
HSA General Membership

September 10, 2020 called to order at 1932 via Zoom Meeting by Amy Lepsis, President

Attendees

Terri Zane
Amy Lepsis
Meg Chamberlain
Jen Murphy
Sara Eisenuth
Dana Weir
Rebecca Warren
Amy Smith
Fran Gellis
Kristen Williams McCloy
Lisa Giafaglione
Brittany Murrro
Michelle Bottiglieri
Jen Husted
Tanya Brandariz
Kristin Chan
Melissa Gallagher
Laurel Malave
Kelly Fearon
Kristie Peterson
Meghan Valente
Vicki Shoemaker
Tricia Wolfrom
Jennifer Tyler
Steve Henske
Trisha Hartman

Installation of Officers and Introductions

New Officers sworn in.

President: Amy Lepsis

OMS Vice President: Rebecca Warren

TES Vice President: Dana Weir
Fundraising Vice President: Amy Smith
Treasurer: Jennifer Murphy
Recording Secretary: Terri Zane
Corresponding Secretary: Sara Eisenhuth

Treasurer's Report

Contact tabernaclehsa@gmail.com if you would like a printed report..

Jenn gave a brief report. Budget to be presented later. We have modified some things and will not be asking a lot of the community this year. Our role is to provide the extra stuff for the kids and staff.

Balance \$19,111.00 - operating budget.

We have modified things that are probably not going to happen. We do not know what Fun day in the Spring will look like nor what we are going to be able to do for the kids.

Correspondence

3 letters - Mrs. Murro - Thank you for the masks and the back to school luncheon.

Mrs. Drozd and Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Carr Thank you for the flowers sent to the retirees.

Board of Education Report

Vicki Shoemaker suggested we join the meetings (zoom) if you have any questions contact Mr. Banin or the vice principals.

First days of school went as best as they could

Next Meeting is 9/21/2020 at 7 pm

Committee of the whole 10/5/2020 at 6pm

Administrator Report

Melissa Gallagher advised that the first 2 days of school are going really well. The staff is working through what can be improved/changed. The kids are excited to be back.

Education Foundation Report

Amy Lepsis introduced Education Foundation Members participating in our meeting. Jen Husted/ Lisa Giafagilone / Fran Gellis - Amy Lepsis thanked them for the \$2,000.00 for the special project budgets.

Jen Husted - President Education Foundation

Lisa Giafagilone - Secretary

Fran Gellis- Treasurer

Kristin Phillipe - Vice President

Jen Husted advised their goal is to raise funds and apply for grant money to for the district curriculum support.

They have met with administration They will be funding the district to get the enterprise version of google suite. They will be able to use google meet and all other tools google provides. They will also be getting the paid version of K soft for the kindergarten.

They support the programming for the Professional development days for staff.

They recently funded a project for Mrs. Valente to bring tech into the preschool self contained class.

Melissa Gallagner thanked The Education Foundation on behalf of the administrative staff.

Old Business

Scholarships - We offer \$50.00 scholarships to OMS 8th grade graduates. The Teachers and administrative staff pick the winners. We give a total of \$1,000.00.

We also gave two \$1,000.00 to Seneca Graduates who also graduated from OMS - we received approximately 8-10 applications. Last year we received 15 applications.

This year's Seneca Graduate winners were: Luke Harris and Megan Hatley

Bingo Event Update - Amy Lepsis reported the event had to be canceled just prior to date. We work a year ahead so we had the funds to give scholarships this year. We have had



some ideas as to how to proceed with the event, however we run into a snag with the gaming commission.

Michelle B. spoke to teachers and threw some ideas out, we have to reach out to the legal committee. One idea was a Raffle every day for 30 days, however, it got shut down. Michelle thinks it was misunderstood and needs an additional explanation. Once Michelle has more details she will bring it to the HSA. Another organization already had it approved, we need to word it differently to get approval. Buy a calendar page for a chance to win. We would not get the 50/50 money. Michelle said we would have to do it live and we could use Facebook Live. Michelle will talk to the legalized gaming commissioner tomorrow. Using a name wheel was discussed. The only issue is the cost of the license, we could potentially have to pay per day which would cost approximately \$1,200.00. Michelle will work on it over the next several days.

