

St. Elizabeth H.S.A.

2016-2017

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

April 4, 2017

Attendees:

Jenny W.	Amy N.	Laura C.
Teresa P.	Dana W.	Maura S.
Kelly T.	Colleen M.	Mrs. Lewis
Darcey C.	Lindsay D.	Antoinette G.
Erica M.	Melanie W.	Krista B.
Lynne D.	Stephany G.	Denise L.
Phone:		
Veronica R.	Trish S.	

Antoinette started the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming. She then led us in a Lenten Prayer.

Antoinette then referred to the March HSA minutes on the tables and asked for a review and a motion to approve. There was a first and second motion and the minutes were approved as is. There was a reminder about the minutes being on the website with public access.

Antoinette stated how the HSA board is meeting with and discussing the VP and Treasurer positions with people for next year. In addition she mentioned if anyone was interested in shadowing Katie Rigg next year to learn the lunch Coordinator processes to please let us know. This is a position that can actually be broken into a few distinct responsibilities and therefore can be done by a few people so you can do it with a friend and share in the overall responsibilities. Katie is happy to help guide the person(s) with the details.

Treasurer Report- Lynne had nothing specific to report. Any details regarding funds raised would be announced in the actual Committee Reports.

Committee Reports

Blue Ribbon Gala- Jenny Wells thanked everyone who attended and donated- and to those who bought things on line from their homes. The overall profit so far is up to \$156,000! It was a great night of fun and generosity. She then mentioned the Nerds concert and that there is still room and to send in a check to Krista (or you can sign up and pay via PayPal on the Sign Up Genius). Antoinette added that the committee meetings were so well run and everyone had such spirit. It was reiterated that it was a great committee. A question was asked how the chairs liked the facility and Jenny answered that they are very nice and easy to deal with there but no matter what choosing the location is all about the available dates and the price. Thanks Jenny and Rosanna!

Five Below- Five Below will be donating 10% back to SES this weekend, April 7-9 so be sure to shop there this weekend and please bring the flyer to the Ramsey store to get your Easter trinkets.

Principal's Report

Gala- Mrs. Lewis thanked the Gala chairs, Jenny Wells and Rosanna Young, and congratulated them on a job very well done. She herself had a great time and even treated herself to something.

Bookfair Proceeds- Mrs. Lewis stated that SES had over \$7,000 in Scholastic Dollars from the past Book fairs (Thanks so much to Melanie Whitney for her past years in running the book fairs). Mrs. Lewis has spent over \$5,000 so far mostly on on-line programs to supplement the laptops and Chromebooks for the upper and lower grades. She purchased science software such as programs on cells and other science related areas like hands on science kits to provide more hands on components. She bought a few for each grade level initially to provide enhancements to the current science curriculum. She also bought a reading program for the younger grades where they will have a large selection of on-line books to choose from based on their reading level. These new purchases are to enhance and reinforce the current curriculum. After reviewing how these programs are she will spend the additional money. The library is in good shape book wise. She thanked everyone for their support of the Book fair.

Sports Award Dinner- Mrs. Lewis stated that everyone appeared to have a great time and she thanked the coaches and directors for their dedication.

Mock Trial- Katie Bizub and Jen Bohaty were thanked for volunteering to help guide the kids in Mock Trial.

Summer Uniforms- Mrs. Lewis stated that we are sort of in a transition period where some of the kids are in winter uniforms and some are in summer uniforms. She asked that kids wear the correct uniforms instead of mixing and matching. The upper grades are getting a little sloppy which she will be closely monitoring after Easter Break (when the summer uniforms officially start).

Discipline- Mrs. Lewis said she has been visiting the classes and speaking to the students, when needed, to reinforce respectful behavior. She wants to ensure that students are speaking respectfully to their teachers and to others.

Passion Play- it is coming up and practices are going well.

The School Play- Practices and rehearsals have been going well.

2017-2018 - Mrs. Lewis put a few calendar dates in her letter on 3/30 for planning. She will also be restructuring Aftercare to improve the timeframe and location for doing homework in Aftercare for the upper and lower grades. As a reminder, no student should be using their cell phones until after their school day has ended, which includes Aftercare.

Mrs. Lewis then wished everyone a Happy Easter!

Then she talked about the Penguins who visited school on Monday- and the big news was how the penguin pooped.

Committee Reports resumed

Fun Friday: Teresa Petrone stated that it was not too late to sign up for Cipher Seeker Escape Room for grades 6-8 and Superdome for grades Pre K-5 on 4/7. So far 13 kids signed up for each event. She will be sharing future Fun Friday plans shortly.

