

Home & School Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 8:00 am

Attendees	<div> Brown, Anne Falther, Julie Foster, Ann Grabiel, Lisa Heidenreich, Jill </div> <div> Keesee, Jamie Lawrie, Meghan Lopez, Amy Lowe, Colleen Murray, Alana </div> <div> Reeder, Monica Rizik, Rachelle Solt, Amanda Wood, Caitlyn </div>
President Report Lisa Grabiel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior meeting minutes were approved. • A new chairperson is needed for the skating parties.
Assistant Principal Report Anne Brown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual Second Best Sale is April 25th and 26th. Volunteers are needed. • An open house is planned for April 27th after 10:30 Mass. • The annual 4th/5th grade choir performance will include kindergarten through 6th grade this year at the request of the music teacher. A concert will be held on May 1st at 6:30 pm in the gym.
Treasurer Report Julie Falther	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini grant budget is currently \$3,874.70. • H&S has been under budget this year due to excess funds in the music support budget being used by other committees. Funds are available because the Christmas program has been less expensive in recent years due to the simpler format.
<u>Committee Reports</u>	
Classroom Coordinators Maureen Jeakle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update
Communications Rachelle Rizik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next newsletter will be released in May. • Discussed further the best methods for distributing the newsletter. Returning to printed copies was suggested but Rachelle questioned if there is a format available for phones. Will check with Kelly DeVries regarding Constant Contact which is used for the Disciple Dispatch. • Please forward pictures of school events to the H&S email.
Fall Fundraiser Caitlyn Wood & Monica Reeder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auction theme is being planned for 2026 but has not been revealed yet.
Field Day Amy & Joel Lopez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Day will be Monday, June 2nd from 12:30 to 3:00. • A bounce house has been reserved and the menu has been planned.

Gifts Lauren Snyder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Alexander is expecting a baby this summer.
Hospitality Liz Beams & Lisa Grabel Conference Meals Megan Tietema	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alana Murray is the new chairperson of the hospitality committee. Liz Beams and Lisa Grabel will leave at the end of the school year. • Plans for Teacher Appreciation Week are underway. Luncheon will be held Tuesday, May 6th.
Outside Source Fundraising Rachelle Rizik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHM has a new partnership with Holy Gift Shops (www.holygiftshops.com). When shopping for religious products use code MI002 to receive 5% off your purchase and 25% will be donated to the school. Announcement will be made in the Disciple Dispatch. • Box Tops is still available and IHM recently received \$3.00 from it.
Parent Ambassador Meghan Lawrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A survey was sent to new families and 11 of the 12 families responded. Meghan reviewed the results at the meeting and many favorable comments had been submitted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ IHM has met their expectations. New families felt welcomed to IHM and were satisfied with the amount of communication. ◦ Factors that influenced their decision - a Catholic Education, the Theology of the Body curriculum, had attended IHM, and our one and only Colleen Lowe was mentioned in more than one survey. ◦ Some preschool families mentioned feeling detached from the “big” school. One Arrowsmith family was disappointed in their experience at IHM. • Colleen Lowe attended the meeting as a member of the school board and shared the following suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Have the host family stay in touch with the new family for the entire school year. For example, contact them about events and offer to attend with them. Possibly H&S can provide new families with two tickets to the Fall Fundraiser or a sponsor could pay for new families to attend. ◦ Add a question to the survey asking if the family is a member of IHM and if they attend Mass regularly. ◦ Colleen liked the suggestion of new families receiving a catalog of events. Rather than the family learning about events as they come up during the year, the catalog would explain each event, when it is held, etc. and be a handy reference. ◦ Colleen stated there was once a bible study group for Moms of Preschoolers (MOP). Possibly it could be offered again. ◦ Maybe there should be a parent ambassador for the preschool families as well as one for kindergarten families.
7th & 8th Grade Socials Kellie Berkemeier Jessica Lowery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A dance is planned for May 9th with St. Paul and St. Thomas. The DJ has been booked. • Rachelle Rizik and Mallory Lehmkuhl will join the committee for the next school year and replace Kellie Berkemeier.

<p>School-Wide Socials Family Movie Night - Elizabeth Beams Guys & Dolls Dance - Lisa Hall & Maureen Kozel Mom & Son Bowling - Lisa Hall Principal's Tailgate - Jil Heidenrich & Caitlyn Wood Santa's Secret Workshop - Radka Superson Skating Parties - Open Trunk or Treat - Lisa Grabel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last skating party of the school year will be May 9th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm - with St. Paul's School • A new chairperson will be needed for the skating parties.
<p>Spiritual Growth Hannah Naltner Lauren Snyder</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next parent rosary will be held on June 5th, the last day of school. • Sign up for Traveling Mary or bringing flowers to the Blessed Mother.
<p>Adjournment & Prayer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourned with closing prayer at 8:50 am