

Saint Thomas the Apostle Home & School Meeting

June 7, 2022

In attendance: Katie Morrow, Cathy Buehler, Lisa Emmerson, Veronica Perdue, Shawn Schuring, Becca Kohn, Anthony Giovanetti, Erin Brede, Becca Maguire & Reese!, Kat Eardley, Cammi Lawrence, Genevieve Boyle

I. Prayer

II. Budget Overview: Lisa

III. Year in Review

Things we did that went well/were successful:

- Stock the Lounge- Thank you, room parents and all who contributed!
- Mother/Son event- Thank you, Danielle Boog!
- Daddy/daughter dance- Thank you, Kate Sandner!
- Gifts for Kings Table families- Thank you to all who bought gifts!

Ideas for next year:

- Find ways to help more people understand what Home & School is: Consider changing the name of Home & School, have a description of H&S on the website, have a constant spot in the Buzz and in emails both to and from teachers with information about what we are doing; create a separate Facebook page for H&S and/or a newsletter.
- Send home volunteer sign-up form with teachers' beginning-of-the-year letters.
- Give people the opportunity to sign up for volunteer opportunities at the beginning of the year, but also be able to sign up throughout the year, as opportunities are available.
- Have more information printed for signing up and to send home to families. If we distribute the papers ourselves, we can print things. Families can also opt out of printed material if they'd like.
- Find ways to get more people involved, especially as we continue to come out of Covid times. Some things may not go back and happen as they did, pre-Covid... This is a good opportunity to try doing some things in different ways.
- Have a stand in the parking lot, where families can grab a H&S newsletter, go around and talk to families as they wait in car/gate line, put stickers on students for H&S meetings, to encourage attendance.
- At the beginning of the year, prioritize filling the sign-ups for the fall class parties.
- Do some coaching of new officers when transitioning roles.

- Have short meetings with volunteers who sign up for certain roles (i.e. room parents) to connect, go over expectations, and answer questions.
- Room parents: Ask teachers what they want from a room parent.
- Host a social at the beginning of the year.
- Help support The March Madness activities. These were awesome!
- Stock the Lounge: Have one list of items, rather than three. Shawn can help in making the list. Use a google doc instead of sign-up genius, so the list remains current.
- Plan two all-school social events during the year. Possible ideas: roller skating, ice skating, skiing/tubing, going to the apple orchard.
- Encourage teachers to use their field trip money and plan trips for their classes, especially after many trips were missed during Covid times. * Home and School always covers the cost of field trips. Classes must use buses (no personal vehicles for transporting children other than your own). *
- Let teachers know their budgets for the year; they should not go over.
- Encourage budget line owners- one person per line item, for accountability and clarity.
- Hold the mother/son and the daddy/daughter events in the winter, as spring gets so busy. (Daddy/daughter in February, to coincide with Valentine's Day?)
- Create a big list of all events for the entire school year, so families can plan ahead.

IV. Thank you to our exiting officers, for your many years of service:

Jessica Poelma- President; Shawn Schuring- Vice President; Lisa Emmerson- Treasurer; Katie Morrow- VIP Coordinator

V. New officers for next year: Genevieve Boyle- President; Erin Brede- Vice President; Sarah Pfennig- Secretary; Anthony Giovanetti- Treasurer; Becca Maguire & Becca Kohn- Volunteer Coordinators