OMS Courtyard Update - If you haven't seen it, you should take a ride around the back of OMS. There is a video posted on Facebook. Thank you Clayton Block for the paver donation. We were able to sell the extra block. We may have some tables back there, decisions are being made as to exactly what they would like back there. Thank you to the following organizations for the labor/donations for the project, Young landscaping, Total Site, Superior Landscaping Boy Scouts.

We purchased a shed and games. We may also purchase some tables. If there is anything else that you think would be nice out there, please let us know.

Melissa Gallagher said thank you.

Sue Grosser had the idea 10 or 12 years ago, it is nice to see the idea become a reality.

1st Day School Supplies - Thank you Sara for leading this campaign. Are there any updates.... Since fundraisers are hard to come by so we are thinking about making it a fundraiser next year. It would increase the cost a few dollars more. It was a big loss that we did not get the kindergarten students this year.

2019-2020 TES Yearbook - There are many people who did not pick them up. We are going to try and get them to the kids through school. We still have some yearbooks available if anyone, contact the HSA. Thank you Lori Lampkin and Heather Schlissinger. We are going to need a lot of parents sending in stuff from home or talk about other ideas on what to include in the yearbook.

Welcome Back Staff Luncheon - This was held last week. Thank you Dana and Meg and Sara for coming in to help. We had a budget of \$1,000.00, any money left over will go to teacher appreciation week.

Summer Purchases - Every teacher got a mask that is clear in the middle so the students can see their whole faces. Lanyards for everyone at the school for the masks to hang. Every student and staff will be getting a cinch sack with a mat (towel size), and sun

glasses. We used the money from the student activity fund. Kindergarten t-shirts will be dropped off at the school tomorrow.

New Business

Mask Fundraiser - Since students and staff members must wear a mask in school. The last day to order is next Wednesday for pick up early October, they will be distributed shortly after, will notify. Laurel Malave asked about personalization, Amy Lepsis said that there is a name plate tag inside the mask.

Michelle B. purchased 3 for Brody she wanted to donate one and requested Amy Lepsis's help to place an order to donate one.

Rebecca asked about the cinch sacks if all students or just in person students would be receiving them. Amy Lepsis advised all students will receive them. Melissa Gallagher advised they will figure out how to distribute.

Jenn Husted suggested if the all virtual students got free lunches? The bags could possibly be picked up at that time.

HSA Membership - Everything is on line, the link for the google form went out yesterday. There are no dues this year due to the modified year. Thank you for any donation.

Jenn Murphy advised that parents must become a member to receive communications from the HSA even though we are not collecting dues.

Lisa Giafaglione is our membership chair.

If we have any need for committee's we will email all members.

A question was asked about what our memberships dues were in the past. Jenn Murphy advised last year it was \$10.00 membership \$10.00 per student for snack fees

Room Parents - This is part of membership form, even though we are not having parties but we want to be prepared in the event we are able to hold parties. We are going to continue to set the room parents up. Dana Weir and Sara Eisenhuth are coordinating the assignments.

Fundraising - It will look different this year. Amy Lepsis shared how we earned money last year. Some of those things will not happen this year. We are looking for new ways to support our school. If you have ideas please share now, send an email to tabernaclehsa@gmail.com or contact Amy Lepsis by phone/text.

Holiday shop and Book Fair both have online options.

Holiday shop informed Amy Lepsis that virtual holiday shops allow students to shop and have purchases shipped to the home. Amy Lepsis showed a flyer from them. There are

games for the kids to play while they shop. Must shop by November 30,2020. We will earn 20% profit, we can give it a try and see what happens.

Kelly Fearon confirmed that we definitely could not do any in person sales??? We could do limited inventory. Amy Lepsis advised that no volunteers or parents are allowed in school at this time.

Brittany Murro suggested dine and donate take out style. Amy Lepsis said we might be doing something monthly with local restaurants. Jenn Murphy asked if there were any suggestions or contact or want to organize those nights please reach out to the HSA.

Vicki Shoemaker suggested Upper Crust and Illiano's Jenn Murphy advised it could be tough because some restaurants are hurting as well.

Tanya Brandariz asked if the holiday shop had a way to put money in an online wallet similar to that of Scholastic. This would allow the students to do their online shopping at school. The teachers would have to facilitate the online shopping. Brittany Murro said she would be willing to give it a try.

