

HSA 3rd General Meeting Minutes

- Meeting began at 8:15am with a prayer
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- Approved minutes from the 12-2-15 meeting
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- A note of thank you was extended to all those in attendance as well as the following:
 - o Junior Achievement- Kathleen Frye and all those volunteers helping with JA
 - o Used Uniform Sale- Janelle Bain and Jennifer Arnold and those volunteers that helped and donated items. The sale profit was \$2,889.00
 - o Teacher Christmas Dinner- all who donated and volunteered for this night
 - o Teacher Luncheons- all those parents who volunteered and donated to these events
 - o Room Parents and Auction Committee- all the hard work on baskets, crafts and coordinating a successful auction. Thank you to all those who attended the auction.
 - o Hospitality- Kelly & Vashtai- always come bearing goodies for the all the meetings and events for HSA
- Committee Chairs reported on their progress
 - o Barnes & Noble Book Fair is coming up on April 14th-18th. Ms. Opon and Ms. Steinkirchner will both be reading on Thursday.
 - o Field Day- LeAnn Wray- Event is June 2nd. Everyone on volunteer list must be safety trained. If you are not you will receive an email stating that you must be safety trained by a certain date. T-shirts will be ordered first for students and then a separate email later for volunteers.
 - o Confirmation- Barbara Johnson- They have had their parent meeting and sent out email to 7th grade parents to help with items. Sending evite next week. Meeting with church on how the Narthex should be set up.
 - o Auction- Eric Librea- wasn't able to attend, but sent this information via email

Auction 2016 was a tremendous success thanks to all those who supported the event from start to finish – faculty, parents, alumni, and even parishioners.

Highlights include:

- Increased profits, sponsorships, ticket sales, silent auction

What Now:

Auction 2017 – the 30th annual event – will take place on February 18, 2017 at the Marriott at Legacy Town Center. We are in the process of finalizing the contract with the Walton Stout Band, a premiere Dallas-based party band that performs at many corporate and private functions. The bidding (including ticketing) and payment infrastructure is already in place. While a lot has already been done, there is still more to do and this is where you come into the picture. We need your help primarily in these areas:

Solicitations for cash donations - Fixed costs are to be covered by both sponsorship \$ and ticket sales so cash donations are important. What if we had 4-5 people (or more!) working to get cash donations?

Solicitations for item donations - Can't have an auction without items and packages to bid on. One person on the team emailed different restaurants, shops, sports facilities, etc., and spent maybe 30-45 seconds per email. What if we had 4-5 people (or more!) working to get more items and packages donated?

Ticket sales - How do we get more people to come?

There are other areas where you can help so if you are interested, do let me know. It's going to be one big party and what better way to enjoy it than to be part of the team that plans it! We will have a blast and in the end, our kids will reap the benefits. Thanks, Eric Librea, (214) 578-4259 ericlibrea@alumni.duke.edu

- Other Business
 - o HSA dues for 2016-2017 will be decreased to \$20.00
 - o A big thanks to the current Executive Board and announcements of candidates for the 2016-2017 Executive Board.
 - Vice President- Current- Erica Rivera- is an amazing resource to our school and has helped make HSA what it is today. After two years she is stepping down to explore new endeavors and old passions in life. We are excited to welcome Jill Dourty as a candidate for 2016-2017.
 - Treasurer- Current- Morgan Bentley- who after two years is stepping down. Morgan managed being Treasurer for two years as a full time working mother. We are excited to welcome Paola Colon as a candidate for 2016-2017.
 - Secretary- Current- Danielle Terhaar- she was an asset to the board this year and she will be missed at St Mark. We have a few candidates in

mind to fill the Secretary position and should be hearing back in the next couple of weeks.

- Choosing to serve on the HSA executive board should not be taken lightly. Day to day, these three women take the time to consider many aspects of the board, committees, and events, to make intelligent decisions, that are in the best interest of our families, our teachers, and our students. I know that the current candidates will be as devoted to the Home and School Association as Erica, Morgan and Danielle have been over the year. The HSA bylaws state that the Executive Board members are elected positions. If anyone would like to serve in any of these positions, please contact me Ashley Ternan at ashleyternan@gmail.com. We will hold an election the week of April 18th.

- Open Committee Positions

- There are just a few open committee positions for 2016-2017. They are as follows: Membership Coordinator, Scrip Card Sales and Helping Hands. You can find a description of these positions under the HSA tab on the school website. If you have questions or would like to fill one of these positions please contact Ashley Ternan at ashleyternan@gmail.com.

- Upcoming Dates

- April 13th- Teacher Luncheon hosted by 3rd and 4th Grades
- April 14th-18th- Barnes & Noble Book Fair (Ms. Opon and Ms. Steinkirchner will both be reading on the 14th)
- Week of April 18th- Elections for 2016-2017 Executive Board (if need be)
- May 2nd- Administrator Thank You Luncheon
- May 4th- HSA General Meeting- 6:30pm- Cafetorium
- June 2nd- Field Day

- STEM Fair- Ms. Steinkirchner

- Friday April 8th from 5-8pm (eat 5-6pm, hands on experiments 6-8pm)
- RSVP for pizza by this Friday 4/1
- Event to include 50 tables including Dr. Taylor from UTD as well as many other companies. St Mark wants to continue to have these relationships with these companies to increase internships, scholarships and field trips for our students.
- Excited that two JPII sophomores asked to help run the STEM Fair from beginning to end for their service hours/project. St Mark wants to continue these partnerships with JPII and continue to have students come back to help in the future.

- One of the main goals of having the STEM Fair is to broaden the interest in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. St Mark does not want students to be afraid of these fields or take the easy route avoiding these fields. By having a STEM Fair we're hoping students see these fields as more fun and are encouraged to explore them further.

- New Things for Next Year- Ms. Opon
 - Thank you to all at the meeting this morning and to the executive board this year
 - My goal is to continue to constantly change things at St Mark for the better
 - Watch for a survey coming out next month for some opinions on different items
 - New handwriting program will start
 - New Formal writing program (essays) will start
 - Music enhancements to include recorders, percussion and possibly a middle school honor choir
 - New kiln for art has arrived and will be used next year
 - New Back to School Schedule already emailed out to all families and is posted on the St Mark website. We're hopeful that BTS Sunday will be a big event attended by many families. Please mark Sunday August 7th on your calendar. Also, mark BTS Friday, August 12th, on your calendar. Students can bring school supplies ahead of time rather than the first day of school.
 - We never used our snow days from this year, so the weekend of April 22nd will bring a four day weekend. Please make note of this as it's coming up soon.
 - Next year's Spring Break doesn't align with Plano ISD, but does with other Catholic schools (JPll, etc.)
 - Staffing changes for next year: Ms. Jackson in our Preschool has taken a position at St Rita's Preschool for next year. Mrs. McCormick will move from 3rd Grade to 1st Grade next year. Working on hiring to fill these two positions.

- Drawing was done and Jennifer Pike was the winner. Their families HSA dues paid will be paid next year. Congrats Pike Family!

- Meeting concluded at 8:45am with a prayer