

# St. Elizabeth H.S.A.

## 2017- 2018

Antoinette Gillespie – President   Krista Barabas – Vice President   Stephany Gubler – Vice President  
Danielle Piscioti – Treasurer   Denise LaGalia– Secretary

### HSA Meeting Minutes- Approved

January 9, 2018

Claire N.	Colleen M.	Maura S.
Nikki R.	Amy N.	Laura C.
Veda M.	Dana W.	Teresa P.
Kara V.	Jillian F.	Kelly T.
Giovanna M.	Lore C.	Jane G.
Robyn C.	Dana L.	Mrs. Lewis
Antoinette G.	Stephany G.	Krista B.
Danielle P.	Denise L.	

Antoinette started the meeting with a Prayer for the New Year.

#### President's Report

Antoinette welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Happy New Year!

She asked for a motion to approve the December Minutes that were on the tables. There was a motion to approve and a second so the minutes were approved as presented.

Antoinette said we received many thank you notes and emails from the faculty and Father Stephen for the faculty Christmas dinner at Aldo's that the HSA provided. They thought the event was very nice and they enjoyed the opportunity to connect in a social setting.

The HSA received a donation of a photo printer which was used at the Santa Breakfast and Christmas Boutique and will be a nice asset for future events. We thank the donor.

Tons of Toys and PedAgree Shoes gift cards are available in the office so please remember to get them before buying toys/presents or shoes.

**Executive Board-** If you are interested in a position on the HSA Board for next year please contact Mrs. Lewis or a current HSA Board member to discuss the opportunity.

**Gala-** Preparations for the Gala are underway and we encourage you to attend the meeting on Friday 1/12 at 8:00 am. The Gala is a lot of work but it is really fun and a great community builder. We encourage you to attend the meeting since each person's help does make a difference.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Danielle had a few points to highlight:

It is important to request a school check when contracting with outside vendors (such as DJs and catering halls). No personal checks should be used to secure events or services.

Remember to leave plenty of time when submitting check requests. There is a process which can include the Business Manager and Mrs. Lewis which can take up to a week.

Santa Sleigh 5k- The chairs were not at the meeting but Danielle wanted to thank them for their fantastic job and to announce that as of now the profit is about \$9,600 with one more final deposit to be made. It was so much fun for all the kids, participants and parents.

Christmas Boutique- the Boutique profited about \$2,400.

### **Principal's Report**

Mrs. Lewis thanked everyone for their generosity at Christmas.

Mrs. Lewis discussed the closing of school for both Thursday and Friday last week. Since Friday was a scheduled early dismissal day, we could not start the day late, as we need 4 hours to count as a school day. She would not have extended the day without ample notification and after conferring with other principals the decision was made to close school altogether.

We have used 2 snow days and we have 3 built in so hopefully February and March will cooperate.

Mrs. Lewis hoped that the parents enjoyed their cookie cutter ornaments that the kids made with the 3D printer. She hopes to use the 3D printer in science by taking presented problems and finding a solution then printing the solution with the 3D printer. The lower grades will be using a program connecting lines and the older kids will use a CAD like program. For Catholic Schools Week, the students will be designing and creating a keychain using the 3D printer and "SES is your key to success" will be attached as a way to market the school and our use of technology.

Catholic Schools Week activities will be listed in the e envelope on Thursday. Some events will include an author visit, a special persons day, pancake breakfast and buddy reading so stay tuned and please read the details in the e envelope.

Other future school events (with more details to follow) are the talent show (mid February), art show (late March) and science fair (in April).

Since Valentine's Day is on Ash Wednesday this year the class parties will be on Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) on 2/13. The Mardis Gras parade and mask making will also be on Tuesday, 2/13.

There is a lot going on!

Antoinette mentioned that the Pancake breakfast will be on Monday, 1/29 and that Giovanna will be heading up the hospitality part of it along with the board. Denise will reach out to all of the Class Parents with more details but please plan on arriving in the cafeteria after drop off to help service the pancakes (If you are a class parent and cannot make it please find a sub to assist).

