

SEPTEMBER HASA MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2021 – Zoom Meeting

I. Principal's Report – Miss Widner

- a. EANS money was used to purchase Chromebooks for K-5, laptops for 6-8th grades, and protective covers for all. Interactive TVs were purchased for those teachers who did not have them and for resource teachers. Purchased a new reading series. \$3,000 remains and they are looking at items like mushroom chairs (rockers).
- b. Mrs. Schuler has kept the title as Resource Coordinator while also moving into position as the Vice Principal.
- c. Playground equipment ordered and hopefully will be here in October. Discussed replacing recess equipment. Request to replace the cones for the different zones in the parking lot - need smaller ones. (Rob Slocum got them at Menards.)

II. HASA President Update – Nichole Moore

- a. New Treasurer - Welcome our new Treasurer Brittany Del Cid. She has a wealth of knowledge. Her email is beguia01@gmail.com if you have any questions please ask.

III. Committee Updates

- a. **Resale Shop- Michelle Chase and Sarah Adams**
 - i. Verification Day sales totaled \$425.00. Inventory is low and donations are always accepted. Next big sale will be in the spring.
- b. **Plant Show- Sarah Cash, Sarah Steffan, Andrea Turner**
 - i. Excellent participation! City-Wide Blue-Ribbon show at McMillen Community Center on September 11th.
- c. **Back to school Kits- Lindsey Scherer**
 - i. A total of 211 kits were sold. \$627.00 was donated back to HASA to a future expense.
 - ii. First Day is incredibly organized and a good vendor to work with. In the future, Meet the Teacher and Verification Day will be held on the same day so students will be able to take their box right to their classrooms. Discussed purchasing extra boxes for students who enroll in school late. Would need to compare the cost vs. benefit.
- d. **Beautification Committee- Carrie Norton**
 - i. **School entrance** - Old landscaping was removed. New topsoil, compost, and manure was amended to improve dirt quality. Beds were graded and re-edged. New perennials, shrubs, and one tree were installed. New plants will tolerate full sun, reducing the need to water regularly. Preen was applied for weed control. Hose/hose reel was generously donated by the Heishman family. Mulch was generously donated and spread by Sharen Gall. Another layer of mulch is necessary before winter. The current mulch has already moved/broken down with heat and

weather. New mulch will also match the mailbox median area. Carrie Norton will be soliciting funds/materials for mulch.

- ii. **Large planters** - Flowers will change reflecting season. Summer flowers will be replaced toward the end of Sept.
- iii. **Mailbox median**- Dirt was amended with compost, manure, and new topsoil. Bed was graded. New perennials, grasses, and shrubs were installed. Plants will tolerate full sun and Preen was applied for weed control.
- iv. **Small planting area in front of library entrance**- Daylilies were removed. Dirt was amended with compost, manure, and new topsoil. New boxwoods were installed. Preen was applied for weed control.
- v. **Mary Garden**- More compost, manure, and topsoil were added to existing soil. New perennials and shrubs and annuals replaced dead/rabbit ravaged plants. More mulch has been added during the summer. Another layer of mulch is necessary for the winter. Carrie Norton will be soliciting funds/material for mulch.
- vi. **Prayer garden along the walking path near the rectory**- This was initially installed as a Boy Scout project more than 10 years ago. Lack of maintenance, drainage, and weeds put this area in disrepair. Casey Hipskind has generously offered his time, labor, and materials to grade and reseed this area. The weather needs to cool before we can seed. The remaining stone memory bench will stay. The cost of moving the bench exceeds \$1000. Once the grass is well established, the attached flower bed's edging will be reinstalled. The large shrubs and grass will also stay. Pavers and bricks were discarded. Memory bricks were saved; waiting for direction regarding their placement on campus.
- vii. **Rectory Clean Up**- Looking for at least 30 people to volunteer (adults only), date TBD, volunteers from both school and parish, hoping for people with connections for plants, mulch, and trailers to remove debris. Project will likely need to be done in phases. Project was approved by Jenn Engquist and Father Stephen last month. Carrie Norton will submit a formal plan within the next two weeks.
 1. Removal of two small/medium trees (Chainsaws), trailer, stump grinding
 2. Significant pruning of shrubs and trees
 3. Removing dead/overgrown shrubs and plants
 4. Discarding old stone/pavers
 5. Repairing collapsed retaining next to back concrete patio
 6. Re-edging/weeding all beds
 7. New plants, mulch, and/or funds will need to come from donations
 8. Drain/downspout repair/modification (*This portion of the cleanup is considered a "construction project." Carrie is waiting for Jenn Engquist's feedback about this.) If given the okay to move forward with this section of the cleanup, Carrie will be soliciting the necessary fund/materials and licensed trade individuals to donate their time.

