

St. John the Baptist HSA Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Date: January 26th, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Present: Jonna Johnson, Cathy McAuley, Katleen Dethier, Jessica Nuhn, Amy Fontaine and about 21 others on ZOOM call.

Absent: None

Opening Prayer: Cathy McAuley

Old Business-

President's Report:

-Easter candy sale forms sent home in most recent Blue Family Folder (BFF). Orders are to be turned in February 26th and candy arrives March 22nd. Disbursement will be most likely similar to last year with pickup in school parking lot, drive-thru.

-Parish Spring Sweepstakes start date to be announced soon. It will involve a plant sale and possible BBQ. The drawing will be sometime in the beginning of May. The last Parish Sweepstakes had 600 tickets sold just from our school families alone. School family involvement is very important. For every ticket sold will = 1 volunteer hour.

-Catholic Schools Week the HSA will be funding the Ice Cream Social w/ the Pink Cow.

Treasurer's Report:

-Opening balance is \$32,135.50 as of December 22nd. Pending Candy Bar Sale deposits submitted, total deposits \$5,708.93. Total checks written \$658.60. Balance in account as of January 26th is \$7,185.83. Minus \$2810.15 in approved appropriated funds, gives a total operating balance of \$34,375.68.

Vice President's Report:

-Nothing new to report.

Secretary's Report:

-You can find all minutes from HSA meetings on the private Facebook page and also the school's website.

Principal Report:

-Thank you to everyone who has been attending the meeting via ZOOM.

-The Preregistration info will be sent out in this past week's BBF with info on registration and tuition costs. Please return registration sheet in by date on paperwork to secure your child/children's spot. We already have a running waiting list of new families. Class sizes for next year will follow the same guide lines as this past year at this time.

-The school will be posting virtual tours and open houses to introduce our school to new families.

-The diocese is putting on a Tuition Raffle. Ticket purchases must be turned in by January 28th.

Winner receives a \$5000 tuition credit towards elementary or high school tuition.

-To help with tuition costs, families can apply to the Bison Fund. It is income based tuition assistance. There are also scholarships available for families of veterans. After the Easter break info will be sent out in regards to scholarships that our families can apply for.

-Catholic Schools Week will look a bit different this year, but everyone is looking forward to it. A lot of fun activities have been planned, and all info will be sent home in this week's BFF. There will also be virtual tours.

-Valentine's Day this year will follow the same guide lines as the other holidays this year. There will be no food treats. Teachers will be sending info home.

Candy Bar Sale- Rita Greis

-If you owe any money please turn in ASAP. Those who still owe money will be contacted soon. If you find any discrepancies, please do not hesitate to contact Rita.

New Business-

-Meat raffle- February 4th

-The drawing for last year's meat raffle will be held on February 4th. It will be live.

-Teacher Appreciation week-

-This year is from February 8th to the 12th. The HSA will be doing little surprises each day. A lunch will be given on Monday the 8th.

-Fish Fry-March 19th

-This year the 8th grade is not doing this event. We will be running it similar to how they did it last year. Doing a drive-thru and selling pre-ordered tickets which are the ones we want to push. Day of Fish Fry sales will also be available. VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED

-Pop Bottle Return-Jess Nuhn

-As we did last year, a trailer will be set up for anyone to drop off their bottle /can returns. We are hoping to have this available around the end of March to coincide with the Fish Fry. Everyone is also welcome to take their cans directly to Can Land Redemption Center on RT. 77. Just label your returns or mention to them that they are for St. John's School Alden.

-Just a reminder that you can take your can returns to the redemption center in Alden all year round. You just need to let them know that it is for St. John's School.

-HSA Officer Elections-

-The President, Vice President and Secretary positions are up for election this year (secretary position has one more year). It is a great way to volunteer at our school and to be part of a great team. The elections will be voted on at the last general meeting of the year in May. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the current board members also with any recommendations.

-Sports-Mrs. Johnson

-At this time we are still not sure where sports stand. We are reading through a lot of guide lines and seeing if it will work.

-Spring HSA Raffle-

-Ticket sales will start beginning of March with drawing right before Easter Break. So far we have a Russell's Overnight Package and Butter Crumbs Gift Certificate. Possible other ideas are a Bills basket and Pink Cow. Anyone with any ideas or suggestions please contact us. Also if you know of a business or work for a business that would be willing to donate please let us know.

"We Are the St. John's Family"

Next meeting date February 23rd @6:30