
HSA General Membership

February 18, 2021 called to order at 1933 via Zoom Meeting by Amy Lepsis, President

Attendees

Terri Zane
Amy Lepsis
Jen Murphy
Sara Eisenuth
Dana Weir
Rebecca Warren
Becky Skare
Michelle Bottiglieri
Brittany Murro
Julie Toone
Lisa Henske
Casey McKeen
Meg Chamberlain
Meg Valente
Lisa Giafaglione
Kristin Chan
Jen Husted
Jen Tyler

Approve January Minutes

Meg Valente motioned to approve January minutes. Second by Meg Chamberlain Vote: 1's

Treasurer's Report

Jen Murphy advised \$29,948.00 in the general account and \$3,000.00 in the raffle account. There are funds still available in the special projects line items. Amy Lepsis advised that the raffle is where the Bingo event money is deposited and is used for Scholarships for OMS graduating from Seneca High School. We are going to have to start getting that committee together and reach out to Seneca to get the applications out to the senior class. Last year we gave two \$1,000.00 scholarships.



Correspondence

Sara Eisenhuth advised there was no correspondence for this month.

Board of Education Report

Meg Chamberlain reported they had their award winning meeting on Tuesday. There was a lot of good information and a lot of good planning.

The next meeting is March 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Administrator Report

Mr. McKeen said thank you for inviting him to attend this meeting. He advised that the panzarotti's were excellent. He bought 2 sacks of them, they are gone and he is now working them off.

We will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on March 3 to engage the public in a constructive conversation about our schools.

The district is working with the Department of Health and the County to get the kids back into school.

Mr. Banin has joined a Superintendent group that is also discussing/working on ideas to get students back into school.

Next week is a special week where all funds raised will be dedicated to the playground for OMS. There is a Cheddar Up link for donations for the playground. The week starts on February 22, 2021 and ends on February 28, 2021.

Monday 2/22 is American Heart Association - Heart Healthy Kickoff

Tuesday 2/23 is NDSS - Show off Your Socks

Wednesday 2/24 is Autism Speaks - Light it Up Blue

Thursday 2/25 is Food Drive - Food Drive Frenzy

Friday 2/26 is Burlington County Animal Shelter - "Paws" for a Cause

Half of the money collected will be used to support our OMS Playground Project. The other half of the money collected will be divided among the following charitable organizations:

The American Heart Association, The National Down Syndrome Society, Autism Speaks and The Burlington County Animal Shelter. All food donations will be sent to the food banks at

our local Holy Eucharist and United Methodist church. The Cheddar Up link is as follows:
<https://tabernacle-week-of-giving.cheddarup.com>

Education Foundation Report

Lisa Gifaglione said the Foundation had a meeting at the beginning of the month where they caught up with everything they had outstanding on the table. The Foundation anticipates having the Trenton Thunder fundraiser in June. The Foundation anticipates Shining Stars coming out. They are working on some grants. They also discussed the playground for OMS and how the Foundation may be able to assist with funding.

Updates/Unfinished Business

Holiday Shop - There is still no update. Amy Lepsis is still trying to collect the funds raised from the company. She believes it was around \$100.00.

Box Tops - Amy Lepsis advised that as of last July our total income from Box Tops was \$615.30. For January alone we raised \$112.50. Most of these funds come from families linking their Shoprite cards to the Box Top app. Our goal for the year is \$1,000.00. It is an easy way to earn money. Anybody can link their Shoprite card to Tabernacle Schools so they do not have to be Tabernacle residents.

Save Around - Amy Lepsis reported that we just received the check from them. It was all virtual this year. We received \$150.00 typically we receive around \$500.00 in a normal year. Shelly Craig was our coordinator this year, we would like to thank her for her work on this fundraiser.

Panzarotti Fundraiser - Amy Lepsis reported this was an awesome fundraiser, it brought in about \$1,600.00 in profits. Some people were asking if we were going to do it again. The company is in Cherry Hill and they were very appreciative that we were able to do this fundraiser and they were easy to work with for the fundraiser.

New Business

Elementary Yearbook (need help with page layouts) - Amy Lepsis reported the yearbook is Pre K to 5th grade. The sales will be all online with a cost of \$15.00 and will be on sale from now till 4/12/21. Please spread the word and share on social media. We do not have a minimum number of yearbooks that we have to sell. We still need help with yearbook layout. A sign-up genius was sent to the home room parents and we received some additional help from that request. Becky Skare advised that we are still asking for pictures. We have the covers taken care of and will begin uploading pictures. Amy Lepsis we have

made some theme changes this year and have put together some new categories to accommodate both in school and virtual students.

OMS Playground Discussion and Vote - This is a big discusone tonight. The School is looking into building a playground at OMS. They came to the Education Foundation and the HSA to see how we can assist in funding the project.

Amy Lepsis showed a picture of the proposed playground and discussed the ADA compliant areas of the playground.

The entire project cost is \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00 which includes the delivery and set up of the playground. The Education Foundation and HSA are looking to see how we can support the project. The HSA has a significant amount of funds that we can give and are discussing additional fundraisers to assist with funding.

Jen Murphy advised that there is \$ 29, 950.00 in the general account. These funds are based on our current budget. There will still be excess funds available at the end of the budget year. She thinks as a HSA, we could give up to \$10,00.00 and then dedicate some extra fundraisers to the playground purchase. We also do not want to fall short next year due to some of our current fundraisers not doing so well.

