

**LCS HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING / THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13TH, 2020 / 6:00 PM  
LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**In Attendance:**

Megan Stopulos (President Elect), Angie Kaney (President Ex-Officio), Brooke Heckinger (Secretary), Rebecca Gimbel (Treasurer), Jill Tandy (Treasurer-elect), Jennifer Foley (New Family Ambassador), Jennifer Bradley (Hospitality), Jennifer Alongi (Principal), Angie Gustafson (Teacher), Danielle Behnke (Teacher), Garin Jost (Teacher), Tim Wilson (Parent)

**OPENING PRAYER**

**JANUARY MINUTES:** Posted on Google Drive>2019-20>Home & School Association>Meeting Minutes> H+S January 2020 (minutes approved Angie Kaney, 2nd by Rebecca Gimbel, will ask to post onto LCS website)

***Upcoming Events –***

- Men's CEW Feb.14-16th
- Classroom Valentine's Day Parties Feb. 14th
- BOE Meeting Feb. 18th, 6PM LCS Library
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-8) March 10-12th
- Spring Break March 16-20th
- BOE Meeting March 17th, 6PM LCS Library
- Spring Book Fair March 23-27th LCS Library
- Lourdes Starry Night March 28th, Tanglewood Pavilion
- 4th Quarter Begins March 31st

**President ( Lindsey Jennings )**

- Still openings for the Men's CEW this weekend.
- Discussed Catholic School Week events, how did everything go for the people involved??
  - Buddy Lunch and teacher luncheon went well. The coverage of parents for each classroom had some hiccups. An idea was discussed that next year one central sign up genius is created that will show each classroom and have two slots per room for sign up.
- Angie is working with 1st Day School Supplies to prepare for the 2020-2021 list.
- Need everyone to keep next year's H&S elections/positions on their radar and think of people for positions.
  - Brooke suggested for our March meeting having everyone bring someone else to the meeting that is not currently involved in H&S. We can have a little wine/snack mingle after the meeting.

**Ex-Officio ( Angie Kaney )**

- Shared information about Pete Meadows, our contact with 1st Day School Supplies. He has been fighting some health issues, and the H&S took a moment and said a Hail Mary for him.
- Staffing is being arranged for the next year as registrations are still coming into the school. More on this topic with the Administrator Report. Danielle Behnke will help survey teachers and get feedback on specific brands/items that worked well and what items they would like to make changes to (i.e. larger tissue boxes, bigger clorox wipe containers, etc).

**President Elect ( Megan Stopulos )**

- Shared with the committee the Revised Parish and School Study, updated notes on the process.

**Treasurer / Treasurer-Elect / Treasurer Ex-Officio ( Rebecca Gimbel / Jill Tandy / Mary Guy )**

- QuickBooks is up and running all the backlog of entries are put into the system.
- The current subscription does not include a budget feature. Rebecca created a separate spreadsheet to compare Home & School's actual performance to the budget.
- The Field Day application and payment went to the city. The Special Event permit needs a vote from the Bettendorf City Council and they will reach out when it has been approved, the rest of the payment will be submitted at that time.
- Discussed the extra funds in the Starry Night account from the 2019 event. Some of the funds will be spent on new playground equipment. Ms. Alongi will look into teacher education and curriculum needs to spend the rest of the funds that were set aside for these items.
- Confirmed that Sheryl/church want to be the ones that send letters out to people/businesses that donate to the 2020 event.

**Volunteer Coordinators ( Meghan Cornish / Erin Emerle )**

- No Report

#### **Room Parent Coordinators ( Jessica Stubbs / Katie Ellis )**

- No Report

#### **Family Ambassadors ( Amanda Kosarek / Jennifer Foley / Kim Jondle )**

- Family Bingo Night was a huge success and lots of fun was had. We raised \$500 to go towards the middle school Washington D.C. trip. So many families attended that extra tables from the cafeteria had to be pulled into the gym to provide enough seating. We will go ahead and get Bingo Night on the school calendar for the Friday night before CSW.
- For future years and budget planning approx \$200 would be good to cover costs of bingo cards etc, maybe even less would be needed.
- Huge THANK YOU to Mr. Sawyer and the middle school students who helped set up the tables. Thank yous to: Mrs. Lawrence for setting up the computer, projector and screen; Mrs. Lowe for the microphone; Mrs. Burman for setting up GoNoodle; and all the parents that stayed after the event and made clean up go quickly.
- Definitely want to reach out to the Priests and Deacons to see if any of them can attend next year and start off the event with a prayer.
- A reminder for all future events the person(s) in charge of anything at the school needs to know ahead of time that everything from setup to cleanup to trash removal and sweeping the floor has to be covered by them or someone. Some of this was not known to us and many people who help with special events have no guidance on this stuff.
- Megan will work on compiling some better communication (forms) for future H&S committee and event chairs.

