



# SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CLASSICAL SCHOOL

Home and School Association Meeting Notes  
Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Opening 6:08

1. Motion to approve minutes from May; motion approved.
2. Principal's Report:
  - Beginning of year is great, everyone is excited and welcoming.
  - Started going to mass more than 1x per week, going during feast days.
  - Celebrating 65 years at St Paul.
  - Alumni Dinner Sept 10th.
  - Classical implementation moving along.
    - Memorization and recitation of poetry
    - Singapore Math
  - Accreditation Nov 6-9th
  - Parents may be stopped for questions
3. Board Introductions
4. Looking for a volunteer for a couple open positions: All counts toward the 25 hours per family.
  - President Elect
    - President position usually has president elect, current president and past president.
  - Volunteer Services
  - Christmas Parade (Won a trophy last year) – Gets volunteers and spearheads it.
  - School Auction or Casino night in the Spring - Committee, fund-raising, food. Needs head.
    - Abigail Pardy and Amanda Cumberland volunteered.
  - New chair for monthly family night restaurant dinners - the chair goes to find the restaurants, much of this is online.
    - Volunteer found (I didn't catch her name).

5. HSA Meeting Dates: Generally, 3rd Wed of month.  
 Voted for a mix of in-person and virtual
 

8-25-22	In-Person
9-21-22	In-Person
10-19-22	In-Person
11-16-22	Virtual
12-7-22	Has to be in person
1-18-23	Virtual
2-15-23	In-Person
3-22-23	In-Person
4-19-23	Virtual
5-17-23	In-Person
  
6. Meetings are often Report outs on the last month, then new business. Often have side-bar meetings afterward. Try to keep these meetings 1 hour.
  
7. Need to start now for working on the auction, auction is normally in March/April.
  
8. All meetings will be open to everyone this year, not just the board. Everyone is welcome.
  - Events so far this year:
    - Back to School Night
    - HSA provided Cookies for everyone (Freezers are broken)
  - Past Events:
    - Movie Night
    - School Events
    - Catholic Schools week
    - Bring in Community Leaders
    - Veterans Day
    - Graduation
  
9. New Changes-
  - HSA previously had their own account, but we (HSA, Mrs. DeMakas and Fr. John) felt the school needs help.
  - St. Paulapalooza funds this year will go to school.
  - Raffle, Auction Night, Casino Night funds will go to the school.
  - Money will be funneled through the church in a separate account
    - There will be a large funding at the beginning of the year to cover our activities.
    - HSA will support the events though.

- HSA is taking over the restaurant night from the school.
  - Those funds are going to HAS
  - Used Uniform Sale
  - Funds going to HSA
10. Graphic (Org Chart) shows the HSA External and Internal Responsibilities.
11. 8th graders build haunted house for St Paulapalooza.
12. Main Internal responsibility is Community Building.
- Room parents used to host a back-to-school event at their house
  - pot luck, socialize
13. Question: How to parents reach other parents in the school?
- Renweb- Search their grade, you can find parent's names and emails.
  - District code is "stpaul-tx".
  - Room parent will also have the contact information.
  - Some classes are looking for two parents, if interested let them know.
  - Room parents handle communication with the parents of the class.
  - Parties, donations, etc.
14. Reviewed Calendar of Events (Handout).
15. Haven't done new parent/mentor nights lately. Parents mentor new/ incoming families.
- 2 events - would go eat, meet people,
  - Have done swimming at the Y and a cookout.
  - Could do a new-family night
  - Candy will talk to Courtney about that.
16. Upcoming Events:
- Catholic Schools Week
    - Try to get leaders in the community to come in.
    - Brings attention to the school.
  - Packer Dash - 5k fun run/walk doing it this year
  - May - NJHS - National Junior Honors Society
  - 8th grade grad - lunch/brunch

17. Bylaws:

- Using version from May 2013 - looking for more recent version.
- In another meeting we will look at amend and revise.

18. Treasurer Report:

- First project - teachers wish list (new things for the classroom), up to \$50.
- They get 2x a year.

19. Hospitality:

- Coffee and donuts after morning prayer on first full day of school in the cafeteria.

20. Volunteer Services:

- Will send emails to room parents to distribute information.

21. Teacher Breakfast:

- Hasn't happened yet.
- Need to assign a grade level to each month.
- Rory will send information about last year.
- Important to send reminders the month before/ week before.

22. Communications:

- Candy will send the remind list and give access to the remind account.
- Would like to do a newsletter, could be one per semester.
- Will distribution information from the president.

23. Fund Raising:

- Helping with Alumni Dinner - all proceeds to school.
- So far everything is donated, so all tickets and proceeds will help the school.
- \$50 individual \$80 couple, table is \$300.
- Some people are not coming but buying a table and donating.
- Sept 10th, from 6:30 to 10 in the parish center. Only for adults. Tacos.

24. St Paulapalooza (Oct 28-29):

- Working on securing a petting zoo,
  - price is 2-3x from last year.
  - 3-8 sat, 11-6 sun.
  - \$3-4,000.
- Working with ministries, each a tent and a food booth.
- Working on t-shirt sales. Shirts students can wear on spirit day (\$17).
- Needs help in following areas (see the stapled handout):
  - Advertising - There is a volunteer from the group.
  - Sponsorships
  - Raffle Ticket Sales at Masses
  - Volunteer Coordination
  - Entertainment Good bands, dance groups etc. Joint effort with Hispanic ministries
  - Arts & Crafts
  - Chill Cook-off lead - Lori Dellacroce, looking for people to participate.
- SPCCS Donations
  - August - Canned Sodas - info to go out by Friday. Due by Sept 9th.
  - Sept - Bagged Candy
  - October - baked goods for cake walk

25. New Business:

- Could we get the board member email list?
  - Candy will send out the list.
- Notes will still only go out to the board.
- Courtney would like to post the minutes of the meetings to the school website.
- A calendar of the important dates would be good.
  - Courtney will add them to the newsletter.
  - Read to the end of the newsletter!

Meeting adjourned at 7:24