

Home School Association Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Attendance:

J. Frayne	L.DeRosa	K.Veenstra
K. Barabas	T.Petrone	E. Hiller
C.Ryu	D.LaGalia	V.McClure
J.Lukang	V.Milin	C.McCarthy
M.Gallagher	A.Gillespie	M.Sullivan
A.DelGiodice	M.Brito	A.Schoembs
M.Wood	D.Chisholm	D.Kellogg
M.Houston	M.Haggerty	G.Marchetti
A.Nightingale		

Call In: T.Sheehan

Kate Ruebenacker called the meeting to order at 8:00, and a prayer was said prior to the official start of the meeting.

The Presidents Report:

Kate called attention to our new mugs that we have for HSA Meetings, in an effort to be more green.

Mrs. Palmieri let Kate know that she wanted to thank the kind person who donated some raffle tickets to her for the BFE. She was thrilled and is so excited to go!

Kate thanked Giovanna for once again helping with hospitality for our meeting.

She included updates on the events that have taken place thus far, and thanked all the event chairs for their service and the time that they have put into these events: Clothing Drive, Trunk or Treat, Walk A Thon, and our Genevieve sale, all have done really well.

She mentioned the many events we have coming up, including the busy day we have on Friday. 8th Graders take the COOP/HSPT exam, the Veteran's Day prayer service at 1:00 pm, and the BFE is that evening.

Additionally we have the 5K coming up on Saturday December 1st, Tons of Toys shopping event days, the Christmas Boutique, and Santa Breakfast to round out the year.

A hard copy of our school directory will be available in the main office this week. It will cost \$5.

If anyone has a key fob to the school building (old event chairs, board members, group leaders), please return them ASAP. There are a few that are not accounted for.

Kate then introduced our guest Mrs. Morton, the School Social Worker.

School Social Worker: Mrs. Morton is at SES on Tuesdays for about three and a half hours. She works for Catholic Charities, and is a LCSW. Permission slips went home in September, that would allow her to meet one on one with your child.

She is there to provide extra support for the teachers as they deal with classroom social issues, and her goal is to help everyone be happy and successful at school.

Everything is confidential and nothing will appear on the SES academic record.

Parents and teachers can refer students to Mrs. Morton.

The Treasurer Report: Danielle mentioned that all of our events are doing well, and she thanked everyone for following the guidelines for check requests and deposits.

The Principal Report: Mrs. Lewis announced that our school Spanish teacher, Mrs. Lorenzo had her baby on Friday (A healthy baby boy!). Prior to her leave she met with the substitute, and she expects that transition to be a smooth one.

She thanked everyone who helped with the Trunk or Treat, she thought it was a fun event. She also mentioned that she was made aware that students were in the building, and she has video footage of them in the basement. This is not acceptable, and she said that going forward steps need to be taken so that can't happen again.

She has asked the Bergen County Prosecutor's office to come in to speak with our 7th and 8th grade students about the various issues that seem to be plaguing young people in our area today.

November 16th the school will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Elizabeth. There will be a prayer service (done by the 3rd graders), and Ice Cream will be given to the kids at lunch.

November 17th the parish will be celebrating the Feast Day of St Elizabeth. Cardinal Tobin will be saying the 5:00 pm mass, and there will be a reception following.

Next year our summer uniform options will provide students the choice between blue or black sneakers.

Students must follow the guidelines for CYO basketball. Those students not in good academic standing will not be permitted to play.

Committee Reports:

Clothing Drive: Made about \$1400, we collected 7000 lbs of clothing. Thank you to Corrine Albarella for chairing the event

Genevieve Sales: Chairperson Veronica McClure, let us know that we made almost \$2,000 more than we made last year. Items are expected next week, and will go home with the kids. (Noted: The items are coming on Wednesday November 7th)

Trunk or Treat Chairperson Maria Brito spoke, she was happy with the way the event turned out. She is already working on ideas for next year, and has a few changes that she will be making. She mentioned that the event does not need to be as long, and there needs to be a better system for clean up. The community collected so much candy, that she was able to donate it to the school candy drive for the troops, and the goldfish and pretzel snacks she donated to lunch. The pumpkins that were donated by the Petrone family will be put to use at the BFE.

Walk A Thon: Diane Kellogg gave us the report on the event. She said it was once again a great success! The school made a profit of \$4,200!

BFE-Harvest Moon Bash: Chairperson Denise LaGalia let us know that we have 100 people coming to the event. Over 100 prizes are available, and it seems like everyone is really excited about the event. Tickets will be available at the door (a heads up is preferred)

5K: Veronica McClure gave us some information on the 5k, it is a registered race, and she encouraged everyone to get the word out. It will be a great morning for the community. There is a fun run for the kids at 9:45.

Restaurant Days and Spirit Wear- Amy Nightingale reported that our Blue Moon night made \$70. Amy's goal is to have one once a month, with various restaurants in the local area. Amy asked if anyone had a connection with Playa Bowls in Franklin Lakes, she has been trying to speak with the manager there to arrange a give back day there.

Spirit Wear will no longer be doing online orders. There will be a form that should be printed on the school website, and all orders are due on the 15th of every month (hard deadline), there is also no longer the ability to use a credit card, check or cash only.

Mrs Lewis added that you could wear plain navy blue gym clothing sans the SES logo if needed.

Tons of Toys/Treasures Shopping Event: Krista Barabas explained that we would get 15% back from each purchase when SES is mentioned on November 15th and December 5th. Coupons cannot be used.

Breakfast With Santa: Lynne DeRosa said the theme this year is “Breakfast with Santa and Rudolph” and there are many things planned to look forward to this year! Help will be needed and an email will go out. Veronica Romond is also chairing the event.

Lunch Update: Teresa and Cienna said lunch is going well. Orders from Nicholas Markets are up each week, and it seems they have a good routine going. Teresa reminded anyone who does order from Nicholas Market monthly to remember to reorder; a few kids did not have lunch in November. If you go into your NM account you can grant permission for NM to charge your account for a lunch that your child will purchase at school.

A friendly reminder was made that everyone needs to find their own subs, and in an extreme situation if you can not find a sub, please let Teresa or Cienna know...please do not just not show up for lunch duty.

Lunch duty is real hands on work, please try and help new parents learn the routines.

November 15th is the deadline to sign up for lunch duty for the year.

Last Minute Messages:

Mrs. Lewis reminded everyone that we are coming into the cold/flu season and encouraged everyone to please stay home if they are not well.

Kate mentioned that if you frequent stores in the area, to think about asking them for a donation for gala or the golf outing. Places are always willing to donate to their loyal customers.

Amy Nightingale let us know that the 5th and 6th grade girl scouts are going for their Bronze Medal. They are running a Poinsettia Sale and the proceeds will go to Several Sources (a home for unwed mothers)

Meeting adjourned!