Mrs. Lewis announced that the results of the "new COOP" test, the High School Placement Test or HSPT, came back very positive and she is really happy with the scores. The highest quartile overall was between 65-83 and we scored in the 81<sup>st</sup>. She also stated that we did really well in Math.

### **Committee Reports**

**Gala-** On behalf of the Gala chairs, Krista spoke about the kick off meeting that will take place in the Elizabeth Room on Friday, 1/12 at 8:00 am. The **Purple Ribbon Gala** event, which will honor Mrs. Palmieri for all her years of service (no she is not retiring yet), will take place on 3/24 at the Mahwah Sheraton. There will be guest rooms at a discounted rate if anyone is interested in staying overnight at the hotel. Please come to the Gala to show your support and thank her for her 35 years of service.

The Gala is a lot of work (but fun) and there are many different types of tasks for many different types of people- daytime, nighttime, weekends, creative, organizational, etc. so please come to the meeting to find out how you can help out.

**Movie Night-** The children will be voting on their top movie choice (of 3) Tuesday and that winner will be presented on Friday 1/19 in the cafeteria for Movie Night. Since it will be a tight turnaround please send in your form/ payment ASAP after it is in this Thursday's e envelope. Last year's Movie Night was so much fun for the kids and parents as well. Thanks Kelly for organizing!

**Sports Photos-** Maura stated that sports photos will be on Sunday, January 21 from 1-3 in the gym. Forms have been given to the coaches but extra forms will be available that day too. Please have athletes arrive 15 minutes before their team photo and then they can take individual photos. The full schedule will be in the e envelope this week.

**Christmas Boutique-** We thanked Eileen B. for her excellence in coordinating the Christmas Boutique this year. She received a good amount of support and the kids had a great time shopping for their family. We were glad to be able to run the event this year. There seemed to be positive feedback about the items for sale. The overall profit was about \$2,400. Next year the SES ornaments will be available at the Boutique again (and for personalization). Anyone interested in chairing the event next year, please let us know so we can pass along info about the vendor used and other details for a successful event. A Committee, in addition to a chair, is needed so please let us know if you are interested.

**Lunch Reminder-** Please make sure that you either order lunch for your children for Tuesday and Thursday through Park Wood Deli or that you send in lunch for them. There were several instances last week when children had no lunch. The website is open now and you can order for weeks at a time to make things easier. Also remember that if your child is out sick you can cancel your order up to 8:00 that morning to receive a credit. The lunch parents are not advised to give away your sick child's lunch or give extra food to kids who ask for it.

**Tons of Toys and Tons of Treasures-** The final profit was not announced at the meeting (but was available later- \$142.84 for Toys and \$38.08 for Treasures). Blue Moon made about \$22.

**Red Bowl-** This is a new restaurant in Waldwick serving Asian cuisine and they are willing to offer us a Restaurant Week. Stay tuned for details.

**Uniform Shoes-** Mrs. Lewis stated that the uniform school shoe will be changing next year and more details will be forthcoming.

**Santa Sleigh 5k-** As reported, the event made over \$9,600 and the runners who participated, many of whom regularly run these 5k events, thought it was a very well run event. Thanks to all those who helped. It was so fun for everyone.

**Santa Breakfast-** Thanks to Eileen H. and the committee for running a great event. The Napolitano's came through again with the cooking of the pancakes. This FUNraiser is a highlight of the year and we thank all those who participated.

**Christmas Ornaments-** Thank you to Maire for designing and selling these lovely ornaments. 110 were sold and sales were \$1,255 with a profit of \$300. There are still some in stock and they will be available next Christmas. Maire would like to look for more/ different opportunities to sell them such as for Alum at masses and other SES Events.

**Spirit Wear-** Amy wanted to make note that there are many spirit wear, other uniform and winter clothing items in the lost and found. Please sift through that (it is located downstairs by the cafeteria) to locate any missing items if you think your child is missing something.

Meeting adjourned 8:55