

## SPS Home & School Association – General Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2017, 7pm

**Call to Order and Prayer** – Amy Ascani, 7:05 pm

This was the first Home & School meeting of the year. We went around the room to give introductions.

Of note, in attendance were Amy Streb, P.E. Teacher, Julie Hagge, preschool teacher for “3’s” class and Kristie Cramer, new Director of Marketing, Development, and Alumni at Central Catholic HS and former Director of Marketing and Enrollment for Holy Cross Academy. Kristie has a son in the 2nd grade at SPS.

Review of past minutes from 7/11/17 meeting. A questioned was raised about the FLL program which was recently approved to receive H&S funding and soliciting auction sponsorships. **Molly White will contact Kevin Fonner about auction sponsorships.**

***Kim Baca motioned to approve the 7/11/17 meeting minutes, Tricia Dever seconded, all present in favor. Motion carried.***

**There was no School Report** due to Amie Hale’s absence. Amie and husband welcomed their new son, Jude, on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Streb thanked Home & School for the \$250 that she used to purchase 2 heart rate monitors. She brought one in to show the group. Students are learning about their heart rate during PE class.

Tricia Dever explained, for the benefit of new attendees, that Home & School has a budget which is mostly funded by our annual auction.

Alan Michel (Treasurer) reported that we have budgeted \$6,500 teacher supplies. Last year, \$5,000 was spent. Teachers are being encouraged to use the money that is provided by the administration. Amie Hale’s absence is encouraging them to ask quicker this year.

### Officer Reports

1. President – Amy Ascani recent events and asked for feedback
  - a. Mentor Picnic – Led by Katy Pitcher. Nice job on this event; more preschool attendance this year. Probably less kindergarten families this year – clarify invitees better next year. Consider e-vites which were used in the past.
    - i. Tricia Dever commented on the new Kindergarten Comfort Corner for Kindergarten parents – 10 families attended; went well; new event; Miss Margroff face-timed the parents from the classroom.
  - b. Spartan Spirit Night/Meet the Teacher
  - c. Main Street Festival – Kristie Cramer – 6 family names captured at the event which was very good. The Lego League table was next to SPS table – very helpful to draw people! Consider putting our trophies out next year. Also consider drama or show choir presentation.
2. Past President Report – Lara Kimbell
  - a. Science lab is almost complete. Need to complete white boards. Lara explained we went over budget due to installing a subfloor. Also learned there was a whole behind the chalkboard. Need to buy a custom size white board. Boards should be here in a couple weeks. New tablet/smart board coming too. Idea to have next H&S meeting there; take pictures, try to get in the paper. Amy shared thank you notes that the students sent to H&S.

- b. Window coverings – this is part of security/fund the cause budget from last year’s auction– Lara previously shared an email with the H&S Board with a proposal. **Tricia Dever made a motion to approve \$3,000 for window coverings. Kim Baca seconded. All present were in favor. Motion carried.**
- 3. Treasurer Report – Alan Michel
  - a. Alan explained, for benefit of new attendees, that H&S is a 6- figure organization. There’s a lot of work done to obtain funds. In 2010, we made \$22k at the auction; we’ve made an average of \$75k in recent years. \$96k in 2016!
  - b. Alan provided budget highlights and proceeds from other fundraisers throughout the year.
- 4. Volunteer Chairs – Leyla Renner
  - a. A H&S events sign up was sent out with the weekly school newsletter. If you are hesitant to chair an event, you can tap into the prior chairs. Chairs are encouraged to prepare notes to help the next person. We’re also open to co-chairs.
  - b. Leyla reviewed outstanding needs: Chair for Fall Book Fair (secured following meeting), Chair for Yearbook - at risk! Adult Bowling Night; Father-Daughter Dance; Teacher Appreciation Week – committee effort; 7/8 grade dance & reception (target 6-8 parents & 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents help chaperone). Classroom Reps – want one for each classroom; one per grade in A building is sufficient. Serve as liaison between teacher/parents/H&S.

### **New Business/Old Business**

- 1. Safety/Security – Tricia Dever shared that security cameras were installed; bolo sticks options still being decided on; need to figure out who will install
  - a. Lockdown drill item is being researched and discussed with the Fire Department and North Canton Building Department. Potential purchase targeted for September.
- 2. Auction – Tricia Dever on behalf of the Auction Committee
  - a. Save the Date - 11/18/17
  - b. The committee recently held a call-a-thon at Molly White’s house – very well attended; need more callers! Another call-a-thon is scheduled week of 9/18 at Dietrich Orthodontics.
  - c. An informal brainstorming meeting will be held at Molly White’s house at 7pm on 9/25.
  - d. The auction honoree has been selected.
  - e. We need great attendance. Sign-up parties are a popular auction item. You can only get them if you are there!
  - f. Per Alan, depending on auction and other fundraising we have \$33,000 to \$53,000 in project money beyond our existing commitments
    - i. Fund the Cause project – made \$13k last year; very successful because it was security related
    - ii. The science lab was the big project for the last two years
    - iii. Tricia met with Father Jay to discuss possible project. Other ideas discussed - front office remodeling; A building teachers want room upgrades; could update inexpensively with paint, nicer chairs. Bathrooms – a lot of interest here but this is not a H&S responsibility.
      - 1. Discussion took place about A building/middle school at SPS and how we keep families/students interested in staying. Most of the students will lose are middle school age. SPS losing less kids than the other HCA schools.
    - iv. **Tricia is also going to get quotes** on playground equipment including a gaga ball pit which has become popular. Julie Hagge asked about preschool playground equipment. Tricia will check on a fence or shrubs for the school playground.

- v. Recap after discussion: “Safety and Fun” theme for Fund the Cause and big project. Consider playground updates and A building updates; improve the middle school experience at SPS.
- g. We need to take a vote at the October H&S meeting to decide on Fund the Cause project and our “big” project. We need to send information ahead of meeting letting everyone know we’ll be voting.**

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:00pm.