters and roof repairs. When all is said and done it'll be about \$350,000 in deferred repairs. Next in this regard will be plaster repair and repainting the inside of church.</p> <p>-Construction on the new Adoration Chapel is ongoing. Funded mostly from benefactor donations, the chapel will be a spiritual boon to the parish. Father Craig will be preaching and teaching about Eucharistic Adoration in the weeks to come.</p> <p>-Next on the building improvement plan will be painting school, parking lot replacement and playground renovation. Funding for these projects will need to come from HASA and new revenues either through a capital campaign or series of special fundraisers.</p> <p>-The parish has been asked by the Archbishop to participate in a new Parish Vitality Initiative called "The Way." This initiative has many goals including: increased and faithful attendance at the Sunday Eucharistic Assembly, faith enrichment through intellectual and pastoral formation, missionary discipleship that is constantly bringing new people into the Eucharistic Assembly. More information on this in the coming weeks.</p> <p>-The search continues for a new Missionary to the Youth in our parish. (A position formerly known as a 'youth minister'.) This new position will be responsible for youth ministry and perhaps even teaching in the middle school.</p> <p>-Thank you for all the good work you do in supporting the mission of the parish and school. I am grateful for each of you!!</p>
8:05 - 8:20	<p>President's Report – Denise Watkins</p> <p>Denise asked everyone to start thinking of roles for next year - many open roles available in HASA.</p> <p>Mrs. Fanning advised that the school calendar for next year (2024-25) will be released VERY SOON so that HASA dates can be filled in - TENTATIVE: First Day Tues Aug 13th (FULL day), Last Day Before Christmas Dec 20th, First Day Back Jan 6th, Spring Break Mar 17th-21st, Last Day of School Fri May 23rd. More details to come. Suggestion was made to add the CSW Family Lunch to the calendar right away so that parents can plan ahead - rather than just announcing it with the other CSW activities as the week approaches.</p> <p>Denise brought the Colleen Pijut award to Mrs. Fanning's attention. This award is traditionally given to an 8th grade student. The award is named after Mrs. Pijut who started the Preschool and brought Atrium to MQP. Ashley Silverman will coordinate with Laura Boeker and provide more details.</p>
8:20 - 8:30	<p>Treasurer's Report - Megan Dolan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Review and Update <p>Megan went over the latest budget update as of Feb 14th - current account balance is \$182,376. Discussion was raised on CSW T-shirts – this year it was a last-minute rush. Suggestion was made to start planning earlier to make things easier for ordering.</p>
	<p>Additional discussion centered on last month's request from the Board of Ed to purchase quarter zips for the Middle School faculty – Mrs. Fanning suggested we re-think this request to include all teachers/faculty in the school. Denise will follow up with Beth/Danielle.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Open House was discussed - idea of adding a second Open House day on Sunday (first day of CSW) was raised - this event would be open to the entire parish. This would be in addition to the weekday Open House geared more towards prospective families who want to see an actual school day in action. Mrs. Fanning and volunteers who gave tours who were at the meeting stressed the importance of the school day tours – it attracted many families this year</p>

who specifically came to see a typical school day. Open House on the School Day will be planned in the future by Mrs. Fanning - it is no longer part of Board of Ed.

Proposal was made to create a new HASA position - Catholic Schools Week Event Chairperson, for the future. Katie Collet volunteered and Rachel Bolin volunteered to help Katie. This chair/asst chair would work together with the CSW Planning Committee (made up of faculty members) to plan and coordinate the activities for CSW..

The next Home and School Meeting will take place on
Thursday, March 21st 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