



HOLY NAME SCHOOL

Holy Name School Home & School Association Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 | *Meeting called to order by* Maribeth Dorsch.

Committee in Attendance

Father Brian Warchola, Priest & Pastor of Holy Name School (unavailable)

Robin McMullen, Principal

Maribeth Dorsch, President

Christine Rhoades, Vice President

Angela Balog, Secretary

Erin Becquet, Treasurer (unavailable)

Kristy Knobloch, Homeroom Parent

Kate Smith - Homeroom Parent

Lindsey McCoy - Nominating (via phone)

Jenny Damin, Student Enrichment

Jen Saxion, Public Relations

Renee Columbus, Membership

Annalisa McCann, Fundraising

Karen Holtz, Fundraising

Ashley Cassol, Red/White Sale

Board & Advisory Committee

No changes.

Budget

The President, Maribeth Dorsch, shared that the Treasury Balance as of 8/18/21 is \$20,905.46.

Pastor and Principal's Report

No Pastor's Report

Principal's Report

- Mrs. McMullen stated that Holy Name School was given permission from the Diocese to hire one new teacher this academic year.
 - ONE new teacher was hired, however the new 2nd grade teacher resigned before the school year begun.
 - Met with school council - Diocese needs several teachers across the schools in the area and there were no good prospects for us after reaching out to several local colleges in the area.
 - The two 3rd grade classes will be combined in Mrs. Zearing's classroom (largest in the school).
 - Mrs. Link and Mrs. Kirsch will be teaching 2nd grade.
 - Mrs. McMullen to notify 2nd and 3rd grade parents of the changes.
- Our school's Health and Safety Plan was submitted to the Diocese and is awaiting approval.
 - Mrs. McMullen should be notified of approval by the Open House on Fri, 8/20.
- Mrs. McMullen and Father Brian are on the strategic planning committee for the Diocese.
 - School Council minutes regarding the strategic plan will be posted on the HN website.
- Facilities/Safety Updates:
 - The air conditioning and heating installation is complete. The school is waiting for electricians to hook up and inspect - hoping to have operational by start of school year.
 - Local prisoners worked on release to paint the tunnel, cafeteria, and bathrooms.
 - HN was awarded a \$292,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to order resources for cleaning/sanitizing and student education.
 - A safety and security grant from last academic year allowed the school to obtain walkie-talkies, teacher/staff lanyards that dial 911, 25 new security cameras, a new DVR system, and the ability for maintenance/Principal McMullen to pull up security cameras remotely on a cell phone/laptop.
 - The school is still looking for one maintenance person to join the other two full time employees.
- Father Brian has initiated a Student Fitness Day on Friday, September 10th.
 - Representatives from Legends Gym will be at the school to provide fitness instruction during 40 minute gym classes for all students.
 - Students may wear fitness-style clothing for the event.
 - A Men's conference will be held Saturday, September 11th
 - SoulCore will be held Sunday, September 12th

Committee Reports

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- Homeroom Parents
 - Kindergarten teachers have requested 45 minutes with parents during the upcoming orientation on August 20th. During that time, homeroom parents will be giving a tour to kids, playing games, and end with reading a story.
- Nominating
 - Nothing new to report.

- School Enrichment
 - Jenny Damin mentioned contacting Cambria/Somerset Victim's Services as a possible student enrichment event. The organization provides cyber safety education for kids for free in the classroom. Jenny will be investigating this.
 - Jen Saxion mentioned the possibility of 6, 7, and 8th grade receiving CPR training and a babysitting course. Jen will be investigating this.

- Public Relations
 - Jen Saxion discussed a potential project where the 5th & 6th girls basketball team would volunteer with the Cambria County Backpack Project on November 15th. Parents would provide transportation, and girls would wear uniforms. Mrs. McMullen asked Jen to investigate the Altoona Backpack program as well.
 - Jen discussed a possible joint service project with athletics in the spring – a bike-a-thon. Jen will be attending the October athletics committee meeting to garner their interest/support.
 - Jen discussed the Souls for Jesus project, which will entail the following:
 - Shoe collection - ask families to donate new or used shoes from September 7th-16th
 - Shoe design – all HN students will be given one plain tennis shoe to color/design
 - Organization sends shoes to Africa with bible and personalized message from students.
 - Group voted to purchase shoes for each HN student to decorate on Friday, September 10th to coincide with Fitness Day.

- Membership
 - Nothing new to report. Renee offered her assistance with any volunteering effort.

- Fundraising
 - Door prizes will be awarded at Open House from H&S Association – a homemade wreath and 12 tote/tumbler bags.
 - Monthly Dine to Donate dinners:
 - La Fiesta - October 6th (all day, bring coupon)
 - LemonDrop – November 3rd (bring coupon)
 - Applebees, Hoss's, Fox's, Island BBQ, and Krispy Kreme also discussed.
 - November Pie Shop Sale:
 - Orders due - Wednesday, November 10th
 - Delivery - Monday, November 22nd
 - We will be coordinating another November Holiday Scriptacular Ticket.
 - The Hawk Walk is scheduled for Friday, May 13th from 10am-2pm.

- Red and White
 - We will be working with Damin Printing again. Ashley has worked on a new glitter design (and regular design). First sale will start the 2nd week of school and run for two weeks. We will also have a Christmas sale and Spring sale. Ashley is also looking into ordering HN athletic shirts.

Old Business

- None to report at this time.

New Business

- Home & School Newsletter
 - Maribeth discussed doing a Home & School Newsletter to keep parents better informed about what the H&S does and to encourage participation. Renee, Angela, and Jen S will be working on this before the next General Meeting in September. Executive Committee members were asked to write a short bio for the first newsletter.

- Open House / Food Trucks
 - Event date: Friday, August 20th from 3-5pm.
 - Five food trucks will be in the HN parking lot from 5-8pm. Each food truck paid \$50 for attendance or is donating a portion of profits.
 - We are publicizing the event around town, which coincides with Concert in the Park.

- Teacher Luncheons
 - The committee will continue to provide a monthly lunch for HN teachers on the following dates: September 9th (Clark Powells), October 14th, November 18th, December 9th, January 13th, February 1st (Catholic Schools Week), March 10th, April 21st, May 12th.

Next Meeting

General Home & School Meeting – Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Balog, Secretary