Amy Lepsis advised that some of us are already familiar with Bella Looke online shopping. Meg Valente advised it is an online health and wellness shopping site. Parents would need to sign up with them and say they are supporting Tabernacle HSA. The HSA will receive 5% back monthly, parents enroll themselves. You can shop for the hard to find sanitizing items and give back to the school at the same time. Meg Valente will be setting up informational sessions in October. The cost is \$19.99/year. IF you want to set up an account now, you can reach out to Meg Valente. Lisa Giafaglione advised that she has been a member for 20 plus years, any questions reach out to Lisa as well. Jenn Murphy described it as a cross between BJ's Wholesale Club and Costco but with Trader Joe's type products. Amy Lepsis can give Mrs. Valente's number to anyone who has questions.

Amy Lepsis advised another fundraiser we are looking at this year also looking is Boone Supply since we are unable to do yankee candle sales. They offer a 40% back to the organization. Everyone who checked out the site was very happy with the products offered.

Jenn Murphy is keeping an eye on a booster thon to see how the local schools make out. There seems to be a significant profit going back to the organization, it could be something fun for the spring.

Year Round Fundraisers

Amazon Smile - Tabernacle Home and School Association, amazon smile .com to use it.

Box Tops - There is an app that can be downloaded to phone look for Tabernacle Elementary School. Scan your receipts and if you purchased a box top it gives us credit for

it. You can link your Shoprite plus card to the app and get automatic funds. Kroger also supports it with their price cards as well so if you have an out of state family who shops at Krogers, get them signed up to support our schools. The funds get deposited quarterly.

Votes

2020-2021 HSA Budget - This is an estimation created based on the previous year. We must approve tonight to operate. Things are going to be different this year due to the pandemic.

Jenn Murphy. took out everything that we know there is a very good probability that is not going to happen, estimating operating on half of what we have in past years.

See budget/attach budget. If we do a dine and donate every couple of weeks. We are estimating about \$18,000.00 in fundraising expenditures that we have every year some were taken out. We streamlined it as much as we could, we are lopsided on the budget but think it is okay due to funds that we already have.

We usually hold money for 3rd grade sale. We are unsure how the sale will be affected this year.

We are still doing special projects, the education foundation gives \$2000,00 and the HSA give \$3000.00

Tree lightning is still an unknown at this time.

The Night of the stars showcasing the student work throughout the year was left in budget as we are not sure how that will be affected.

Kindergarten tea was left in the budget as we are not sure how that will be affected.

Fun day is still unknown at this time..

Fourth grade camp support is left in the budget. The 8th grade activities, last year they .did yard signs.

There is \$2,200.00 remaining in the courtyard budget.

We have to tap into reserve and should be ok and should have about \$15,000.00 going into the next year.

Any questions??? Melissa Gallagher is leaving due to a child, She thanked everyone for all that we do for the district.

Need motion/second:

Kelly Fearon motioned to accept the budget. Second Dana Weir 0 opposed 0 abstained approved

Announcements

Any additional questions? In the future we are going to try to keep the meeting to an hour.

Laurel Malave asked about the snack money and stuff at the end of the year that the kids did not get, were we penalized for any of that. Amy Lepsis advised that we used those funds to purchase the lanyards, bags, mat and sunglasses.

Jenn Murphy advised that we received a full refund for the bounce houses.

Bingo we are slightly ahead since refunds were given to those who requested a refund.

Laurel Malave asked about doing a Krispy Kreme fundraiser, Amy Lepsis said that the 8th graders used to do that as a fundraiser.

Kelly Fearon advised that you had to drive to Collingswood to get the donuts. Unsure of logistics how feasible that would be for a fundraiser. You would need a large vehicle to pick them up.

Kelly Fearon advised that cheer did amum sales and they did very well with that sale. She can get the name of the guy who they used. We would need a big area for pick up/drop off sold for \$5.00 and made \$1.50 a piece. Seneca volunteer club used to sell them.

Amy Lepsis said that was discussed was a take home gingerbread kits. Jen Husted suggested poinsettias

Rebecca Warren suggested take home donut decorating from Dunkin Donuts.

Sara Eisenhuth suggested Joe Corbi pizza sales

Fran said Shamong HSA does Stock pound cakes. Michelle Bottiligeri will reach out to Stock.

It was suggested Russo's pies for holidays.

Adjournment

At 2055 Brittany Murro motioned to adjourn. Second by Vicki Shoemaker.