



Friday, January 9th, 2026

Welcome & Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with prayer, asking for wisdom, patience, and gratitude as the HSA continues to support St. Vincent de Paul School, its students, staff, and families.

Introductions

Jesse welcomed attendees and introduced new member Adam Sauter, who has two children at St. Vincent, including a kindergartner. A round-robin introduction followed, with committee leads sharing their roles and family connections to the school. Attendance included a full room in person, with Adam attending via Zoom.

School Events Feedback

Advent Program

The group reviewed feedback from the recent Advent program. While families appreciated the experience, several concerns were raised:

- Cold temperatures while waiting outside
- The "five tickets per family" guideline was not consistently followed
- Seats were saved across rows, contributing to overcrowding
- Limited accessibility for elderly and disabled guests
- Parking lot congestion after the event

Discussion centered on potential improvements, including:

- A formal ticketing system
- Exploring evening performances
- Splitting performances by grade levels
- Improved crowd management and accessibility support (possibly with Watch DOGS or police presence)
- Reviewing Vimeo livestream viewership data

Jesse will work with school leadership and parish staff to review feedback and explore future event structures.

Committees

Spirit Wear

Lead: Amber Misunas

- Winter Spirit Wear launch was successful, earning approximately \$3,000
- 111 items sold; a \$300 rebate is expected

- Discussion included planning for a future fall sale, noting strong performance of items priced around \$25

Used Uniforms

Lead: Kelli Hamilton

- Winter uniform drop: January 5–9
- Winter shop dates:
 - Sunday, January 11 | 10:00–12:30
 - Monday, January 12 | 8:00–12:00
- Team will sort items and provide photos for social media promotion
- Jesse will pick up the free-will offering box from the parish office and schedule reminders

Sunshine Committee

Lead: Melissa Marshik

- Staff Appreciation Week planned for March 9–13
- National Staff Appreciation Week is May 4–8, 2026
- March plans include staff massages and nail treatments
- May activities will be reevaluated closer to the date based on budget
- Discussion included the possibility of raising the Sunshine Committee fee; Jesse will follow up with Jean and report back

Family Dance Committee

Lead: Kaydee Dombrowski

- Neon Family Dance: Saturday, January 24, 6:00–8:00 PM
- Father/Daughter Dance: Saturday, February 21, 6:00–8:00 PM
 - Hawaiian theme
 - New DJ and cashless system planned
 - Discussion included potential adult-focused options

Conference Teacher Meals

Lead: Jennifer Peterson

- Winter conferences: Monday, February 9 & Thursday, February 12
- Jennifer will connect with Chef John regarding meal coordination

Upcoming Events

- January 23: Coffee & Chat – *The Anxious Generation* Parts 1 & 2 (HSA-sponsored)
- January 23–February 13: Catholic United Financial Raffle Ticket Fundraiser
- January 24: Neon Family Dance
- January 26–30: Catholic Schools Week
- February 2: SVDP Ski & Snowboard Day
- February 9 & 12: Winter Conferences

Fundraising & Other Items

Catholic United Financial Raffle

- Discussion focused on ticket sales after Mass and expanding sales across multiple weekends
- Communications and FAQs will be updated to clarify tax-deductible donation options
- All unsold tickets must be collected and returned

Budget Planning

- Budget review included Neon Dance and Father/Daughter Dance revenue contributing through January and February
- March staff appreciation events will proceed as planned
- May activities will be reevaluated based on available funds

Additional Notes

- Teachers and staff were reminded to ask students to keep feet off kneelers when they are left down in church

Next Steps / Action Items

- Jesse: Send family survey regarding Advent program timing and evening performance options
- Used Uniform Team: Sort uniforms and send photos for promotion
- Melissa: Continue planning Staff Appreciation Week and reevaluate May budget
- Jesse: Provide budget update at upcoming meeting

Next Meeting: Friday, February 13, 2026

In Person Attendees

- Kaydee Dombrowski
- Stephanie Opitz Wenthold
- Stacie Rosenthal
- Kelli Hamilton
- Christine Christenson
- Amber Misunas
- Melissa Marshik
- Jennifer Peterson
- Stephanie Zigan
- Heather Arenson
- Katie Greene-Schultz

Zoom Attendees

- Adam Sauter
- Kristy Ford
- Sarah Goldade