



MINUTES for TUESDAY, March 14, 2023 @6:30pm. Submitted by E. Novotny, Secretary

The Mission of the Watertown Catholic Home and School Association is to support and enrich the student's education by bringing Watertown Catholic school families together, sponsoring activities that complement the curriculum, discussing issues that affect the students, and fundraising to support H&S and their mission.

Members Present: See attached Contact Sheet. 11 people in Attendance.

Principal's Report: Discussed Enrollment. Emails will be going out to enroll children for next school year. Tuition has been raised slightly.

Treasurer's Report: We discussed the current account balance. The Board met to review our Budget (copy attached) Budget was approved by all. (motion P.Spende; 2nd J.Shea)

Financial Control: HASA will not be in control of our check book, alone. Financials will be outsourced as advised by Into the Deep Parish Administrative Services. We will have to get more details on the process once it is in effect.

We discussed our current Account Balance and the need to put that money into use. We may be able to invest profits; this will need to be further discussed. We would like to review a motion presented last year May (2022) to purchase ChromeBooks and Carts and/or iPads for students. This was put on hold because of the Into the Deep changes, but we can now move forward. We would like to gather quotes and discuss this plan so that we can approve this purchase by year end. This will be on April's Agenda. Other suggested purchase would be new curtains for the stage.

Old Business:

a) DC Trip for 8th Graders has had successful fundraisers: Subway \$450; Pizza Ranch (\$850); Culvers (\$?) April 8 there will be a Bowling Fundraiser at WTTN Bowl 18. Shoe Drive: KEEP BRINGING in shoes until April 2. Spaghetti Dinner (\$1000).

PLEASE Advertise the Spaghetti Dinner Friday Nights.

c) RIVERFEST: Riverfest and the Emil's Pizza Booth are a Go for this summer! But We need someone to Take Lead. Our Current Coordinator Lorraine is stepping down from chairing this event and we must have a replacement .Volunteer workers seem to be plentiful, and Lorraine would do a job shadow for the 2023 Riverfest, then our new Chair would take over completely for the 2024 event. PLEASE consider this Position. This is a very good Fundraiser for HASA.

New Business -

b) Marketing to be on April Agenda. Discussed integrating Zoom or Google Meet or video tape for replay options of our meetings.

c) CARNIVAL: Help Wanted by April 11: We discussed having an end of year carnival for the students. Mrs. Harms mentioned that the company previously used is no longer available and bouncy houses are not recommended. We need a Volunteer to Chair a Committee to put this Carnival together OR other ideas to be presented and voted on in April meeting as the time is of the essence. ****We will not be able to have an end of year Carnival without a Chairperson and volunteers.**

d) Discussed idea of having a short Social time before or after our HASA meetings. Please email a Board member if interested in this idea so we may decide if it should be on April Agenda.

e) 2024 Officers: Please see attached message from Mrs. Harms which explains this well. Our wonderful Volunteer President and Treasurer Bob Mudler will be stepping down after this school year. We Thank him for all of the time and effort he put into handling these two positions. All positions will be open for vote in May's meeting. We need volunteers/nominations sent to us *email Bob Mudler or complete form* before our April 11 meeting. To re-start our terms, the President and Treasurer will be voted in for a One year term and the Vice President and Secretary will be voted in for a Two year term. After the Vote in our May 2023 meeting, these New positions will begin.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES: Class Reps will be decided at the April Meeting. This is a one year term and we ask for volunteers to attend the Home & School Meetings and then share information with the specific classroom. It is also a way to share a classrooms needs to the Group. Please email Bob Mudler with your interest in being a classroom representative.

OTHER:

HASA approved \$2600 to our Faculty to be spent as they choose towards their classrooms/learning. (Motion L. Cummings; 2nd E. Novotny)

Website: HASA will be added to the Watertown Catholic Website. You will be able to find Meeting Minutes, By-Laws, Constitution, Events, & Contact Information.

<https://watertowncatholic.org/homeandschool>.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Fridays during Lent: Spaghetti Dinner
- August 10-13: Riverfest
- September 8: Brat Fry

-Next Home & School Meeting: April 11 @6:30pm at St. Henry School. Go in front doors.

Home & School About us:

Where H&S funds go: We have broken this into 3 categories:

-Student Enrichment: includes Bussing, field trip assistance, Reading program, (examples)

- Faculty Funding: includes financial donations for classroom prep/materials, Also technology

needs

-School Community: Family Socials, Fellowship

The Home & School Board:

President & Treasurer: Bob Mulder: bob@ttlws.com

Vice President: Marcia Cronic: lee4marcia@gmail.com

Secretary: Emily Novotny: emily78er@gmail.com

Members: ***YOU. Everyone is Welcome to attend meetings. You are a Member of HASA by paying dues at the beginning of the year and we'd love your input and volunteers.***

Next Months Agenda: Meeting Tuesday April 11 @6:30.

Finances:

~Nomination of Officers and Class Room Reps.

~Vote on Chrome Books and Cart Purchases and budget for. (Student Enrichment Category)

~Vote on/Discuss other Purchases for our school to utilize our current Funds: Previously discussed were: Purchase items for Shade Area for kids on playgrounds (or Hold funds for) ; Purchase Items for Daycare with Funds we collected from last years Daycare Salt Fundraiser (over \$950) (Student Enrichment Category)

End of Year Carnival or ??? (Rent ice cream or Snow Cone Truck, Small BBQ) (School Community)

Discuss Next Teacher Incentive: To have for Beginning of Next School Year. (Faculty Funding)

Marketing Committee: We need someone to head a committee to step up our Social Media and other marketing. (\$100 currently approved as of 3/8/2022 towards this)

RIVERFEST/Emil's Pizza: We need someone to Take Lead. Volunteer workers seem to be plentiful for this event, But we need a new Ring Leader. PLEASE consider this Position. This is a very good Fundraiser for HASA.

Other? Please contact Bob Mudler to add a subject to our April Agenda.