

HSA General Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2017

Meeting was called to order by president, Jill Dourty, at 6:30pm.

1. President began the meeting with a prayer.
2. Jill read the welcome by Principal, Patricia Opon, who was unable to make the meeting.
3. Jill then proceeded to introduce the new Executive Board members: Jill Dourty, president; Mireya Cowen, vice president; Jolea Broome, secretary; Manuel Sifuentes, treasurer.
4. The minutes for the last general meeting, on May 17, 2017 were posted this morning on the ROAR BOARD Facebook page by Jolea Broome. She asked for all coming to this meeting to peruse the minutes and bring any questions with them. Rebecca Battles made the motion to approve the minutes as posted and Sherri Mehring seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as posted.
5. Jill asked if anyone had any questions regarding any of the “old business” from the last meeting and none noted, she began handing out the HSA Operating Budget for 2017-2018 to each member present. Manuel Sifuentes read over the budget.
 - a. There are two sheets of the budget, the first in the proposed budget and the second sheet shows the actuals to date. The revenue on the first sheet was based off of what has historically been reported. The carry forward is noted at the very bottom of the chart. Manuel paused for any questions about each sheet and having none, he thanked the members for coming and for their support.
 - b. Auction updates: Rebecca Battles introduced herself and announced that any family who attended the auction event last year should have gotten a text earlier in the day with a link to purchase tickets, reserve hotel rooms and even pre-pay for valet parking. Stacy Cuvi mentioned that she has already purchased her tickets and wanted to know if she could return to the link in order to reserve a hotel room at a later date, should the need arise. Rebecca assured her that was possible. Rebecca then announced that items will be up for bidding early this year to allow parents to buy “experiences” prior to the auction, some examples being: pumpkin patch visit and an American Girl doll donation. The auction committee will be meeting to hash out how exactly the school will use the auction funds raised this year. There are four pre-auction parent mixers that are being planned and an announcement will be made regarding the dates and details for each mixer. Rebecca encouraged all to attend the mixers. She also encouraged everyone to read the weekly bulletins for important HSA and Auction information.
 - c. Merchant Reward updates: Jennifer Pike introduced herself as the main contact for the reward programs. These programs include Amazon, Amazon Smile, Kroger, Tom

- Thumb and Box Tops. Amazon has a link on the STMCS webpage that allows our school to receive a percentage of all money spent via the link. The percentage is higher if you click the link from the school webpage versus the main Amazon page itself. Kroger and Tom Thumb offer money back to the school via the plastic key cards. Enrollment must be submitted each school year. Forms are available from her of any of the HSA EB members. BoxTops are another way our school receives money. A mailbox is being constructed and will be at the main entrance of the school for parents and students to deposit their boxtops. There is also an app that will allow you to scan your receipt and it will automatically calculate your boxtops total. If you physically return those same boxtops to the school they will count twice! Search for the school on the app with the phrase stmarkcatholicsschool (←-----no spaces) The first deadline to turn in boxtops will be October 19 and the check will be sent to the school by December 1st. Another check will arrive on or around April 1st, and the deadline for that drive is still being decided.
- d. SCRIPS update: Miriam Brainard announced that there are 750 companies that take part in this gift card based program that gives a percentage of money back to our school. Debbie Reed will be emailing the order forms out for anyone interested in purchasing gift cards that will give us money back. There is no fee to utilize the program and gift cards can be reloaded over and over and we will continue to receive a percentage back. Sherri Mehring noted that this would be great for any class baskets that want to include gift cards!
 - e. Kathleen Frye was an add-on to the agenda and she spoke on behalf of the community prayer team. Any prayer requests can be sent via email to Kathleen Frye and she will distribute to the members of the team. There are many ways to participate in this prayer outreach program. The newsletter has the school prayer posted at the top of the first page that is an easy way to pray for our school and the faculty and students. Wednesdays in October children dropped off prior to 7:50am will participate in reciting the rosary. Volunteers are needed to help lead the rosary and anyone interested should contact Kathleen. Forms are available if you would like to help with the rosary circle. Volunteers pray one decade of the rosary each day so that ideally we will have one full rosary said each day for the intentions of our school. October 13 is the next scheduled community prayer walk
 - f. Homecoming Tailgate Event: Manuel Sifuentes announced that our football teams will be playing against Bishop Dunne on October 15 at noon and 2pm at the John Paul ii stadium. The HSA will be hosting a tailgate party to celebrate these homecoming games with a chili cook-off at 1pm. Manuel briefly read through JP2's rules for tailgating on their premises.
 - g. Talent Show: Jolea Broome was excited to announce that the HSA will be hosting a talent show in lieu of the March 28th general meeting. Flyers were distributed with the date and time of the event and classroom visits were in the process of being scheduled to get students excited about the event.
6. Jill announced the first \$2 free dress day to benefit the HSA is next week, September 28. She reminded everyone that proceeds go to the HSA in order to fund all of the events that the HSA provides for our students.

7. The next general meeting will be on December 6 at 8:15am in the cafeteria.
8. Jill reminded all present to sign the attendance sheet in order to receive the +5 points for their children and meeting was adjourned.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.