

SPS Home & School Association – General Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2019

16 parents in attendance

Call to order and prayer by Tricia Dever, H&S President, at 7:02 pm.

Review and approval of revised January 2019 meeting minutes. Courtney Dietrich made a motion to approve; Stacy Nunziato seconded. All in favor; motion carries.

Officer Reports

1. President - Mrs. Tricia Dever

Kindergarten Fair held earlier this month on a bad weather evening – surprised that we had 30 families attend! About 10 families were new to St. Paul's. Of those families that attended, many have already registered for next year.

Catholic School's Week – two snow days that week. Tours held throughout the week for prospective families. Last week, we invited St. Louis School families to visit St. Paul's. St. Louis is closing at the end of this school year.

Reminder that the Registration Packet for 2019-2020 school year was sent home and is due March 1st.

Deadline to apply for St. Paul's Tuition Assistance is March 20th.

100th Anniversary of SPS is coming up next September! A committee is being formed. Let Tricia Dever know if you are interested in joining the committee. The parish would like to have a variety of committee members including current and past school students & parishioners.

Father Jay's Retirement Gift (new church organ) – an update was included in last Sunday's church bulletin that 40% of the total (\$179k) has been donated thus far. We are looking into simple fundraisers such as dress down days to make a donation from the school.

As a reminder, the Parish funds about \$700k annually to the school (about 40% of our total school budget); 40% of our operating budget is funded by student tuition and the remaining 20% comes from state & auxiliary funds.

Athletics Fees – analysis is being done about the fee structure. Considering a "pay-to-participate" structure where there's a fee for each activity. Rod Baca (Athletics Director) & Pete Olsen (Parish Business Administrator) had a meeting this past week. We do expect changes but not determined yet. There is an Athletics meeting open to parents on Thursday, Feb. 28th.

Home & School funds \$20,000 toward the Athletics program.

Gym Banners – Sold at annual auction. The initial purchase is \$75; then annual renewal fee, currently of \$35. The renewals are offered either at auction or requested through mail campaign. Discussed how much renewal fee should be going forward and process to collect. Decision was made to offer a "lifetime renewal" option starting next September. The annual renewal fee will be \$25 & the lifetime renewal will be \$100 – lifetime of your students at SPS, then you have the option of keeping your banner.

2. Principal Report – Mrs. Amie Hale

Our new school website should be up any day now! Same web address - spsncanton.com; new site includes an enhanced mobile experience.

Monday, 2/25/19 is spring picture day; only interested students will have their pictures taken.

Iowa Testing will take place the weeks of March 11th and 18th.

North Canton Library Little Art Gallery – SPS students artwork on display over the next couple of weeks - intermediate grades and then middle school

We also had SPS students' artwork featured at Arts in Stark - SmArt Splash event

On March 22nd – grades 3-8 going to the Palace Theater to see our shared Catholic High Schools' production of Shrek the Musical. The students will be back at 11:30 and have hot lunch available.

Also on March 22nd, the annual Art Show, Talent Show and 3rd Grade Wax Museum will be held. If anyone is willing to learn and run the sound system for that evening, please let us know.

Talent Show - 6-8th graders participate – can also obtain credit from other experience in Arts (such as band and drama participation)

Nic Davidson has been invited back to speak at church and school during Lent.

Casey the Fire Dog is coming to visit grades K through 3rd on April 1st

The Chester family expressed their gratitude for the school's generosity in light of some difficult times they've had recently.

Dr. Scott, a very dedicated St. Mike's parent & local dentist passed away suddenly last weekend. We are considering a fundraiser for their family.

Science Fair – A parent asked if Home & School could provide funding for the competition entry fees. Mrs. Hale explained there are entry fees with other activities as well and they are not funded by H&S. We may consider funding in the future but we need to be consistent about funding various activities. It's a good time to review this since we are also looking to restructure other activity/athletics fees.

3. Past President Report – Mrs. Amy Ascani (No Report)

4. Vice-President Report – Mrs. Courtney Dietrich (No Report)

5. Treasurer Report – Mr. Alan Michel

Mr. Michel provided an update on the H&S budget. Fundraisers are ahead of last year by \$1,800. There's about \$60,000 available to allocate to projects. In addition, we have \$10,000 for technology.

Mr. Michel requested that expenses be submitted on 8.5 x 11 size paper. This makes the scanning process simpler. If possible, please email receipts to Mr. Michel for reimbursement.

6. Volunteer Co-Chairs Report – Mrs. Leyla Renner & Mrs. Stacy Nunziato

Committee Chairs receive an email about the upcoming event including their responsibilities and committee volunteers. After the event, an event report is requested from the chair that summarizes the event details and budget. It is extremely helpful for future chairs. Unfortunately, H&S doesn't receive many reports. We encourage all chairs to please complete this report!

A chair has been named for 8th Grade graduation reception and we are still looking for someone to coordinate the 8th Grade Lock-In event

Mrs. Nunziato provided a list of upcoming events from the Home & School calendar.

A Mother–Son Bowling event is being planned and will be open to the church and school (May 10th).

March 5th - Wine and Chocolate party from Auction – openings still available

The weekly school mass will be on Wednesday, March 6th (Ash Wednesday). No Tuesday mass that week.

Fundraisers for 8th graders ends in March.

7. Nominations Chair Report – Mrs. Stacy Bopp

Home & School Executive Board nomination request will be sent in the school newsletters starting in March. 2019-2020 Board members will be voted on in April at the H&S meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Home and School Board or have questions concerning the different positions, please contact Stacy Bopp at nateandstacy@sbcglobal.net.

8. Old Business – Mrs. Tricia Dever

Discussed potential projects using 2018 auction proceeds including C Building paint, preschool building paint, school office updates and preschool window clings. A playground fence is also a priority.

Chairs for grades K-2 will be purchased as planned.

A suggestion was made that we look into purchasing a spotlight and/or improve the lighting on our gym stage. We should rent a spotlight for the upcoming talent show which will cost \$250. Mrs. Dever will follow up on this and look into purchasing additional microphones for stage productions.

We'll need to give more thought to projects in future years to prioritize near term projects. Consider sending a survey out to parents.

With no further business Mrs. Dever adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Next H&S General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 at 7pm – School Library