

St. Elizabeth H.S.A.

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HSA Meeting Minutes- Approved

March 6, 2018

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President's Report- Antoinette started the meeting with a St. Patrick's prayer. She then thanked everyone for attending. She asked for a motion to approve the February meeting minutes which were on the tables. There was a motion to approve and a second so the February meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Antoinette said the meeting should be short and sweet and that the big focus is on the Gala, the most important fundraising event of the year. She asked that families who use Facebook to "like" the Gala Page to get the word out to promote the event.

Antoinette said that the HSA Board will be starting to focus on early recruiting for next year prior to the Volunteer Fair. If anyone is interested in chairing Ladies Night to please speak with any of us now. Or if you know someone who would be great at chairing Ladies Night, make a personal ask as that often makes all the difference- to be personally asked by a friend. Maybe if you are a Class Parent, you can send an email (after Gala) to your class asking anyone who is interested to please let us know.

Treasurer Report- Danielle didn't have too much to report but she wanted to thank everyone for supporting the Gala. She also wanted to remind the sports programs that were coming to a close (basketball and cheer) to make sure all expenses and deposits are turned in within 2 weeks of the end of the season.

The Purple Ribbon Gala- Denise presented the top 10 things to do before the Gala. She said there are so many things to do and remember that the checklist serves as a great reminder (it was in the 3/1 e envelope). Basically there are a few ways to support the Gala- - make sure you turn in your 50/50 tickets (if not done so by 3/20, you will be charged via FACTS on 3/21 by Mrs. Palmieri) and even try and sell some more to friends, families, co-workers, etc. Be sure to turn in your dinner tickets and put who you want to sit with. Next, donate- it can be underwriting dollars (for printing, DJ, centerpieces, etc.), or SCRIP Cards, something from the Amazon wish list, or go in with a friend on a cool basket, etc. Finally, volunteer- before, during and/or after the event. All hands are greatly appreciated. Then, the fun things, like make sure you have a babysitter, hair, nails, dress (it doesn't have to be purple) and then come to the Gala to have a nice evening with the SES Community. Thanks for your support!

Principal's Report-

Iowa Testing- Mrs. Lewis said that testing was going well. The Iowa tests are a little different format (the kids did do practice tests). They are scheduled for 5 days so they will go into next week as Wednesday will be a snow day.

School Safety- Mrs. Lewis assured us that school safety is a top priority. She doesn't normally share all of the details since it undermines the safety if too much is shared publically, but be assured there are cameras and safety measures in place. If a child is a few minutes late at morning drop off, please do not drive around to the front of the building as there is a bell at the side entry door by the church doors (as well as a camera) and the child will be let in there. The State gives us money for security and during Easter Break a security door will be added to the vestibule where Mrs. Palmieri is. Basically, a visitor will be buzzed in to where Mrs. Palmieri will be and she will be able to speak through a Plexiglas window. If needed, she will buzz you in through the second door. The children will be able to access Mrs. Palmieri without having to go out into the front vestibule. This was the last safety recommendation by the State. Mrs. Lewis also reminded everyone to not prop open doors and make sure they are closed over the weekend and at night as they leave. Mrs. Lewis comes in early and walks through the school to make sure all is good before the kids come to school.

Drop Off- Please do not speed during drop off. Please remind children to get out on the right side of the car. The left side is dangerous for kids to walk in between cars.

Snow Days- We are out of days so, if needed, Ascension Thursday can be used as a school day.

Mrs. Bataglia has resigned. Mrs. Lewis has posted the part time 5-6th Math teacher position on the Archdiocese website and scheduling adjustments are being made to have math instruction continue.

Be sure to review the updated School Calendar as many new events have been added such as the Science Fair, Talent Show, Oratorical Contest, Pre K moving up ceremonies, Kindergarten graduation, etc.

A parent asked about having a police officer or security guard on site or having a police car during drop off. Mrs. Lewis is confident in our safety measures and she said Wyckoff Police do drive through our parking lot during the day. She can ask (but not mandate) that they continue to be available during drop off (there is a cost to this).

There was also discussion about having funds raised during the Gala to be earmarked for security. Mrs. Lewis said that we receive funding from the State including the money for the front entry door.

She also reminded us that she is still looking for a recess monitor.

Mrs. Lewis will be sending letters to those parents who are not up to date on their Protecting God's Children status.

A parent asked about enrollment. Pre K 3 and 4 are almost full and she has several appointments this week for interested families.