- a. Sump pump discharge pipe/corrugated flex tile/burying existing tile next to back patio
 - b. New downspout/corrugated tile/connect and bury to existing tile from sump pump
 - c. Cover and regrade large mounds of dirt next to the current tile next to the retaining wall
 - 9. Carrie is presenting the final proposal to Father Terry and Jenn Engquist as a parish activity. The goal is creating an opportunity to draw volunteers from BOTH the school and church.
 - 10. Jessica Breckler and Katie Mrgula have also volunteered to organize the clean up.
- e. **Dining to Donate-Andrea Ash and Phil Graves**
 - i. 8/31 Guadalupe's – \$250.00
 - ii. 9/23 Panda Express – confirmed
 - iii. October – Casa – pending (Casa's will only do one time per year)
 - iv. 11/17 Mi Pueblo – confirmed
 - v. Nov/Dec – Salsa Grill or Chipotle
- f. **Box Tops- Tracy Camp**
 - i. Need to remarket the program as downloading an app and scanning a receipt; no longer cutting the physical box tops. Need to find out if parents can change teachers as their students move through the years?
- g. **Burger King Booklets - Tracy Camp**
 - i. The local Burger King franchises have new owners. There was a feeling that the new company would not move forward with the fund raiser. Zoom meeting scheduled next week to discuss the future of the books.
- h. **Book Fair** - We have a possible chairperson. Need the volunteers to make it happen.
 - i. Good Shepherd Books & Gifts again-only received 3% of sales, totaling \$11 profit. Look for alternative Christian vendors. Work with Catholic Identity committee to see if they have any ideas.
 - ii. Were parents able to donate money into accounts for teachers? If so are we doing this again, might want to put that on the to-do list or figure out how it's done.
 - iii. Make a Sign Up Genius for volunteers and submit information to Wednesday newsletter and on Facebook.
- i. **Generations Day- Betsy Hampton and Jessica Feagler**
 - i. In-person activities cancelled this year.
 - ii. Brainstorming virtual hugs, cards, videos. Miss Widner will meet and brainstorm with the teachers to come up with some ideas. Different grade levels might have different ideas like essays, videos, pictures, etc.

IV. Open Discussions:

a. Sock Religious Fundraiser- Phil Graves

- i. Socks: Adult socks-\$14 (potential to make \$7 back), Kids socks-\$10 (potential to make \$5 back). Turn around for orders is less than 2 weeks. Company headquarters and production is out of Indy. Sockreligious.com
- ii. If we make \$1200 in sales we get 50% back. This income would replace the lost income for the Burger King booklets this year.
- iii. Info should go out around student-led conference time (mid-Oct.), window to place orders (2 weeks?), then delivery (2 weeks). Orders can be placed online
- iv. Possibly have 2 fundraisers this school year, fall and spring.
- v. Fr. Terry encouraged having parish participation. Info for the church bulletin needs to be submitted to Mrs. Schuler 2 weeks before it needs to be in bulletin. Phil could be at a weekend of masses to display socks and take orders. Need to contact Sue Ott with the parish to "reserve" our space in the church. Make sure not to do this on Fall break weekend when school families might travel.

b. New Fundraiser Idea: Homerun Derby, fall 2022 – Carrie Norton

- i. \$20 per person, get 10 pitches and a t-shirt. The most home runs receives a trophy. Different age categories: 9-11 y.o., middle school, high school, adults.
- ii. Additional offerings: corn hole, food and beverage sales, music, possible 50/50 raffle (license needed).