

**St. Francis School HSA
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 8, 2016
7 PM – St. Francis School Cafeteria**

Attendance: Karla Fesler, Diana Real, Jane Gregory, Sandy Cann, Heather Bryan, Nikki Albright, Father Don, Lori Shepard, Sarah Venvertloh, Misty Cramsey, Jamie Marshall, Megan Vale, Jennifer Arens, Maureen Makarewicz, Lori Vranjes

Meeting called to order by Heather Bryan. Opening prayer at 7:00 PM.

Principal's Report: given by Lori Shepard

- DAEC (Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference): majority of teachers attended in Decatur, for personal faith growth. Greg Willitis, author of “The Catholic Next Door” was keynote speaker.
- Parking Lot—Drop off suggestions by City of Quincy: lots going on behind scenes to pull this together. Would love to have parent volunteers to help implement for the first 2 weeks. IE: holding signs, direct traffic & walkers. Starting date will be announced soon.
- Christmas Program will be held in church this year on December 15, 2016.
- Club/Sport pictures were taken on Tuesday, November 8th.
- Iowa Assessment Workshop is Wednesday, November 9th in Godfrey. Principals will attend.
- QND Pep Assembly will be Tuesday, November 15th from 9:00-9:30 AM; students may wear jeans and gold or QND shirts.
- Placement test for 8th graders is Friday, November 18th. Bob Sheffield will facilitate. In the past, this was held on the first Saturday in December.
- Talent Show will be Friday, November 18th from 6:00-7:00 PM. All are invited to attend.
- Tuition Assistance Fund: “12 Little Angels”- \$1,000 to start and will have a running total of money in, money out to families in need of assistance.
- Grandparent's Day: already working on new ideas for next year.

Father Don's Report: given by Father Don

- Building repairs will continue into next year. Scaffolding will be up all winter.
- Holy Name Society held their annual golf outing on Sunday, October 2nd. A grand total of \$6,000 was raised.

- This week is National Vocation Awareness week. Aaron Kuhn spoke at all 5 masses this past weekend. Duker & Haugh provided prayer cards that were sent home with each child.

Treasurer's Report: given by Lori Vranjes

- No changes since October meeting.

Secretary's Report: Approval of October 11, 2016 minutes: motion Jane Gregory, 2nd Sandy Cann. Unanimous approval.

Old Business:

Trunk or Treat: given by Jane Gregory

- Lots of fun had by all. Roberta Hirstius won the \$25 Gene Grawe Gift Certificate for "Best Decorated". Looking into trash cans out & available next year as lots of trash was left behind.

Suggestion Box: given by Heather Bryan

- Cell Phones: No cell phone usage while driving in school zones. Also, refrain from cell phone usage during playground duty.
- Snacks & Drinks at HSA meetings: There have been snacks provided at the last 2 meetings. Feel free to bring a snack to share.
- Germ Squad: will touch base with those that participated in this cleaning last year & see who can help with this.

Shakespeare's Pizza Fundraiser: given by Heather Bryan

- 60 Families participated. Total of 771 pizzas were sold resulting in a profit of \$4,520 (+\$25 donation) to go toward 3rd floor bathroom repairs.
- **CHANGE:** Any family that sold 1-19 pizzas, children will get a jean day. Any family that sold 20 or more, children will receive non-dress code day. Jean & non-dress code day will take place on November 22nd (pizza delivery day).

New Business:

Winter Carnival: given by Jane Gregory

- Winter Carnival will be on Friday, February 3, 2017 closing Catholic Schools Week.
- Winter Carnival is a cheap fun-filled family event. This will be our 3rd year holding this event & we are looking for volunteers to help make another successful year. Please contact Jane Gregory if you are available to help.

NEW Morning Drop Off: given by Heather Bryan

- Letters were mailed home this week to each family with written guidelines as well as a detailed map of the new plan. Need volunteers to help get the new plan up and running the first 2 weeks. Please contact any member of the Executive Board or Lori Shepard if you can donate your time.

Christmas Raffle: given by Heather Bryan

- Continued open discussion as to whether we will continue this for the upcoming Christmas Program. Split evenly between opposed & for. Tabled.

Elections: given by Heather Bryan

- Officer elections in Feb/March. Offices up for election: Treasurer & President.

Social Media: open discussion

- **As per the St. Francis Solanus School Parent/Student Handbook (pg. 38):** “Social Media (Parents): Social Media can be a valuable tool to communicate important information, or keep in touch with friends. It should be a positive means to share information, not negative. If, at any time, you have a concern about the school, please communicate that with a phone call or in person for a better solution.”

General Information:

- The Executive Board invites all parents/guardians to participate in HSA. We welcome any & all feedback.
- Tentative HSA Calendar of Events: see below.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Closing prayer at 8:05 PM.

Minutes compiled by Karla Fesler, Recording Secretary

HSA Calendar of Events 2016-17

August

Teacher Gifts
Back to School Event, Aug 27th

September

General Meeting Sept. 13th

October

Scotties Skate Night Oct 4th 6:00-8:00PM
General Meeting Oct. 11th 7:00PM
Trunk or Treat Oct. 30th 5:30PM set up, begin 6:00PM

November

General Meeting Nov. 8th, 7PM
Pizza Fundraiser (Pizza Sales Oct. 20-Nov. 7, Delivery Nov. 22nd)

December

Christmas Program Seat Raffle

January

General Meeting Jan. 10th, 7:00PM
Scotties Skate Night Jan. 26th, 6:00-8:00PM

February

Winter Carnival (tentative-Feb 3-closing Catholic Schools Week)
General Meeting (Executive Board Election Nominations) Feb. 21st, 7:00PM

March

Scotties Skate Night Mar. 9th, 6:00 PM-8:00PM
General Meeting (Executive Board Election) March 14th, 7:00PM
Spring Large Fundraiser

April

General Meeting April 11th (Committee Chair Nominations)
Parents Prom

May

General Meeting May 9th, 7:00PM
School Picnic