

**Minutes from Home & School (H&S) Meeting
January 10, 2024
Library**

Meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with an opening prayer

Attendees:

2022/2023 Home & School Board		Teachers/Staff	x
President: Melissa Nelson	x		
President-Elect: Julie Rosales	x	Danielle Behnke	x
Ex-Officio: Denise Howell	x	Katie Selden (Principal)	x
Secretary: Alicia Gieck	x	Angie Gustafson	x
Treasurer: Marie Morlok	x		
Treasurer Elect: Becky Burke	x		
Room Parent Co-Chairs: Andrea Reilly	x		
Room Parent Co-Chairs: Cassandra Berneking	x		
Volunteer Co-Chairs: Jill Tandy		Community/Committee Chairs	
Volunteer Co-Chairs: Maria Stopulos			
Hospitality Coordinators: Megan Wilkinson		Brooke Heckinger	x
Hospitality Coordinators: Ashley Winters-Ramos	x	Betsy Flaherty	x
Hospitality Coordinators: Erin Crigger			
Hospitality Coordinators: Ellie Kretschmer			
Hospitality Coordinators: Becca Armstrong			
Hospitality Coordinators: Alex Bauer	x		
New Family Ambassadors: Jen Foley	x		
New Family Ambassadors: Bronya Conner	x		

Newsletter: Alison Meier		
Publicity/Starry Night: Megan Stopulos	x	

Agenda can be found here: [W Lourdes Home and School Agenda - January.docx](#)

Approval for January 10, 2024 minutes can be found: [Here](#)

New Business:

1. Home & School credit card process

The only person who can use the credit card is the president, Melissa. It's possible that individuals can still purchase needed items and then get reimbursed. Currently, the form found in the office for reimbursement is still being used. This procedure may change.

2. Catholic Schools week (January 28-February 3, 2024)

There's a very strong possibility that the information contained herein is inaccurate. I cannot even say that I'm doing my best because I feel like I gave up during this interaction.

A. The Buddy Lunch is on Monday, January 28, 2024, of Catholic Schools Week. The Hospitality Committee is coordinating this event. They will use Sign Up Genius for the volunteers they need. It's highly probable that volunteers will be needed to cover the classrooms for a short time during this event; maybe the room parents are arranging that.

B. The Teacher's Luncheon is on Friday, February 3, 2024. There was a great deal of discussion about how things were done pre-COVID, during COVID, and post-COVID (so...much...discussion). To sum up: Someone will be in touch with the room parents, who will in turn communicate with their class parents, about the number of volunteers needed to watch classrooms and the times those volunteers are needed.

3. Bingo! (February 9, 2024)

Bingo is a FREE family event for all ages! It is asked that each family donate a \$10 item to be used for a prize. Because Bingo is super popular (who knew?), you will need to reserve your spot through One Cause. Additionally, there will be pizza available to purchase through One Cause as well. Doors open at 5:30.

4. Moe's Fundraiser

It'll happen some time this spring. Stay tuned for more.

5. Starry Night (March 2, 2024; doors open at 5:30)

The Starry Night Committee has been working tirelessly to make this an amazing and successful event. Items of Note:

- Decker Ploehn (Bettendorf City Administrator) will be MCing the event!
- Sponsor letters are out and sponsorships are already coming in
- Paper invitations were limited by budget and are only going out to strategically designated individuals; but all of the the Lourdes family is invited and encouraged to attend
- Cocktail attire encouraged
- A block of rooms has been reserved at the Blackhawk Hotel (seriously genius idea!)
- Raffle tickets should go out soon; maybe middle schoolers can help with this?
- THE NEW ST JOAN OF ARC LOGO WILL BE REVEALED

There were a lot of amazing ideas being floated around, but time, money and human resources are limited. The Starry Night Committee can still use your help to make this event a success; feel free to contact Megan Stopulus for more ways to help and be sure to join the committee next year, as well!

6. Field Day

Need ideas. Honestly, by this point in the meeting, we were all looking at the clock so no viable ideas were exchanged—or if they were, I didn't make a note of them. Although, once again there was a great deal of discussion about how things were done pre-COVID, during COVID, and post-COVID.

Principal Report: SCCS is already preparing for next year's registration. She is giving tours "like crazy." There will be no more "hold the spot" as SCCS will have a unified process for registration this year.

Budget/Treasurer: Wait for it...

WE HAVE MONEY!! Not a lot, so we shouldn't start spending like drunken sailors, but we are making progress. We are very thankful for several amazing anonymous donors whose donations are making a HUGE difference this year.

Marie is very confident that between all of this year's fund-raising efforts, as well as Starry Night, H&S will be on solid ground next year.

Committee Updates

- New Family Ambassador

- No report, so clearly things are going fantastic
- Volunteer Coordinators
 - No report. However, from experience we know that volunteers are always needed and appreciated!
 - Make sure to use the link in the monthly newsletter for volunteer opportunities.
- Room Parents
 - Have things to do for Catholic Schools Week. However, I have no idea when or how this information will be communicated to them. May the odds be ever in your favor.
- Hospitality:
 - Buddy Lunch is under control
- Teacher Update from Mrs. Behnke:
 - The Christmas gift was a hit!! Thank you so much.
 - The staff Christmas party was funded by an anonymous donor and was tons of fun!!
- Newsletter:
 - Love it.
- The next meeting for H&S will be February 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. This will cover the March meeting as well.

Meeting finally ended about 7:28 p.m.