

St. Elizabeth H.S.A.

2017- 2018

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HSA Meeting Minutes- Approved

November 7, 2017

Maria B.	Diane K.	Claire N.
Christine V.	Colleen M.	Debbie S.
Veda M.	Lindsay D.	Carolyn U.
Eileen B.	Teresa P.	Mrs. Lewis
Mary G.	Kara V.	Antoinette G.
Maura S.	Giovanna M.	Krista B.
Chris G.	Lore C.	Danielle P.
Laura C.	Jillian F.	Denise L.
Amy N.	Kelly T.	Patty Z. (Phone)
Robyn C.	Elizabeth U.	Kristi T. (Phone)

Antoinette started the meeting with a prayer and then thanked all of the volunteers especially since it is the month of Thanksgiving- November.

Antoinette asked for the October minutes to be approved. There was a motion to approve and then a second, so the minutes were approved as presented.

President's Report

St. Elizabeth Day- As has been the tradition, the HSA will provide an ice cream/ pops treat to the students in honor of our patron saint on 11/17, the feast day of St. Elizabeth.

Box Tops- Antoinette announced the 4th grade is the winning class for the Summer Box Top Challenge. They will receive an extra recess and a treat. Congratulations and Thank You to JoAnne V. for managing Box Tops.

\$4\$ Reminder- We have 2 new stores- Tons of Toys/ Tons of Treasures (20% back to school and you can still use your coupons) and Ped-Agree now participating in \$4\$. Be sure to visit them when holiday shopping.

Student Directory- There are student directories available for \$5 in the school office. A flyer will be in the e envelope this week as a reminder.

Survey- About half of the parents in the school responded and the results will be in an upcoming e envelope.

HSA Reminders- Remember to read the HSA Reminders page each week (in addition to the entire e envelope) as all of the timely and important notices are listed on one page. Denise has recently been linking the flyer right on the HSA Reminder page for convenience.

Restaurant Day- 12/5 at Blue Moon

December HSA Meeting – This was originally supposed to be at 7:00 pm but due to a double booking with the church that night, the next HSA Meeting will be on Tuesday 12/5 at 8:00 in the morning in the Elizabeth Room.

Treasurer Report

Danielle said everything is going well with people sending in their deposits and expenses in a timely manner and that our fundraisers are off to a great start. She really appreciates all that the volunteers are doing. She mentioned that the bank has asked that checks not be stapled to papers. It makes scanning of the checks at the bank difficult. Paperclips (or just folding the check inside a piece of paper) work fine.

Shoparoo- This is the first time we have received a check from Shoparoo and it was for \$164. Keep it up!

Clothing Drive- Thanks to everyone who brought in clothes, etc. It amounted to 4,900 lbs. and we raised \$992!

Ladies Night and Food Truck Festival- Danielle thanked the chairs for doing the paperwork in a timely manner. She will let the chairs report their profits.

Principal's Report

The **play**, Peter Pan, by the 3-5 graders, will be presented next week on Wednesday and Thursday 11/15 and 16 at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria. St. Elizabeth School has bought a new sound system for the stage and cafeteria and it should be in before the production. This will be a digital system and we will rent the wireless microphones since it is better to rent them as they get worn over time.

The next play will involve grades with Kng-2. The play and practice details will be announced after the Peter Pan plays.

Prayer Service for the Veterans on 11/10 is scheduled for 1:00 (not 1:30).

Class Pictures will be this Friday. They needed to be rescheduled and can only be done on Monday or Friday since there is no gym on those days. Everyone should be in winter uniforms.

Uniform Shoes- Girls need to wear blue Mary Janes (not a slip on) and boys cannot wear work boots. If you have any questions about the uniform and/ or the shoes please contact Mrs. Lewis.

Playground Aides- We still need lunch aides so if you know anyone please let Mrs. Lewis know. We are not publicizing it in the bulletin, as we want the person to be familiar to our parent community.

