

St. Mary of the Assumption Home School Association (HSA)
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 13, 2021 (Virtual)

Meeting Time: 7 pm

I. Omar Wilkins, HSA President

- a) Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm
 - a. Welcome
 - b. In chat box, please enter your name and the name of your oldest child or only child for attendance

II. Mrs. Ashley Lewis, Principal

- b) Opening Prayer

III. Mrs. Ashley Lewis, Principal

- c) Second quarter finishing up
- d) Check Plus Portals for inconsistencies
- e) We are currently in the middle of the mid-year Scantron testing
 - a. In the Fall, Kindergarten-8th grade took Scantron
 - b. For Winter, only 2nd grade-8th will test
 - c. At the end of the year, Kindergarten-8th grade will test again
 - d. Students will take the shortened form of the test
 - i. 25 questions for each Reading and Math
 - e. Virtual testing format
 - f. Parents should be hearing from their child's teacher soon regarding test scheduling
- f) I will gladly answer any questions at the end of the meeting

IV. Dr. Camp, Before/Aftercare

- g) BEFORE/AFTERCARE
 - a. Happy New Year
 - b. Thank you, HSA, for all that you do, for keeping us aware of everything that's happening and all your support for the extended care program
 - c. French and guitar classes started this week
 - d. Thank you for all the donated items- they are used daily by the kids and have been very helpful
 - e. Looking forward to having all the students back in the school soon
- h) CYO
 - a. Coach Lenny sent out an email regarding CYO sports
 - b. Please contact Coach Myers with any questions or concerns via email: lenny.meiers@gmail.com or phone: #858-583-4776

V. Omar Wilkins- Old Business

- i) Approval of minutes for the January 13, 2021 meeting
 - a. 1 typo was revealed by a parent and will be corrected
 - b. Approval of minutes will follow correction of typo
- j) Please contact any of the HSA Board members with any questions or concerns
 - a. We will be sure to respond within 24-48 hours and ensure you have everything you need to be successful at St. Mary's of the Assumption
- k) Parent service hours needed for end of the year scholarship drawing
 - a. A list of current, completed service hours for families will be provided at the February meeting
 - b. Additional parent service hours currently approved by the HSA Board
 - i. Attending the 9/9/2020 HSA meeting (virtual)- 1 hour
 - ii. Participating in the Chick-Fil-A fundraiser (9/9/2020)- 1 hour
 - iii. Bagging Halloween candy for upcoming Trunk or Treat on October 23, 2020 (1st session)- 2 hours
 - iv. Bagging Halloween candy for upcoming Trunk or Treat on October 28, 2020 (2nd session)- 2 hours
 - v. Decorating your personal vehicle for Trunk or Treat- 2 hours
 - vi. Attending the 11/4/2020 HSA meeting (virtual)-1 hour
 - vii. Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser- every 20 items sold = 1 hour
 - c. These hours help qualify you and your family for the end of the year scholarship drawing
 - i. 3 families will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year
 - ii. To qualify for the scholarship drawing, each family must have a minimum of the required 10 parent service hours and attend 7 of the 8 meetings held in the current school year
 - iii. Due to the pandemic, we are very limited with the activities available to obtain the required parent service hours needed to meet the scholarship eligibility requirements- because of this, the requirement was cut from the typical 20 hours to 10 hours
 - iv. The HSA Board is doing everything it can to ensure we provide enough options for families to obtain the required hours
 - v. Virtual opportunities are currently being explored
 - vi. By May, we anticipate families having a reasonable amount of opportunities to obtain the required hours
- l) Teachers and staff members received \$75 gift cards for Christmas from the HSA
 - a. Thank you all for your daily efforts to educate our children especially during the ongoing pandemic
- m) HSA sponsored 3 families from St. Mary's of the Assumption Church parish who were in need
 - a. Each family received a total of \$500 in gift cards
 - i. \$200 Giant gift card

- ii. \$300 Walmart gift card

VI. Omar Wilkins- New Business

- n) New Family Mentoring and Buddy Program- Torine Creppy
 - a. Thank you for everyone who reached out with an interest in participating in the program
 - b. While working on establishing this program virtually, we quickly realized the extended periods of time parents are spending on Zoom for work and helping our children in school
 - c. We were able to come up with a good solution that could help parents navigate through the virtual environment
 - i. 5 parents have agreed to volunteer as mentors to other families
 - ii. The 5 parents have been split up and will manage different grades
 - iii. Please look for information such as contact information and different resources we can offer and support you with, in the next Monday Morning Memo
- o) Financial Overview- Lois Chapman
 - a. Our Double Good Popcorn fundraiser earned us \$3,870.00
 - i. 13 families participated
 - ii. Thank you all for your support with making this fundraiser successful
 - b. Our Chipotle Night earned us \$334.67
 - i. Another Chipotle Night is planned for the month of February- stay tuned for more information
 - c. Amazon Smile has earned us \$42.03
 - i. Please be sure to register St. Mary's as the Charity of your choice before making purchases so we can continue receiving those proceeds

VII. Omar Wilkins- Upcoming Events

- p) Boosterthon- Torine Creppy
 - a. Last year we decided to take on the run ourselves to receive 90% of the proceeds. Boosterthon will receive 10% of the benefits for setting up the online platform/website for donations
 - b. The event is currently being scheduled to take place on our Field Day towards the end of the school year
 - c. We will coordinate with Mr. Barnhardt to successfully host this event virtually or if we are back in school by May, in person
 - d. Money raised will go towards helping fund different projects around the school including a new playground for the students
 - e. More information will be included in the upcoming Monday Morning Memo
 - f. Boosterthon is our biggest fundraiser and our goal for this year is to raise \$50,000

- g. Volunteer opportunities/hours will be available for this event
- q) Valentine exchange for students
 - a. Teacher by teacher basis
 - b. Be on the lookout for more information to come from the teachers
- r) Virtual Bingo Night being explored to provide more fun, community events
- s) Another Drive-In movie night will be held once the warm weather returns
- t) A parent proposed 1 hour being given to all attendees for tonight's HSA meeting
 - a. That proposal received a second and was therefore approved by HSA President Omar Wilkins
- u) A parent suggested having teachers attend a meeting so they can introduce themselves to the St. Mary's community
 - a. Principal Lewis will discuss this option with her staff and get back to us
- v) A vote will be held by the HSA Board to lower the number of items sold for the Double Good Popcorn fundraiser for families that participated but did not sell the minimum of 20 bags for 1 parent service hour
- w) St. Mary's has a new Middle School Math teacher
 - a. Please welcome Mr. Shelton
- x) Next meeting is February 10, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**
- y) Please email Omar Wilkins with any questions, concerns, or ideas/suggestions
 - a. # 240-535-2140 cell
- z) Thank you for attending tonight's meeting

VIII. Principal Ashley Lewis- Closing Prayer

- aa) Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm