

St. Ambrose School - H.S.A. Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, Monday, January 22, 2018

Welcome and Opening Prayer - Dr. Kadela

Introductions and Meeting Attendance

Dr. Ted Kadela, LeeAnn Bocanegra, Kathleen Vitale, Eileen Lee, Emily Sanzone, AnneMarie Russo, Lisa O'Keefe, ToniAnn Tribuzio, Erica Hartt, Jennifer Venetucci, Georgia Wisniowski, Paula Cavallaro, Pat Vaughan, Lyn and Chris DeLuca, Adrianna Ahmad

Old Business and Recaps - Kathleen

- **Operation Gratitude** - We collected a record amount of candy, resulting in a fairly high cost of shipping. For next year, we are considering partnering with a local business to co-sponsor the event and assume some of the shipping costs.
- **Dine-Outs** - Our Family dine-out nights at both Arirang (November) and Texas Roadhouse (January) were well-received. SAS profit was just under \$200 from Arirang and about \$108 from Texas Roadhouse.
- **Christmas - Breakfast with St. Nicholas and Vendor Fair** - The combined event was successful and fun for school and parish families, as well as visitors. The Knights of Columbus shared the Breakfast. SAS profit from combined event \$2,012.00.
- **Christmas - Elf Shoppe** - The students all enjoyed the shopping experience! We are going to re-vamp the way in which we host the Elf Shoppe next year. Rather than hiring the company to supply everything, we will be doing internal shopping, etc to prepare our own items for the event. The result will be a better selection of items for the students, as well as increased profit for the school. Volunteers for shopping and tagging items will definitely be appreciated.
- **Pocketbook Bingo** - The event was a tremendous success. We are already looking towards next year regarding increasing the allotted space for attendees. SAS profit a little over \$14,000.

New Business - Kathleen

- **Gift Auction** - April 2018 - Lisa Chairing event. Major task is to acquire donations for baskets. All assistance in doing so is greatly appreciated. Please contact Lisa or Kathleen with any questions regarding donations. A list of businesses was distributed for review, and will be distributed via email to those who wish to participate in collecting donations. A list of people interested in helping create baskets has been started and the first "basket-making" night will take place on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30pm. Marketing and ticket sales are now in full effect.

- **Catholic Schools' Week** - Calendar was distributed and reviewed. HSA major tasks are as follows:
 - Book Fair - Setup is Friday, January 26th; Fair will run Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; Breakdown is Friday, February 2nd. Volunteers are welcome! If you are in need to fulfill your contractual "event" obligation, please sign up online through Sign-Up Genius. If you would just like to help, regardless of "hours", please contact Kathleen or the Main Office.

 - Opening Mass - Sunday, January 28th @ 9:00am. All families encouraged to attend. Students are being asked to wear their school uniforms and sit up in the front of the Church to show proud St. Ambrose School presence!

 - Open House - Sunday, January 28th from 10am-2pm. Joan will stand in vestibule to welcome families through the gym into the main school building. Coffee, water and light refreshments will be available in the After-Care room. Eileen, Emily, AnneMarie, Lisa and Kathleen will handle tours. Teachers and upper-grade students will be available throughout the Open House.

 - Special Persons' Lunch - Thursday, February 1st. Felix will assist Old School Catering in serving snacks, etc. Additional volunteers would be greatly appreciated to cover the various shifts of students coming to eat.

 - Open House - Thursday, February 1st from 6:30-8pm. AnneMarie handling tours.

 - Teacher Luncheon - Friday, February 2nd from 11:30-12:45. Class Parents will be in classrooms to allow all teachers to come down to auditorium for luncheon. Kathleen and AnneMarie will be available at end of luncheon to assist Old School Catering with clean-up. Additional volunteers are welcome!

 - There are many other activities throughout the week for students and their families. Everyone is encouraged to review the calendar (posted online and distributed through Honeywell alerts) and participate in the fun!

Other

- **Daddy-Daughter Dance** - scheduled for May 11, 2018. Georgia is the chairperson, and volunteers are welcome. Details to be discussed at next meeting.
- **Mother-Son Event** - after discussion, we will aim to schedule a "game night". Paula may be able to be the chairperson of this event, with assistance from other volunteers. Details to follow.

Closing Comments - Dr. Kadela

**Next General HSA Meeting scheduled for March 5, 2018 @ 7:30 pm.
We encourage all parents to attend!**

Thank you for your support of St. Ambrose School!