After School Art - Mrs. Lewis is researching an art academy to have an afterschool art program. This company has a mobile truck and will bring all the art supplies to the school. The program will be geared more for the middle grades.

3D Printer- Mrs. Lewis has bought three 3D printers for the school. They will be in the Tech Lab and Chris Grasso will be setting them up. The children will be learning the programs and creating projects using them. Mrs. McGillicuddy will be incorporating the 3D printers into her art curriculum and art projects. We will also need to get carts for the printers so they can be moved to the various classrooms for lessons, but for security purposes they will be housed in the Tech Lab.

Annual Appeal- Mrs. Lewis is set to announce an Annual Appeal campaign so start thinking about what category you would want to contribute money to. A few areas she mentioned were: Technology, replace science chairs and other student furniture.

Facebook- Mrs. Lewis reminded everyone about social media and privacy and not “friending” those who you do not know. We teach our children this lesson but it is also important for adults (especially women) to be concerned about safety and security with social media. This is true especially when our children are involved. Mrs. Lewis monitors the official St. Elizabeth School Facebook page and the unofficial Facebook SES Moms page now asks 3 questions to make sure the person requesting access is truly an SES family (what is your name, what is your child’s name and what grade). This will ensure they are who they say they are and can be added as a member of the SES School Community.

Mrs. Lewis reminded everyone that if they have a question about teacher or classroom issues, they need to discuss it with the teacher first and if not satisfied then to meet with Mrs. Lewis. This goes for questions relating to homework and school projects. Mrs. Lewis goes on line to see if what the teachers assign is appropriate and that the children can manage. It is important that children learn time management skills and not wait until the last minute. She also said that the teachers have been better about adding assignments to the webpages.

A parent asked about contagious illnesses and if and how an announcement is made. Mrs. Lewis said that for an individual case it is not necessarily announced, but if there is an outbreak then it would be announced. This depends on the number of children who have the same illness.

Committee Reports

5k- Elizabeth discussed the 5k event which will be on Saturday, December 2 at Darlington. Registration is open and you can go to the 5k website (<https://www.santasleigh5k.org>) to register to run as well as donate or even sponsor. You can walk or run the 5k and there will be a 1 mile fun run for kids. There will be refreshments and participants can even dress up as elves, Santa’s etc. Thanks to Elizabeth and the other chairs for “running” this event.

Food Truck Festival- Giovanna reported that this great new event was well attended- over 850 attendees- and it raised \$6,283! She suggested that next year's event should be held in a different month but otherwise it was well received by both the SES and outside communities. Even the volunteers said they had fun helping out. A parent suggested inviting a good old-fashioned ice cream truck too. Thanks to Giovanna for arranging this fun new event.

Genevieve's- The profits and delivery details will be forthcoming but we thank Kate for running this event again. She will announce when the items will be available for distribution but this year she will most likely send the items home with the children at pick up. The date and details will be communicated prior so no items will be left behind.

Walk to School- Veda reported that Walk to School Day had a nice turnout and it seemed that the kids and parents enjoyed the walk from the library to the school. She did want to address the potential danger of kids running ahead and acting rowdy. Parents are reminded to watch their children to ensure the safety of everyone. If you have suggestions on how to make this more exciting or even better, please contact Veda. The next Walk to School day is on Friday, May 18th which is also Dad's Night. Thanks Veda!

Clothing Drive- Thanks to everyone who brought clothing etc. to the gym. \$992 was raised and we thank Corinne for coordinating this fundraiser.

Trunk or Treat- Thank You to Nikki, Tara and Margaret for planning such a fun event. The weather was great and so was the DJ. It was stated that the picture session in the gym could be a little more organized but overall it was a wonderful event. We would also like to thank the Amireh Family for their generosity of bringing their Rolling Pita truck back to SES and donating back \$300.

