HSA Meeting – Erbin Hall Boardroom
February 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Be Hospitable ~ Be Responsible ~ Be Respectful

Per the By-Laws, the purposes of the HSA shall be:

1. To promote a spirit of cooperation and understanding between parents and the faculty/administration of the school;
2. To strengthen and improve the school by initiating, organizing, and carrying out fundraising projects, subject to approval by the principal of The Madeleine Choir School;
3. To encourage and assist with communication between faculty/administration and parents in school affairs other than instructional or disciplinary matters.


Welcome/Call to Order ~ Cerah Nordhoff

Megan Randazzo offered an opening prayer.

Treasurer’s Report reviewed by Cerah Nordhoff

- HSA Balance as of December 30, 2018 is $12,404.26 (this amount does take into account the $1,500.00 HSA 2017-18 gift to the school or LSGD expenses).

Event Chairs are reminded to have all donations recorded and listed in the event report. This will be useful for future event organizers.

Review of recent HSA-sponsored activities since the last meeting

- Talent Show, held February 1st
  Megan Randazzo reported that the talent shows were quite successful. The Upper and Lower school talent shows were held separately, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Naydean Reed and Carrie Murphy were the event chairs. Volunteers were very helpful. It was suggested that grades be mixed up so that there was a mixture between Upper and Lower school performances.

- Bacon Bingo, held February 9th
  Maggie Shale was the event chair for this annual event. There were 25-30 attendees. Bacon was donated by Bob & Margaret Grogan. Donations were taken at the door. Megan Randazzo reported that those who attended had an enjoyable evening; however, the attendance for this event was quite low. Advertisement included a cute invite in the weekly school newsletter. It was suggested that this event could possibly alternate with the Fish Fry every other year. Regardless, HSA needs to do a better job advertising the event and event details.

School News

- Chelsey Aberico gave an update on MCS Gala/Class Projects/Solicitation Information/Opportunity Drawing. All class project ideas have been submitted. The projects should be completed and turned in by April 1st (this is not a joke!). Parents are invited to solicit donations. Prior to contacting donors, parents should check in with Chelsey; donation forms are available. Here is the online donor form. I have attached the
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- [https://madeleinechoirschool.ejoinme.org/2019donations](https://madeleinechoirschool.ejoinme.org/2019donations)

- The Student Opportunity Drawing is well under way. It appears that the students have met the goal for the week of February 11th and will enjoy a hot cocoa party. Parents are reminded to have their students reach out to family and friends and invite them to donate to the MCS Tuition Assistance Program. Donate today:
  Here is the link for Student Opportunity:

- [https://madeleinechoirschool.ejoinme.org/2019SOD](https://madeleinechoirschool.ejoinme.org/2019SOD)

- MCS Open House was held on Sunday, January 30th. There was a good turnout. Parents should continue to invite friends and neighbors to check out MCS. It was suggested that nametags be used for next year’s event.

Principal’s Minute ~ Megan Randazzo shared that the school has budgeted to pay for a police officer to be on duty when the choirs are performing. SLCP has been very supportive. Police presence at the Cathedral has been noticed and appreciated. Additional training with the cathedral and school staff for first aid/trauma care is on the calendar. Mrs. Randazzo also indicated that Parent/Teacher/Student conferences were held. She has created a Teacher Evaluation, and is meeting with each teacher to encourage teacher development; she hopes that this will help retain our wonderful educators.

Upcoming HSA Events:
St. Patrick’s Day Parade, March 16th – Event Chair is Sofia Brophy. This event occurs on the last Saturday of Spring Break. For those families that will be in town, we encourage you to participate. **Each family that participates will earn 5 hours of Volunteer Service!** The event will be held, rain or shine, cold or windy. All students should wear formal uniform attire, and can wear green & gold bling as well! The small bus will be decorated, and a recording of MCS students singing “Danny Boy” will be played from the bus speakers. Carnations will be purchased from Ensign Floral for students to wear on their lapels. Cerah is to do an invite to forward to Room Reps and put in the newsletter. Chelsey will create a link for families to RSVP their participation. A school bus driver needs to be confirmed as well. Parade route is along 90 S. 400 W., Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Spectators will enjoy this parade featuring pipe bands, marching bands, dance groups, floats, antique automobiles, horse-drawn carriages and Irish clans.

- Faculty Luncheon Schedule – Room Reps for 3rd and 4th grade need to confirm the Teacher Luncheon date with Amy Price.
  February 2019 – 3rd Grade
  March 2019 – 4th grade
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• Lunch & Yard Duty – Parents are reminded that volunteering in the cafeteria or during lunch recess earns double volunteer hours.
  February 2019 – 2nd Grade and 7th Grade
  March 2019 – K and 3rd Grade

• Teacher Appreciation is the week of May 6-10 – 7th Grade is to oversee the events.

• End of Year School Carnival – June 6th – 4th Grade to oversee/organize the event

• Room Reps are reminded to arrange for Grade Parent Socials.

• 1st Grade is hosting an easel party for their class project. All parents of the school are invited to attend. Steph Widmer will send an email for Cerah to forward to all Room Reps to send to class lists. Get your beads and masks ready! On Friday, March 1, Tiffany Clason (mom to Cash, 1st Grade) and Carmen Swanwick (mom to Gage - 1st Grade, and Rome - 5th grade) together with the entire first grade parent population, will be throwing their first annual MARDI GRAS PARTY! Tickets are $60 per person or $100 per couple, food and drink will be provided. This party is adults only, please. All funds raised will benefit MCS and go towards our 2019 “GREATEST GALA OF THE CENTURY” Fundraiser. Please click here to purchase your tickets!

• Kindergarten is hosting an easel party for their 2019 Gala Class Project: Trivia Night! The date will be set soon. This will be an adult-only gathering as well, and all parents of all grades are invited to attend. More details to come.

New Business

• Parent Talent Show suggestion by Toni Tietjen, an 8th grade parent. She had organized a talent show for MCS parents a few years ago. It was a huge success. Parents of all grades would be invited to attend AND participate. Toni is willing to chair the event, but desperately needs parent volunteers from all grades to help organize the evening and scout talent! If you are interested in participating and/or volunteering, please contact Toni:
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Toni.PandG@gmail.com, 801-918-1252. The event would be free of charge. Adults only. No children admitted. Chelsey is to confirm possible dates. There is talk that 7th and 8th grade may be able to offer babysitting services. More information to follow.

• Robin Lange suggested that Pre-K families have a Parent Ambassador that would be able to offer insight into school events and answer any questions that arise regarding parent/family participation. Admissions does have a Mentor Program for new families. However, Pre-K and Kindergarten families need better communication regarding school activities. Every grade and family is invited to participate in all school events.

• Sofia Brophy suggested that HSA offer a Participation Passport to each student at the beginning of the school year. Passports would be stamped when the student(s) attends the event. This would encourage student/family participation in the various HSA-sponsored events during the school year. It was suggested that participating students would earn bonus tickets to the year-end school carnival.

• Sofia Brophy also suggested that HSA host an “Enrichment Night,” perhaps once a quarter. These events would help to incorporate new school families and help build community outreach. Subjects would vary and MCS parents with special skill sets could be asked to lead an activity or discussion. Mrs. Randazzo indicated that the school custodial staff is spread really thin, as there are various school and cathedral activities that occur frequently. Enrichment activities could be hosted off-site.

I hope the links included work. If they do not, please contact Chelsey Alberico.

The next HSA meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the Erbin Hall Boardroom.