



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2019

In attendance: Monica Cervantes, Lorraine Hancock, Susie Jacobs, Al Varisco, Kenna Spozio, Candace Bearden, Maria Mitchell

Welcome	Opening Prayer
Principal's Report Dr. Al Varisco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Anti- Bully “Backpack” Training: Linda & Liz went to the training; next the teachers will be trained, followed by the parents. The hope is to have it all done before the end of the school year. Looking into whether it has a social media component. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maria mentioned a program called “Parenting in the Digital Age” that is done in other schools. • Open House Update: 30-35 families attended; good turnout. Many schools are moving away from having open houses and only doing personal tours, but since ours was successful, we will continue to do it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maria suggested we have kids (both current MS students and alumni) give tours so they can offer their perspective to prospective families. • Catholic Schools Week was more low-key than last year, but it went well. We do need to communicate better to the community what we are doing; for example, sharing more on the school’s social media. • Steps for Students is on track for our usual \$5000-\$6000 that we raise every year. There is a decline in overall participation, but we are not seeing that here. • On Monday, registration for current families starts. It will be all online via Renweb. Please be patient with the new system, and communicate that with other parents. The deadline is March 8. • Questions to Dr. Al: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HSA drawer sticks... can we get a new one? ○ Would it be possible to add a \$10 Theater fee to assist with costuming needs?
General Chairs Monica Cervantes Susie Jacobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next HSA Meeting – March 7th: Hopefully we have larger attendance. ○ Next HSA Event is Steps for Students: there will be donuts and granola bars. ○ Thank you to the students that helped at Open House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It went very well ○ Cookies were the correct amount. See notes for cookie contact.
<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cookie info: Mixing House Amanda Floyd (918) 633-1924 5111 Rainflower Cir North League City, Texas 77573 https://mixinghouse.com 	
Finance Lorraine Hancock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Status of Funds: Not much to report. Spreadsheet is updated. ○ Please submit receipts after the event so we can have things balanced ○ Did we get deposit for Quiz Bowl? No , but it will be turned in. ○ Did we get invoice for Spirit Shirts? Yes, with 10% discount.

Notes: Opera to Go Check for next year arrived.

Spirit Items
Nancy Alvarez

- Did we get invoice for Spirit Shirts?

Notes: Yes, with 10% discount.

Student Activities

Cecilia Lalicata
Lisa Sanchez
Maria Freire
Candace Bearden

Kim Woodruff –
Dances/Sports
Banquet

- THANK YOU Kim for organizing the Middle School Dance!
 - Next Opera to go April 7, 2019: The Elixir of Love; Candace will get a themed gift for Mrs. Faget again.
 - Parish Picnic – April 28
 - Have asked for them to put “School” in the name so they know its a combined effort
 - Waiting for Diocese approval for vender Rock tha House Moonwalks, they have a game truck, bounce house, games appropriate for K-3 to Middle School
 - See attached quote for games we are thinking of renting
 - Discuss how much of the budget should be used since we are now combining with the church.
 - Do we want to do baskets? The money raised would go to the Star Fund. Who would handle this? (Putting baskets together, organizing and keeping track of raffle tickets) Do we want to put this on Room Parents or table this for next year.
 - Rock tha House Moonwalks Quote
 - 1 Spider Dude - \$95.00
 - 1 Castle Mini Combo - \$160.00
 - 1 *Hamster Balls* - \$600.00
 - 1 *Meltdown* - \$750.00
 - 1 68' Obstacle Course - \$450.00
 - 1 Game Truck - \$575.00
 - 1 Connect Three Basketball Game - \$200.00
 - 1 Football Toss - \$125.00
 - 1 Soccer Darts - \$325.00
 - 1 Speed Pitch - \$125.00
 - 1 Snow Cone Machine - \$60.00
 - 6 Generator - \$300.00
- Subtotal** \$3,765.00
Discount+\$-400.00
Tax +\$0.00
- Total** \$3,365.00
- Parish Meetings will be Monday the 11th at 6:30 and then March 11th. We will decide after March how many more meetings we will have. Cecilia or someone from her committee will be attending.

Notes:

- Hamster Balls, Meltdown, and Game Truck will have attendants. We will need volunteers to oversee the unattended games and possibly impose age-appropriate limitations.
- Total budget for carnival is \$5000. Originally, we were going to pay for everything (food and games). Now that we are only doing games and the parish is in charge of food, we will not need to use our entire budget.
- We will need to buy popcorn and snow cone supplies.
- Now that the carnival is a school/church combined effort, it was suggested that we use our extra funds for some kind of school-only end-of-year celebration/event to mark the end of the school year. Possibly have a dance again? Or something else? Hoping to have more members present at the next meeting to explore this idea further. The Middle School dance DJ cost \$375, so it would not be cost-prohibitive.
- We will not do the baskets this year because it will be too difficult to coordinate, but we will consider it for the future to add to Room Parent responsibilities.

Spirituality
Lisa Nava
Omo Ekhaese

- All students & staff/teachers should have received religious article bags last Friday. An email went home describing contents of bags.
- If anyone can help cut the King's Cakes for lunches on 3/5, I'd appreciate it. Sandra or I will pick them up.
- 4th grade is making the MG floats. FYI to group...it's moved around the last few years due to teacher availability, as it's their prerogative to do the project. Goal is to try to get one grade level as soon as we get all grades caught up with the opportunity.
Parade will be in the morning after announcements before 2nd & 3rd are going on a field trip and are leaving at 9:30
- February 9th, Saturday, at 4:30 is the last 2nd Sunday Mass. All children are supposed to be invited to sing; however, Las Marimbus Ensemble is listed as the music ministry on the liturgical ministers schedule.
Additionally, I have not heard or seen anything to advertise all children to come and sing...so....??? I'm checking with the church.
- HSA date for Lenten Soup & Stations is April 12th

- Sign ups for Soup and Stations will be sent out.

Teacher Appreciation /Room Moms
KennaLyn Spozio
Andie Riley

- Epiphany Lunch Update (in notes)
- Teacher Appreciation Week dates: May 6-10
 - Theme idea: Sweets (How Sweet it is to be Taught by You)

Notes:

- Lunch was from Olive Garden, and it went well. There was a lot of extra food.
- Other ideas for the future: Red Robin burger bar.
- Gift cards were given to the teachers after the lunch, and there was some confusion about it.
- \$1100 was raised from parents for Special Teacher gifts, plus HSA contributed \$500.

Extra-Curricular

- No notes

DC Trip 2019
Liz Filer

- We have several students who earned \$ towards their DC trip. We will receive a list mid February.
- St. Clare is having a Spirit Night at MOD Pizza on Clear Lake City BLVD, Wednesday, February 27th. It works much like what we have done in the past with Chick-Fil-A. More information out on that this week to the parents.
 - The Pizza night will help pay for the trip.

**Steps for
Students**
Liz Filer

- We need to determine what will be brought morning of food/drink wise. In the past we have done a few small snack items and one year the tacos from Mamacitas. Remember, the Steps team has water stations and bananas.
 - Donuts, granola bars, and gummies will be enough.
- "Spirit awards" that will be given this year in the Catholic School village. Here is a list of the spirit awards: Most Festive, Best Food, Most Creative, Biggest Buzz, and the Wild Card! Winners will be announced following the race on the awards stage.
 - We do not plan on participating in the awards.