Committee Reports-

Sports Award Dinner- The date for the Sports Award Dinner is 4/10 and it will be at the Ramsey Golf and Country Club. The event is for those children who participated in volleyball, basketball and cheerleading. It will be a sit down dinner and the program will get started during dinner service. Parents and athletes only, (not siblings) are invited and parents need to indicate which child(ren) they will be sitting with. Parents are asked to remind their children to be quiet and respectful during the evening especially when coaches are speaking. This includes proper phone etiquette- a basket may be placed on each table or some other way to make sure that the children are not on their phones all evening. There will be a step and repeat for photos after each team's recognition. The chairs are also working on the video. Coaches are sharing pictures via Dropbox and they have ask for about 5 pictures per child to make a fun video. It is a special evening and nice to see the kids get dressed up and celebrate their achievements.

Sports- Mrs. Lewis reminded parents to be respectful and behaved during all sporting events. She will be recommending that the rules be posted in the gym and anyone disregarding these rules be banned from coming to future games.

Sal Laretta Shopping- Sal Laretta has generously extended the shopping days until this Saturday, 3/10. As a reminder, any alterations will be done in time for the Gala and Communion, so please stop by.

Fun Friday- Teresa reported that despite the poor weather the Superdome was a fun event. They even donated to the Gala. If anyone has future Fun Friday suggested events, please let Teresa know. The next event will be for May.

\$4\$- The extended orders are due this Wednesday (now Thursday 3/7 due to the snow day) for delivery next Thursday 3/15. \$4\$ generates a large sum of money for the HSA at the end of the year so please support the program.

Spiritwear- Amy reminded those interested to order any spring or track related items directly on the website. Items will be delivered as they are ready directly to the children through school unless alternate delivery options are made with Amy. As a reminder summer uniforms are to be worn when we return from Easter Break on 4/9.

Amy also mentioned that the 4-5th grade Girl Scouts will be cleaning up the Uniform Closet on Friday 3/16 as their community service project. Any unwearable items will be donated to the clothing drive in May.

As a reminder, FlynnO'Hara is the new uniform company so any new uniform related items need to be bought there. Our navy blue shirt is called "Dark Blue" by FlynnO'Hara. Their navy is more of a royal blue so please be careful when ordering.

Lunch- Reminder that the new trimester forms are due on Wednesday 3/7 (now Friday 3/9) so please remember to complete them and send them in to Katie on time so she can place the orders.

Lunch Duty- Denise reminded everyone to sign up for any extra shifts they may be able to do. Even after every parent signs up for their 3 per child in K-8 shift, we are still about 70 slots short so we really do need parents to do an extra shift if they can. Maybe look at your calendar and if you have nothing on it for the week, to maybe sign up for an extra shift. The Sign Up Genius is set to remind volunteers 2 days ahead- this is a default setting- please do not turn this off or will not be notified and may forget your shift which will leave those who do show up short handed. Also please be sure to add the date to your personal calendar to not forget. And remember 11:00 is the start time.

Speech Teacher- There will be a new speech teacher until Mrs. Burke, who was injured during a fall, will be able to come back.

Track- Denise said the registration forms were in last week's e envelope and will be again this week. There will be many enhancements and changes to the program this year- more meets (see the registration form for all the dates). The league is also adding an electronic timing system. This will reduce the staging time, reduce the multiple heats for the 50/100's to just go off times, provide running times to all children, not just the top 6, have the 5-8 grades go in the morning and the K-4 kids go in the afternoon to shorten the overall day for them and their families, etc. More details will be provided. Hopefully more children will be able to participate with these changes. In addition, the SES meet (which raises over \$4,000 for the school) will be on May 6th and many volunteers are needed- parents of the track athletes, other parents who can help, high schoolers, etc. so please let Denise know if you can assist or if you have any questions about Track.

Spring Volleyball- Jennifer provided information about registration for the Spring Girl's league. It will be for grades 4-8 and there will be a Directors' scheduling meeting next week. There will be at least one Varsity team and possibly 2 JV teams. Coach Tal will hopefully be able to make arrangements to teach volleyball basics during gym periods. There may be an opportunity to have boys' games between St. Paul's and AOOL. More information to follow on volleyball in general but be on the lookout for a registration form in this week's e envelope.

A parent asked about Drug education since DARE is no longer in existence. Mrs. Lewis said she would be happy to review any programs (although she is hesitant to deal with a private company) and if anyone has knowledge of a program to let her know.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30