

# HSA Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2020

Meeting began at 6:30

39 people were present for zoom call.

1. Opening Prayer - Jacki
2. HSA Board Introductions
  - a. The HSA Board Members all introduced themselves.
  - b. A list of all board members and email addresses can be found on the school webpage - <https://stmstc.org/about-us/what-is-the-hsa>
3. Principal's Message – Paul Kristoff
  - a. Thank you to all the parents and staff for making the opening of school such a success. The administration feels blessed to have the “best parents in the Archdiocese” Parental patience and flexibility has been really appreciated this year.
  - b. Members of the school meet with Comcast and the Archdiocese this week to upgrade the school's bandwidth. Upgrades should be completed by the beginning of next week at the latest. This should reduce the amount of screens freezing and lags.
  - c. Mr. Kristoff asked parents to continue practicing social distancing and social distancing. If everyone does their part, this can work!
  - d. The students have been phenomenal with adjusting to all the changes in school and have been really good about hand sanitizing and follow all the new rules.
  - e. The administration and faculty are seeking ways to bring the fun back into school – one way is through the Chick Fil-A boxed lunches. Further ideas are in the works.
  - f. Lastly, dress down passes from last year are still good this year. In addition, dress down passes earned this year from attendance at the HSA meetings will also be honored for one year starting when the student returns to in-school learning.
4. Margaret Brogdan
  - a. Margaret introduced herself to the group – she currently teaches sixth grade religion and is the Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry for the pastorate as well as the pastorate liaison for the school. Prior to this position she served as the Director of Faith Formation & Religious Ed for St. Clement's Parish.
  - b. She will be coordinating service projects for the school and the parishes. She would like to do drives to benefit the pastorates food pantries, Happy Helpers for the Homeless, and a jean drive for teenagers who are homeless. Discussions on why we do work and who we are serving will be part of the work that they do. She's hoping for a start date around November for these drives.
  - c. In addition, she'd like to bring back the Little Disciples program for kids in K-grade 5. This is a program for kids to play, pray, and eat together. She's looking at maybe a January/February start date for that program.
5. Account Balances
  - a. Current account balance is \$5,127.71. There is one outstanding check for \$200 that hasn't been cashed, and one deposit made at the

beginning of August that hasn't been recognized officially because we haven't received August bank statement yet.

6. Past HSA Events

- a. Candy was distributed to students either on the first day of school for in-school or was given to at-home students when they picked up their supplies instead of our usual Hot Dog Social.

7. Upcoming HSA Events

a. Dining out events

- i. Sweetfrog - Rosedale – Sept 16<sup>th</sup> All day – flyers were posted in the Cheetah Chatter and on Facebook. You must bring your flyer or show it on your phone for the school to get credit. It's frozen yogurt – so no judgment if that's what for dinner that night!
- ii. Chickfila – Usually we start the year with a Spirit Day, but the restaurant wants to wait until they are allowed to open their dining rooms for at least takeout before scheduling Spirit Days. They are hoping to re-open in October so stay tuned.
- iii. Ledos – November 17 – currently finalizing details and the date for this event. Stay posted.
- iv. Chipotle – December 7<sup>th</sup> – please bring the flyer with you or show it on your phone so the school can receive their discount. Flyers will be posted closer to the event.

b. Movie night – October 2<sup>nd</sup>?

- i. Plans are in the works for this event. Usually we do this the first week of school, but social distancing has made this event a little more complicated. Details are still being worked out.
- ii. One suggestion was to do it as a drive-in event and use St. Clement's parking lot.

c. Thanksgiving bouquet sale – November

- i. Fall bouquets will be on sale prior to Thanksgiving. They make a great gift for family members or a lovely centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table!

d. Outdoor Christmas Light Walk – December 12<sup>th</sup>

- i. Imagine the Symphony of Lights, except at School! And instead of driving through, you'll get to walk through the display!
- ii. Plans are in the works to turn the school property into an amazing display of Christmas lights, you'll have timed entry to stroll through the lights, drink some hot chocolate and listen to some Christmas music.

8. Upcoming School Fundraisers

a. Parent Happy Hour – October 9<sup>th</sup>

- i. bring your own chair and beverages and come socialize with other parents.
- ii. there will be a 50/50 raffle, music, and other fun events. 3 teachers will be up for a dare and the one that gets the most money in their bucket performs dare.
- iii. Time: 6PM-12AM - tiered arrival times
- iv. Cost: \$20/pp - designated spot

b. Switch Raffle

- i. there are only a couple numbers left. If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket check out the school's website for more information.

- ii. As soon as all the numbers are sold, a winner will be selected.
  - iii. A second Switch has been donated to the Christmas Bazaar for the Silent Auction.
9. Parent question and answer period
- a. Is Trunk or Treat canceled?
    - i. No, it's in limbo. This event is usually a jointly hosted event between the HSA and Youth Ministry. Margaret Brogdan is willing to work with HAS on this event, but we first have to see if we have permission to hold an event like this and what sort of parameters we have to put in place to keep it safe.
    - ii. A suggestion was made that if we can't do a traditional trunk or treat, maybe we can do a Drive Thru Trick or Treat?
  - b. Will there be a Christmas Bazaar this year?
    - i. Yes, but it will be very different considering our current world situation. The committee has been doing a lot of work trying to think about "outside the box" ideas to make this a fun event for all.
    - ii. 50/50 Raffle will still take place. If you did not receive your raffle tickets please email [KBrown@stmstc.org](mailto:KBrown@stmstc.org) and she will make sure you get your tickets.
      - For every ticket your student sells they will get one chance in a weekly raffle for a \$10 gift card to a their choice of store. Raffle drawings will begin the first Friday in October.
      - Please really try to sell tickets. The parishes have been another way that we've sold tickets, but it's proving very challenging to figure out how to get raffle tickets to parishioners, so we really need help.
    - iii. Silent Auction will be online this year.
      - Please reach out to any contacts you have for donations. Our normal business connections are not able to donate as they used to do to the economic impact of this virus.
      - In addition, please consider donating a crafted item – no matter what the size. We may be able to pair your item with something else to double our profits.
      - If you need a donation letter please reach out to Kaitlin Brown at school at [kbrown@stmstc.org](mailto:kbrown@stmstc.org) or if you have any questions about the Silent Auction please contact Jacki Amato [jresop@yshoo.com](mailto:jresop@yshoo.com)
    - iv. Pit Beef and Takeout Beverages
      - Our pit beef stand will be back with family meals that will include sandwich fixings and sides. Orders will be placed ahead of time and we are working out a system for a drive thru pickup!
      - In addition, we have a parent who is a bartender who is creating a special cocktail list for takeout as well. We will have a signature Cheetah Crush for sale as well as a mocktail menu so the kids can get in on the fun!
    - v. Zoom Calls with Santa or Queen Elsa
      - For a small fee parents will be able to sign up for a one on one chat with either of these individuals. Parents will fill out a form so that Santa/Elsa

will have all the details about what the student wrote on their Christmas list, how they're doing in school, and/or how clean their room is.

- Parents will be able to record these calls as a momento for 2020 since pictures with Santa may not be a thing.

vi. Virtual Bingo

- We're working out the details to host Virtual Bingo as well. We're hoping to have a game for students and a game for adults!

vii. There are a few other ideas that are still in the works, so stay tuned. If you would like to help plan or implement these ideas, please contact Carolyn Marinari at [carolynmarinari@gmail.com](mailto:carolynmarinari@gmail.com)

10. Closing prayer - Jacki