

# St. Elizabeth H.S.A.

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Antoinette Gillespie – President   Krista Barabas – Vice President   Stephany Gubler – Vice President  
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## HSA Meeting Minutes- Approved

February 14, 2017

### Attendees:

Robyn C.	Erica M.	Lyn S.
Katie B.	Rosanna Y.	Veronica R.
Amy N.	Giovanna G-M.	Mary G.
Colleen M.	Teresa P.	Darcey C.
Dana W.	Jillian F.	Diane K.
Cathy C.	Claire N.	Mrs. Lewis
Kathleen M.	Lindsay D.	Antoinette G.
Michele D.	Patrick M.	Lynne D.
Stephany G.	Krista B.	Denise L.
Christine F. (Phone)	Kathleen T. (Phone)	Lori A. (Phone)

**President's Report-** Antoinette started with a welcome and a prayer. And wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day! She then asked for the approval of the minutes from the 1/10 meeting. Approval and then seconded, so the minutes were approved as is.

**Catholic Schools Week-** Antoinette thanked all of the class parents for their help with the pancake breakfast which went very well. There are a few things that were noted for next year to improve upon.

At the end of Catholic Schools Week the faculty had an appreciation luncheon with a special surprise added by the teachers - Mrs. Palmieri and Mrs. Jensi were honored and recognized for their 35 years of service at St. Elizabeth School. They were given a cake and a token gift from the HSA and the teachers presented them with a book of memories. Many of the teachers wrote lovely thank you cards which were available at the meeting to read.

Antoinette then mentioned that there are **2 open HSA positions** for next year- the Treasurer and Vice President. So if interested please speak with any of the current board members for more details.

**Treasurer's Report-** Lynne wanted to thank everyone for using the new financial forms (located on the website) and especially for separating out the Gala checks from the 50/50 checks.

#### **Principal's Report-**

**Facebook Page/ Website-** Mrs. Lewis has been updating the SES Facebook page and reminded parents to view it. She also encouraged parents to view the curriculum brochures which can be found on the website under Classes/ Curriculum and then by the individual grades. She is also giving out hard copy brochures to families who visit.

**Survey Results-** She listed the results of the survey in her 1/9 letter and will provide more information about the specific comments in future letters.

**Catholic Schools Week-** Mrs. Lewis spoke about how she does not like to cram every activity into just one week and plans to have activities throughout the year.

**Play-** Mrs. Lewis met with Paula and Diana who will be directing the play. There is no availability at the YMCA so we are looking into Catholic High Schools to have the performances. The play is Annie, Jr. Edition and more details will be provided once finalized. Mrs. Lewis would like to eventually move to a segmentation of lower school, middle school and upper school each doing smaller play performances and having them on our own stage. This year she would like to involve as many kids as possible then move to this process next year. Mrs. Wyka and Kathleen Mockler will still be involved in the show. There was discussion about using an orchestral soundtrack or hiring musicians as has been done in the past. There was also discussion about which grades would be allowed to participate. It has been noted that having a play is important to the parents and students at SES and these directors were found after searching for many months. Many more details will be released as they are decided.

Mrs. Lewis left the meeting and she spoke with the directors. Upon her return more information was discussed about lead roles, auditions, and the grades involved. They have been in communication with Mrs. Wyka and are aware of her role as well as Mrs. Mockler's role. More information to follow.

**Parents Night Out!-** Erica Mulder spoke about the event which will take place on Thursday, 2/16 at 7:00 at Brady's in Ramsey. 5 appetizers and domestic beer and wine are included from 7-9pm. Please come out for a nice evening and have some fun. We will be accepting sign-ups up until the evening of the event.

**Sal Lauretta's Men's Shopping event-** Pat McCarthy and Jillian Frayne spoke about this upcoming event- Ralph and Sal Lauretta are happy to arrange a fundraiser for SES. 20% will be donated back on Saturday

2/25 (9am-6 pm) and Monday 2/27 (4pm-7pm). Please remember to mention St. Elizabeth's when making purchases. All alternations will be ready in time for the Gala. Light food and wine and whisky will be served Monday night. Pat was thanked for co-chairing this event and joining us at the meeting. It is wonderful to have another dad centered and run event.

**Fun Friday-** Teresa Petrone spoke about the upcoming Fun Friday at Campgaw on 3/3. It is from 2-4. We need final numbers by 2/15 so please get your forms in ASAP. There is also an opportunity for a ski lesson if your child prefers to ski and not tube. The lesson is \$23 for an hour (or \$39 if a lift ticket is needed). Giovanna and Teresa mentioned other exciting Fun Friday's (for younger and older kids) coming up.