The Nerds- Denise LaGalia spoke about the private concert on Thursday, April 27th. Doors open at 7:00 and the first set starts at 8:00. They will play until 11:00. The Nerds are such a fun group to watch so come and bring friends for a great night out. It is \$50 per ticket and all of the proceeds will go to SES. There will be discounted drinks during the concert. It is an adult event only. Send in a check to Krista Barabas or sign up and pay via PayPal on the Sign Up Genius Link.

Spring Clothing Drive- Corinne Albarella will be chairing this event again (Thanks Corinne!). It will be the weekend of May 20-21. We have switched companies since Fashion Republic is going through a transition. We checked references and one person said they made money with the same amount of donations with this company. Start cleaning out your houses for shoes, clothes, linens, stuffed animals, jewelry, wallets, purses, and bicycles in good condition. A complete list will be sent in a future e envelope.

Chubby Chico Charms- Luisa Adely brought this new fundraising idea to our attention (Thanks Luisa!). In the brochure that was sent home last week there are adorable bracelets for sale. We also created a custom SES charm. Use the form in the e envelope for the custom SES ones and the form in the brochure for the standard bracelets. All order forms are due by Wednesday 4/12 so they can be delivered by Mother's Day. If you would like them to be a surprise for your child, please contact Luisa to make delivery arrangements.

Spin Class at CycleBar in Wyckoff- A special SES Spin Class has been set for Tuesday May 9th at 8:15. Refer to the flyer in a future e envelope for how to sign up. Water and fruit will be provided after.

Used Book Fair- Maura Sullivan and Trish Sheehan are chairing the Used Book Fair again (Thanks so Much!). The books will be sold on 5/10-11 (Class schedule to be forthcoming) and set up will be on 5/9 (you can go after you spin at Cyclebar). As in past years, the books will be \$.50 for soft cover and \$1.00 for hard cover. Please make sure the books are appropriate for school aged children (no adult books). Children DVDs are also welcomed. There will be a bin in the school lobby for book drop off after break. Stay tuned for a Sign up Genius to sign up to help with set up.

Spring Volleyball- Maura was thanked for getting the spring teams set up. There will be a JV and Varsity team for both boys and girls. Gym time has been difficult to get so they may practice in Wyckoff's Community Park. Games start next week. They actually need someone to be the JV coach as the previous season's JV coach is unavailable for spring so please contact Maura if you can help out.

Track- Denise LaGalia reported there about 58 kids on the team and practices have started. The meets are as previously stated (4/29, 4/30, 5/6, 5/21). There was a question about the 4/29 and 4/30 meets. These are 2 totally separate meets- not a combination meet over 2 days. The 4/29 is a field events only meet in Emerson with jumping and throwing events- it will be shorter in length than a full meet. The 4/30 meet (our SES Meet) will have both running and field (throwing and jumping) events. The Assumption Coach who specializes in throwing events thought it would be nice to offer a shorter field only event. So please come to one or both as your schedule permits.

\$4\$- Lindsay Daniels reported that there will be changes to the administration of the \$4\$ program in that she will be stepping down and the HSA Board will be covering everything for now. So if anyone has any questions they should speak with the HSA Board. Lindsay was thanked for her great job and her service to the school.

Spirit Wear- Amy Nightingale stated that all is going well with Spirit Wear. While the Spring orders were due you can contact her ASAP if you missed the deadline. Special SES Towels will be coming out after Easter and monogramming (for a fee) is available. More details to follow. Thanks Amy!

Uniform Exchange- A special thanks to the SES Cub Scouts who organized the Uniform Exchange in time for the start of summer uniforms. Everything is in order for the official start of summer uniforms after Easter Break. If you would like to volunteer to help keep it organized, please contact Joanne Harper. As a reminder, you do not need to deposit a uniform to take a uniform. Take and drop off what you need- all for free.

Mrs. Lewis mentioned that she will be training 7th and 8th graders on the proper way to raise, lower and fold the flag outside of school each day. It will be left up over the weekend and lowered for different events. We have a new US Flag and will be getting a new Archdiocese flag shortly. She hopes the boys and girls who will be trained will gain a learned respect for it.

Spring Plants- Teresa Petrone wanted to ask the parents in attendance when a good time would be to set up a day at a nursery to buy plants. A place in Ramsey is offering to donate a percentage back to SES and she asked when would be a good weekend. People thought before Memorial Day since people may want to plant that weekend. So stay tuned for a firm date.

There was a question about when the Volunteer Fair is.

5/16 is the Volunteer Fair at 8:00am with the May Crowning to follow at 9:00am. So please join us for some light refreshments, to come together with fellow parents, and to see the opportunities there are to sign up to volunteer for next year.

Antoinette thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55am.