

# St. Elizabeth H.S.A.

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## HSA Meeting Minutes- Approved

April 10, 2018

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**President's Report-** Antoinette started the meeting with a Prayer and then thanked everyone for coming to the April HSA Meeting. She then asked for an approval of the March meeting minutes. There was a motion to approve and then a second so the meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**Gala-** Antoinette discussed how appreciative we are of the Purple Ribbon Gala and how successful it was. We appreciate all those who showed up and supported Mrs. Palmieri and our school. The work done by all those involved was really excellent and we appreciate the chairs, Krista and the committee for everything they did.

**Volunteer Fair-** We will be hosting the Volunteer Fair on 5/15 which is the morning of the May Crowning. This is where we thank the volunteers but it is also the kick off to those who want to sign up for next year as Class Parents, to run an event or be on a committee. So this is an opportunity to learn about the fundraising opportunities as well as Class Parent roles. For each person who volunteered this past year and for those who come to the breakfast, your children will receive a NUT (No Uniform Today) Pass for a date to be determined by Mrs. Lewis.

**Ladies Night-** We are still looking for someone to chair this fall event for next year so if interested or know of someone please let us know.

**Uniform Closet-** It looks so nice, clean, organized and awesome! We are proud of and greatly thank the 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade Girl Scout troop who organized and cleaned it up. As a reminder, please only leave school uniforms there- not your other closet cleanouts. Bring those items to the Clothing Drive in May. Stay tuned for more details on how the Uniform Closet should be used and maintained.

**Sports Award Dinner-** We are looking forward to this evening of honoring the athletes and thanking our volunteer coaches who make our sports programs so great.

**HSA Meeting-** The next HSA meeting is on Tuesday, May 1 (not May 8<sup>th</sup>). Hope to see you all there.

**Treasurer Report-** Danielle thanked everyone for their check requests and back up and providing 1 week timeframe for processing. She also thanked the Gala chairs for their work in providing a fun and wonderful event and celebration.

**Principal's Report-** Mrs. Lewis was excited to not see snow! She mentioned that next year we may need to build in 5 snow days per the Archdiocese.

**Security Doors-** The door/ entry area was supposed to be done before we returned from break. The glass panels and doors should be in this weekend with a hard end date before Communions. This will complete the security recommendations that were made for this year. Mrs. Lewis wants to add an additional camera next year facing into this new lobby space as well as one in the gym to hopefully keep any sports issues in line.

**Science Fair-** The kids are returning their Science Fair slips and there has been a good response from the younger grades. The kids can bring their projects in on Friday 4/20 (Thursday for 6<sup>th</sup> grade) and the gym will be open Sunday for everyone to view them after masses.

**Summer Uniforms-** Although it was summer uniform time, it was 26 degrees out so do what you think is best for your child. Reminder, please review the Uniform Requirements in the Handbook for uniform specifics.

Co-Ed d is now officially closed so please remember to go to FlynnO'Hara for new uniform needs. Also remember that their "blue" for polo shirts is called "dark blue".

**Business Manager-** We have a new Business Manager named Ann who is very pleasant and has set a different and nice tone. While we still need to follow Archdiocese rules, it looks like it will be a warm and friendly relationship. Mrs. Palmieri is happy with her.

**Theater Program-** There were not enough children in grades 6-8 to support the play so it was cancelled for lack of interest.

**Talent Show-** The Talent Show will be happening in the spring under supervision of Mrs. Wyka. More details to follow.

**5/1 HSA Meeting-** Mrs. Lewis plans to announce the new HSA Board as well as have Mrs. Kozar at the meeting to review Student Council.

Mrs. Bastone is not returning as she is planning on staying home with her new baby. Mrs. Lewis will plan on finishing up the year with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Math Teacher-** Mrs. Lewis is still looking for a qualified candidate to teach Math to the 5-6 graders. Math (and Science) are the hardest teaching spots to fill and will be posting in the newspapers as well as continue to post on the archdiocese website. She is looking for a Math Certified teacher.

Mrs. Lewis explained that there will be changes with Alex and possibly even IXL. Technology should be used as enhancements in the school, not at home. There have been some situations where a child did Alex at home and did well but then did not do well in school on the tests. So there will be more of a focus on doing the programs in school in a non parent setting.

In addition to possibly changing Alex and IXL, Mrs. Lewis has new Math and Reading series books that she will review. If the new Math series is chosen, she will mostly likely also take the on line component which follows that particular math curriculum.

Mrs. Lewis will have long term subs for the remainder of the year for those teachers going out on maternity.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Purple Ribbon Gala-** Krista spoke for Jenny and Jacquee and announced that the Gala profit is about \$134,000 (there are a few minor expenses that may come in and more things are still available for sale). The chairs wanted to thank the committee members as well as everyone else for their generous support. Mrs. Palmieri and her family had fun and Mrs. Palmieri even won some Tricky Tray baskets. Jenny and Jacquee were thankful for all those who attended and donated as this is the most important fundraiser of the year. Your support allows for overall improvements to our school and your support is greatly appreciated.

**Used Book Fair-** Maura announced that the Used Book Fair will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May (May 10<sup>th</sup>). This is where kids shop for gently used books (\$.50 for softcovers and 41.00 for hardcovers). Mrs. DeWitte will be releasing the Class Schedule. A Sign Up Genius will go out for those who can please sign up to help at set up, during the event or for clean up. There will be a bin in the lobby for you to drop off your book donations. Any remaining books will be collected by Mrs. Giunta and donated to the Paterson schools and their libraries. Thanks to Maura and Trish for leading this event.

**Dad's Night-** TJ Sullivan spoke about the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dad's Night which is a great opportunity for Dads to get together to raise money for our school and have fun! The kids love it! It is a great community building event and great to see so many dads get involved. It really is a fun night! Some Dads start out by saying they will never go on stage and end up being the star of the show. There are many skits and videos and it takes a lot of work but it is fun. Look for the sale of the DVD afterward.

**Clothing Drive-** Stephany spoke with Corinne about the clothing drive which will be on 5/19-20. Start cleaning out your closets now. They accept stuffed animals, clothes, shoes (label them in a separate bag), linens, etc. More details will be in the flyer. Thanks Corinne!

Mrs. Lewis said enrollment is coming along nicely. Our numbers look strong and the Archdiocese is happy. Everyone is coming back with the exception of a few. Pre K 3 is full and Pre K 4mhas like 1-2 spots available. New kids are entering Kng. as well.

Remember next HSA meeting is on 5/1 not 5/8.

Meeting adjourned 8:39 am