Motion: Meg Chamberlain motion to put \$10,000.00 towards the playground at OMS Second Dana Weir. Motion is open for discussion.

Casey McKeen said that is an extremely generous donation for the playground.

Jen Murphy said we can donate \$10,000.00 and dedicate 2 of the HSA fundraisers in the Spring to the playground.

Vote: I's.

Fundraisers (Current)

Scholastic Book Fair - Amy Lepsis advised that the K-8 Virtual Book Fair is running right now and will end on March 1, 2021. It's a pretty good setup, you can navigate up to the shelves and view the books as if you were in person shopping at the Fair. Emily was shopping last night and enjoyed the experience.

Terri Zane advised our Scholastic representative stated that there were a lot of hits/ looking however only a few orders have been placed as of today. She sent a flyer of books that can be preordered and will count towards the \$25.00 free shipping amount and then the books will be shipped in March. The flyer will be posted on social media tonight..

Amy L. advised to keep reminding staff and kids of the Book Fair.

Fundraisers (Upcoming)

Stocks Pound Cake - Amy Lepsis advised that this fundraiser is scheduled for April. Michelle Bottiglieri advised that we are lucky to be able to offer this fundraiser. The delivery has been set for April 29, 2021. She believes that we should start selling them 1 month prior to the delivery date. We have to guarantee sale of a minimum of 144 loaves. We set the price and there will be 6 flavors available. Michelle Bottiglieri has already set up for her husband Brian Bottiglieri and Vic Gorin to pick them up for delivery. We need to submit the completed order 10 days prior to pickup. Discussion followed on start and end dates for the fundraiser. It was decided that we will start prior to Spring Break on 3/22/21 and end on 4/16/21 with a pickup of 4/29/21.

Jen Husted advised that the 8th grade Easter candy sale ends 3/21/21.

We will be paying close to \$11.00/poundcake. Discussion followed on what we should charge for the poundcakes. It was suggested that we set the cost at \$15.00. That will give us around \$4.00 profit per pound cake.

Designer Bag Raffle Event - Michelle Bottiglieri advised the application is township hands for approval, It is basically last year's application with the updated information for this year's event. It will be held on 4/23/21 with a rain date 4/30/21. We are ordering tickets and getting the baskets together. We were informed the application could take 2 weeks to get approved. Michelle will get in contact with the township next week to check the status. We are also preparing for anyone who wants to donate baskets, a sign up will be sent out soon.

Anyone who purchased tickets for bingo, they will receive raffle tickets for this event plus an extra raffle. As soon as we get the application approved by the township, we can start selling tickets. The event will be held outside OMS. Once everything is finalized we will do the social media posts and get it out to the public.

Amy Lepsis asked what the current state guidelines are for outdoor gatherings? Michelle Bottiglieri advised we will have to look into it and be prepared for any adjustments that may arise prior to the event. We can put on the flyers that attendance is contingent on current COVID guidelines as set by the State of New Jersey.

Clothing Drive (May) - Amy Lepsis advised that the clothing drive is set up for 5/21/21 pickup so we will start collecting on 5/10/21. She believes that 2 weeks will be enough time to collect clothing.

Sara Eisenhuth asked Amy Lepsis about the fundraiser suggestion that she sent via email today. It is a dips fundraiser where the organization gets 50% of the profit. It is a small family run business in North Jersey. Sara Eisenhuth advised that she ordered and it was delivered in a few days. It is something easy, that can be sent home with kids or delivered



directly to your home. Amy Lepsis thought maybe we could do that in June s as a stock up on summer dips or we could put in for next year.

If we do the popcorn in May we may not want to run a second one in the same month or so soon after the popcorn sale. We can discuss further next month.

Fundraisers (Ongoing)

Amazon Smile - please continue supporting the HSA.

Box Tops - please continue supporting the HSA.

Announcements

Week of Giving - Brittany Murro advised that there will be a separate email blast tomorrow and it will be on the website with the Cheddar Up link. Some of the feedback was that we were focusing heavily on small areas and not other areas. We discussed this and decided to take some of our smaller fundraisers like Jump Rope for Heart and Paws for a Cause and put them together as one event.

Amy Lepsis shared the flyer from the Tiger Paw Prints email this week.

The Animal Shelter is the 8th grade charity this year. We can make changes yearly changing the charity and the daily events. The flyer has the Cheddar Up link at the bottom. There is a different event every day, see Mr. McKeen's report for breakdown of events or see the flyer in the Tiger Paw Prints.

Julie Toone will be sending an email update to TEA about the Week of Giving. She will include the upcoming HSA fundraisers. Is there anything else she can put in the update. Amy Lepsis suggested yearbook sales and the need for help with yearbook layout and pictures of students.

Jen Husted asked if she missed the playground discussion? What was the decision? Amy Lepsis advised that the HSA will be providing \$10,000.00 as well as dedicating 2 fundraisers next year to the playground.



Meg Valente asked if the Special Projects funds were for the school year or if they could be used for the summer program. Amy Lepsis advised that she believes the application states that receipts need to be turned in by June. She can take a look at the application and the HSA could consider extending this if there was a need for the summer program.

Michelle Bottiglieri gave an update on projected profits for Stocks Pound Cakes if we sold them for \$15.00.

Adjournment

At 2014 Meg Chamberlain motioned to adjourn. Second by Meg Valente. Vote: I's