**Gala-** Rosanna Young spoke about the Gala which is fast approaching on 3/11 at the North Jersey Country Club. Lots of awesome prizes have come in so that is exciting! They are looking into an entertainment component to try to make it a more exciting fundraiser- something fun to look forward to. For those who have been to the Gala in the past, please share with us what you liked, and didn't like. And for those who have never been maybe share with us why, or what you would like to see.

Some great **prizes** are a Louis Vuitton bag, a Tory Burch surprise, Bracelet from Hartgers, chef experiences, outdoor home theatre, and so much more. The giving tree will focus on raising money for new Chrome Books. But there is more to the Gala than just bidding and donating- it is a fun night out with your significant other and friends that you have made at SES. It is also a great opportunity to make new friends.

**Concerts-** there are so many cool concerts coming up this summer- U2, Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga, Ariana Grande, so please let us know which ones you or your kids want to see.

**50/50-** Remember to turn in your minimum of 2 tickets by 2/24. We also need some help with some shifts after masses- just 15 minutes after mass to help sell tickets is needed.

So hopefully we will see everyone at the NJCC on 3/11- we will need to get them seating numbers soon so please fill out the forms- and if you don't know who to sit with there are tables by grade or just reach out to another new person who may be shy about going too. Remember there is no set limit on how much to spend- there is something for everyone- so spend or don't spend- just come.

**Gala Facebook Page-** there are about 95 people on the Gala Facebook page and it is filled with fun photos- guess who is wearing the mask for a \$100 mystery gift, and sneak peaks at the fabulous prizes so please continue to check it out and comment. They will be posting more funny Dad's Night videos too.

A question was asked about the 8<sup>th</sup> graders attending the Gala as was done in the past. Per the Archdiocesan rule, there is to be no alcohol at an event when children are present so therefore no children are allowed at the Gala going forward.

**Sports Award Dinner-** Jacquee Falletta is chairing this event with the help of Jo Anne Valentino with the video and Lyn Sittig with the program. It will be on 3/21 at the Terrace. It is a buffet dinner for kids in basketball, volleyball and cheer from grades 3-8. (No Siblings). Pricing details will be coming out shortly.

**Track-** Denise LaGalia presented information about Track. The meet dates are still being worked out, but the SES meet will be on 4/30 at St. Joes. The other schools are awaiting confirmation of their track availability but the dates might be 5/6, or 5/7, or 5/13. A field only meet might be set for 4/29 at 2:00 and a possible 4<sup>th</sup> meet on 5/21. All dates will be communicated through the brown envelope and track participant emails once finalized. Practices are being solidified too but we are shooting for Sunday's at 6:00 at Northern Highlands, and Wednesday's at 6:00 at Midland Park High School. ALL of this still needs to be confirmed and finalized. Once that happens registration forms and volunteer opportunities will come out through the brown envelope. Denise and Brian will need each parent to volunteer for the meet (remember running the meet raises close to \$5,000 for our school). Denise and Brian will also need parent help for the practices.

**\$4\$-** Lindsay Daniels spoke about \$4\$ and how we are getting closer to the end of the year so you need to make sure you meet your \$3,000 requirement. The first Friday's are the extended orders but if you have a rush or need something like Disney cards, then email Lindsay who can do an order and you would pay for the shipping (either \$8 for 4-5 days, or \$14 next day) but you can get them off cycle if needed.

There was a discussion about the **Lunch Duty Volunteers**. A few head lunch moms stated that some of the volunteers are showing up late- you need to be there at 11:00 to help prep the lunches and prepare the snacks. 11:10, 11:15, 11:40 is all too late. Please print your name on the sign in form at Mrs. Palmieri's office and put your arrival time. The safety of our children requires a certain number of parents to show up each day to oversee the children in the cafeteria. Then there are duties such as preparing the lunches and snacks as well as cleaning the tables that need to be done. You also may not skip your lunch shift so please mark your calendars and do all that you can to show up and please be on time. If there is a last minute reason you cannot show up on your day, please find a sub on your own, or contact Denise LaGalia to ensure a sub is found for you.

**CSW Tee Shirts-** A big thank you to Amy Nightingale for designing and fulfilling the new CSW tee shirts which may also be worn for gym. About 100 were sold for this limited time offering.

There was a question about celebrations throughout the year instead of cramming everything into one Catholic Schools Week. Mrs. Lewis has already scheduled live penguins from Jenkinson's, Festival of the Arts, Invention Convention, Mardi Gras parade, and other activities so please stay tuned for those fun details.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55