#### **Administrator Updates ( Ms. Alongi / Mrs. Paul )**

- Compared current enrollment of 2019-2020 year to the pre-registration numbers for the 2020-2021 year.
- Kris Girskis is forming an email to send to room parents and have them send to parents to explain the importance of this pre-registration. The biggest factor is teacher contracts they are decided based on these numbers.
- Safe Haven Parent Nights - will discuss online safety for our children. There will be a few opportunities for families to attend one of these presentations: February 27th, LCS Gym 6:00PM; March 31st, Denning Hall @ St Paul the Apostle 6:30PM, or April 7th, LCS Gym 6:00PM (tentative awaiting confirmation). If LCS families attend one of these sessions their children will be awarded an extra NUT day on Thursday April 9th.
- Soup Suppers - Mark your calendars March 9th (middle school students and families will be asked to help host); March 23rd (K-5 students and families will be asked to help host). There will be more information about this soon.
- Field Day June 2nd- Kindergarten will be joining this year, so K-7 will attend. The day will be at Splash Landing and Veterans Park. Lunch will be from HyVee and students will have four choices: a) Hot dog \$3.15 b) Hamburger \$3.15 c) Two hot dogs \$4.65 or d) Hamburger and hot dog \$4.65. Each option will come with fruit and chips.

#### **Teacher Updates ( Mrs. Behnke / Mr. Jost / Mrs. Gustafson )**

- The teacher luncheon was wonderful and greatly appreciated. There was a nice variety of food, really good bbq pork, it was very thoughtful! Thank you to all that donated and volunteered to pull off this event. Thank you to the parents that helped watch the rooms during this lunch as well.

#### **Hospitality ( Jennifer Bradley / Kristen Grchan )**

- Overall Catholic Schools Week went well, and received lots of positive feedback.
- Buddy Lunch-
  - Both groups were pretty even in size.
  - Ended up with way too many cookies (2 full party trays were still left, so note for next year 24 dozen was PLENTY).
  - Purchases made were for balloons and crayons. All the other items were donated or things we already had in our supply. We donated the crayons back to the school and the balloon weights were added to our supply to use for future events.
- Teacher Luncheon-
  - Very generous parents, so much food, had leftovers we put in the teacher's lounge and shared with the Women's CEW.
  - Purchases made were the pulled pork from Village Corner Deli (received a lot of positive feedback on it) and the flowers for the centerpieces.

- Hospitality will meet together on February 16th to start planning the Spring Teacher Conference meals. The teachers have requested more caffeinated beverages and not all diet.

**Publicity ( Andrea Vann )**

- Email [apyrkosz@yahoo.com](mailto:apyrkosz@yahoo.com) if you want anything to be included in the January newsletter by Dec 16th.

**Fundraising**

**SCRIP ( Ryan Wermes )**

- No Report

**Starry Night ( Chrissy Hayes / Brooke Heckinger )**

- The next committee meeting is planned for 2/19/20 @ 6PM @ Kim Jondle's home (5828 Joshua St, Bettendorf). Please bring any donations you have received or drop them at the school office. We will focus on evaluating the donations so far and make note of what we still want to acquire.
- Sponsors - we have heard from a few and following up with others. If your business or family wants to be a sponsor let us know.
- Raffle tickets - keep selling to all family and friends. We have a few more dates to sell tickets at mass, view the sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080dea9ae28a4fe3-raffle1>
- Student Raffle Tickets - help spread the word there are 3 raffle baskets students can purchase tickets for. Have them do chores etc to earn money to buy tickets.
- Register for event - All adults are invited, get online and register or fill out paper form sent home. Ask family, friends, neighbors if they want to attend. If you know someone that would like this type of event and would most likely want to purchase some items that is the whole purpose of the event, fun and fundraising!!
- Donations - we are still gathering items, if you have a connection to a local business and would want to ask them for a donation touch base with Brooke so we can note you will be making that request. We can get you the copy of the donation request letter to take with you.
- THANK YOU to all the work from everyone that helps to make this event a success!

**Corporate Fundraising ( Brooke Heckinger )**

- No report (Starry Night focused), encouraged everyone to help find someone to possibly take this over for the 2020-2021 year.

**Monthly Restaurant Fundraising ( Courtney Clark / Sarah Shenk )**

- February 24th Buffalo Wild Wings (will get a flyer sent home as some may have missed the facebook post).

**Spirit Wear ( Linda Mosher )**

- The front office has a bin of new spirit wear items that can be purchased, random sizes and colors available. Contact the office to arrange a time to view items.

**OPEN DISCUSSION / COMMENTS / QUESTIONS / CONCERNS**

- None

**CLOSING PRAYER.**

**UPCOMING HOME & SCHOOL MEETINGS**

- Monday, March 9, 2020 / 6:00 PM / Lourdes School Library
- Monday, April 6, 2020 / 6:00 PM / Parish Rectory Conference Room
- May Meeting TBA