Walk a Thon- This event was once again run by Diane and we thank her for organizing such a great and profitable event. It made over \$4,700 which is up \$840 from last year. The kindergarteners rocked it and were a very generous class. They had 71% participation in their class but that accounted for 40% of the total profit! The Kindergarten class won a PJ/ Movie day and picnic and Mia R. was the individual winner. Overall, participation was slightly lower than last year, but the profits were up. The DJs (Mrs. Hausler and Mrs. Rogalski) were so fun. Thanks everyone!

Ladies Night- Kelly thanked all those who helped including committee members, the models, the HSA Board and especially Krista for her advice in helping to make this a successful event. It raised about \$19,000 and more will be added with the Kristin Dahl Shopping event in Midland Park on Thursday 11/9 until 8:00. She will provide a 10% discount to shoppers that day and a 10% donation to SES for each purchase. Ladies Night had about the same number of people attend as last year with slightly fewer donations. A suggestion is to not have Ladies Night the day after Halloween as that made it more difficult on families. There was a lot of positive feedback for the event and we truly thank Kelly T. and Kristin B. for all your hard work and organizational skills to plan this huge event right at the start of the school year.

Movie Night- Kelly stated that Movie Night will be Friday, 11/17 in the cafeteria. There will be pizza, popcorn and other goodies so please come. Feel free to wear PJs and bring sleeping bags or chairs to enjoy the Polar Express Movie.

Spirit Wear- Amy said a flyer will be in this week's envelope reminding everyone to get their orders in by 11/22. Orders will be delivered by 12/15. Please contact Amy if you would like to make special

delivery arrangements or if the item is a surprise. All other orders seem to be current. A parent asked if there are sample sizes to try on. Amy said the best way is to ask a classmate (or someone with similar sizing) who has an item to determine what size is best. Remember to order Basketball shooting shirts and Pajama pants now in time for basketball and pancake breakfast. Thanks to Amy for handling all things Spirit Wear.

Veteran's Day- Prayer Service at 1:00 with Reception to follow in the gym to honor the Veterans close to us. Everyone is welcome.

Restaurant Days- Pizzeria Mandara was 11/6 and Blue Moon is 12/5. We are also trying to get a date with the new Pizza Love restaurant. If you have any restaurant suggestions please forward them to Krista so they can be contacted.

Tons of Toys/ Tons of Treasures- Be sure to buy your Scrip cards first then shop on 12/6 and Sunday, December 10th (from 10-1) at either or both stores.

Santa Breakfast- This fun and festive event will be on Saturday, December 9th. It will be similar to last year with one seating at 9:30. We thank Eileen H. and Michele P. for planning this great event.

Christmas Boutique- Eileen B. is planning this, which is one of the children's favorite events of the year. She will be using Candy Cane Holiday Shop for items this year in addition to fan favorites. Set up is on 12/12 and the kids will shop on 12/13 and 14. Please sign up to help on the upcoming Sign Up Genius as Eileen will need many helpers.

Lunch Duty- Denise stated that 123 families have met their Lunch Duty requirement- thank you for signing up and doing your duty. There are 13 families who have only signed up for a portion of their required amount, and 16 families who have not signed up at all yet. These families will be receiving an email and if the shifts are not signed up for Mrs. Lewis will contact the families. There are over 100 slots that still need to be filled so please review the Sign Up Genius ASAP before the emails go out. And remember everyone, please be on time, which means 11:00.

Basketball Clinic- A flyer was sent home to grades Kng.- 2 about the new Basketball Clinic program. This is coordinated by the YMCA and Coach Pat O'Hagan. The sessions will be in the SES gym on Wednesday's (starting on 11/29) from 2:30-3:30. Sign up is via the YMCA. The children will be grouped by ability.

Christmas Ornaments- Maire H. is coordinating the selling of SES Christmas ornaments so be on the look out for these.

Mrs. Lewis added one more item- **new Executive HSA Board members** will be needed for the 2018-2019 school year. Anyone interested should speak with Mrs. Lewis or any member of the current board. Or encourage your friends to inquire if you think they will be a good candidate. A bonus to being on the HSA Board is having extra time with Mrs. Lewis 😊

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.