

**October Meeting of the Board**

**Meeting Minutes – Annotated**

**The Basilica School of Saint Mary Home and School Association**

**Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 PM**

**BSSM Teacher’s Lounge**

*A full version of the meeting minutes is available upon request by emailing* [*hsa@smsva.org*](mailto:hsa@smsva.org)*.*

1. **7:14 p.m.: Call to Order – Kristen Zottola, HSA President**
2. **Opening Prayer and Pastor’s Report – Fr. Hathaway**
   1. Students returned to mass in the Basilica and to confessions.
   2. Saint Parade coming up.
   3. Construction update.
3. **Principal’s Report/Faculty Report – Mr. Robert Loia, Principal**
   1. Construction update.
   2. Listening sessions: eager for return to normalcy, desire for the return of the arts. Saintly Families will be coming back.
   3. Uniforms: representation of the school
   4. Formation on Boys.
   5. Technology: Committee looking at how to incorporate technology into the regular classroom, starting with typing.
   6. High School Information Night
   7. MAP Testing: Parents will have information by November 8.
   8. Guidance Curriculum: report coming home soon.
   9. Q&A:
      1. MAP Testing
      2. Formation on Boys
      3. Parent Teacher Conferences – in person or zoom
      4. Parental involvement in the classroom/volunteering
      5. Schoology – purpose, usefulness, challenges, development
4. **Faculty Report – No Report for October, Representative TBD**
5. **Treasurer’s Report – Sarah Lyle, HSA Treasurer**
   1. Solvent, with surplus.
   2. Parent-Teacher Social, luncheons, etc.
6. **Secretary’s Report – Erica Dempsey, HSA Secretary**
   1. Next meeting November 16.
   2. Agenda items by November 10.
7. **Mary Lead Us Campaign/Annual Fund Report – Anne Mathis/Jonathan Day**
   1. Annual Fund: At $9,280. Mailers, phone-o-thon, reflection series. Event in the spring with Rudy’s Golf.
   2. Mary Lead Us Campaign: Raised a total of $10.3 million from 900 donors. $522,000 for the establishment of the Mater Dei program. More new naming opportunities. Beam signing for students and faculty.
8. **Hospitality Committee Update – Cara Burke, Stephanie Scott, Rebecca Stalnaker**
   1. Teachers luncheons, First Friday Bagels, Parent-Teacher Social. November will be a busy month.
9. **FIS/Room Parent Update – Stephanie Dolan/Laura Coleman**
   1. Will work to get parents in for lunches and recesses. Need to ensure that volunteers are certified.
   2. Slate of extracurricular activities that require volunteers – Battle of the Books, Odyssey of the Mind, Corporal Works of Mercy.
   3. Will be marketing specific roles in The Messenger.
   4. Room Parents are all assigned. Schoology is presenting some challenges. Some classes have had better successes.
10. **External Fundraising and Community Outreach – Jen Szymanski, Jocelyn Voell**
    1. Confirmed dinners for The Italian Place and for Lebanese Taverna.
    2. Brainstorming ideas for Community Outreach related to health, healthy living, healthy choices. Looking ahead at Earth Day activities and whole family health activities.
    3. Should look for ways to address mental health concerns.
11. **CYO Update – Jean Marie O’Neil**
    1. Track: had about 90 kids participate.
    2. Cross Country: About 80-90 kids participated.
    3. Tennis: 180 kids participated.
    4. Basketball: 280 kids registered. Uniforms have been ordered. All coaches will participate in the Play Like a Champion program.
    5. CYO Mass on October 16 at 11:30 a.m.
    6. Bringing back end of season banquets.
    7. Charitable activities (sneaker donations, SockTober, Hoops for Hunger)
12. **Special Events – Sherwood Turnbull**
    1. Auction will be in the gym on February 11, with a Mardi Gras theme.
    2. Raised over $180,000 last year; hope to do the auction concurrently with the virtual auction.
13. **New Business**
    1. Curriculum for Social and Emotional Learning (will be made available).
    2. FIS Hours (will be assigned soon)
14. **9:00 p.m.: Adjournment – Kristen Zottola, HSA President**