

HSA Board Meeting October 6, 2020

In attendance: Megan Giaquinto, Kristin Amarone, Kelly Mulhern, Antonia Baroga, Alice Kuether, Sr. Anne, Kathy Kingsley

This meeting was held virtually. Sr. Anne opened the meeting with a prayer.

Housekeeping:

Spirit Wear and School Store was discussed. It was questioned if this is part of the HSA budget since this is an area that falls under marketing and branding. There has been difficulty coordinating it under the HSA because it falls within parameters set by the school regarding logos and branding. Danielle has done a great job coordinating with Joanne Bruno and the HSA in the past, but it seems that Spirit Wear may be best served through marketing and advancement with Joanne. Everyone agreed that it made sense to release that from HSA and Megan will follow up.

Old Business:

Mum Sale: Mum sale was a big success and Megan expressed gratitude for everyone that helped make it happen. This can be an annual event and Antonia's idea is a great example of how we can find or create an idea and make it happen. Megan encouraged everyone to think of projects or events we are passionate about and she will be happy to support it.

Park Scavenger Hunt: Antonia made up the cards to be put throughout the park for the students to look for. This will take place this weekend. A map and instructions will be provided to families. Megan will print out the cards and materials for Antonia and families. Antonia spoke with Mrs. Tiezzi about prizes for the students. Rather than provide just one winner's basket, it was decided to provide smaller gifts for up to 6 students. Antonia will touch base with Mrs. Tiezzi about prizes that might be available from the school store/spirit wear.

Raise Craze: Kristen has been working hard to set up the accounts in order to move forward with this event. Although we can not kick it off this weekend, it will be shared with students and families soon. It fits in perfectly with St. Rita's message this year: students completing acts of kindness. Each student will set up their own webpage and send it out to family and friends. All donations can be done online. Once the event ends, Raise Craze sends a paper check to the school. Cash donations can be accepted and there are no fees for cash or checks. There is also a school wide act of kindness to be completed (collecting and donating perishables). They do require 3 specific causes for the fundraiser to be noted. We can touch base with Mrs. Tiezzi

regarding projects or specifics to be included. Incentives can be classwide, including which class raised the most for the week. The website offers a tracking system that uses a Bingo-type card to fill for individual accomplishments. We can look to launch it next week. This may be something that the Student Council can announce and share with the school community. It was proposed that donations be collected for 2 weeks, but that can be extended if we wanted it to be.

Scarecrow Decorating: Students will be invited to make a scarecrow and send in a picture of it. Antonia proposed providing bags of candy for all students that participate. Kelly volunteered to make bags for students. Logistics of getting the bags to the students will need to be determined.

Shred Day: Kristen shared that this is set for Saturday, November 14th from 9 to 12 in St. Rita parking lot. She will follow up with Chris Ponzio who had offered to help out. The company will put a flyer on their Facebook page to promote it if we send one to them. Alice will work on creating that. It costs \$10 for a regular size box.

Square 1: There are parents that have expressed an interest in helping out and we need to reach out and for a volunteer to chair this event.

New Business:

Auction/Tuition Raffle: An Auction meeting should be held soon and a chair for this event determined. There has been interest and we should move forward so the chairperson can begin to set up the auction accounts or platforms. School items such as 'Principal for the Day' will need to be discussed to see what can still be available for this year. Megan will reach out to Trisha to get the list of items from last year so any new items can be added.

Organizing Volunteers: There are volunteers that have shown interest (Danielle, Ann, Rosa) and specific tasks or events to be determined. Needs at this time include someone for the Script account, an Auction chair, and Square 1.

Letter to the School Board regarding the assessment increase: A letter stating our proposed increase must be presented to the board within the next month. Antonia will use the information she had shared with the HSA to formulate this letter.

Spring Fundraisers: Definite Spring Fundraiser will include the Golf Tournament and a catalog (Butter Braids). Megan proposed reassessing the situation regarding health guidelines at that time in order to plan for other traditional events such as the Father/Daughter and Mother/Son nights.

Follow up:

- Megan will print materials for Antonia for the Scavenger Hunt this weekend.
- Megan will follow up regarding School Store/Spirit wear.

- Consult with Mrs. Tiezzi regarding three causes that need to be chosen for the Raise Craze fundraiser.
- Kristen will contact Chris Ponzio about Shred Day.
- Determine chairpersons for the Auction, Square 1, and Script account.
- Alice will work on flyer for Shred Day.
- Antonia will write letter to board regarding proposed assessment increase

Dates to remember:

Event details will be contingent on the conditions and expectations related to public health and safety.

- Scavenger Hunt - Weekend of October 10-11
- Raise Craze Kindness Fundraiser- Launch week of October 12, 2020
- Scarecrow Contest - Last weeks of October
- Shred Day - November 14th from 9 to 12
- Auction/Tuition Raffle - November 2020
- Square 1 Art - November/December 2020
- NUT Coupons - December 2020

**Assess current health situation in order to look into possible options for
Spring Fundraising**

- Mother/Son - Father/Daughter - Winter/Spring 2021
- Shred Day - Spring 2021
- Plant Sale - Spring 2021 (Mother's Day Sale)
- Monsignor Joe Bike Ride Pledge A Thon - Spring 2021
- **Spring catalog (Butter Braids) Fundraiser - Spring 2021**
- Easter Flower Sale -April 2021
- **Golf Tournament - June 2021**