



St. Columbkille Home & School Association

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September 13, 2016 H.S.A. Meeting Minutes

Susie Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with an opening prayer.

President's Report: Susie introduced the H.S.A. board members and gave a brief explanation of the role of the H.S.A. Susie discussed the "Save the Date cards" are available. CARE will sell cards after tonight's meeting. Thank you to Jackie Wozniak for leading the CARE program.

Turkey Bingo is Friday November 11th. We need lots of help. Set-up, clean-up, run the event. If you have an interest in helping, please notify Susie Nelson.

If you have other ways you want to contribute to the school, please talk to the Susie or the other H.S.A. officers.

President's Report: Susie provided an update of financial status of H.S.A. We started the year with \$28,000 in cash. We have some prior year expenses including the flower fund raiser (\$2,884) and first communion quilt reimbursements (\$262). Some current year expense related to Open House include ice cream (\$290) and the gift to the Wilson family (\$200). Checks for staff appreciation were handed out totaling \$2,950. Cash balance as of today is \$20,944.

Volgistics: Chris Williams discussed [Volgistics](#). Pam Roland will continue to work this. Pam wanted to remind anyone who hasn't already to please go in and sign up on the Volgistics website. If you have other ideas to add to Volgistics please email pamela.roland@cox.net

Restaurant Nights: Chris Williams also discussed Restaurant nights. The first night at Dairy Queen, we made \$248 and these funds went back to the school. Next Restaurant Night is Sep 21st at Sam & Louie's restaurant, and runs all day from 11am to 8pm. Please have any family and friends just mention our school when ordering and we will receive a portion of sales.

Family Fun Night: Chris also discussed this Thursday's Family Fun Night from 5 to 8pm at Papio Fun Park. The event includes free unlimited Laser Run, Spaceball, Jumpshot and Mini Golf for all families. There will be Go-Kart rides, arcade games, and concessions for purchase.

The school is collecting box tops and HyVee receipts, and these and the funds go back to H.S.A. These are being collected between September and January.

School Fundraiser: Joan Woodard, the chairperson for the fundraiser spoke about this year's event. This is the 5th year of our fundraiser. The "Walk-a-Thon" is now being called the "Crusader Walk". We

want this to become a popular brand for St Columbkille. Pat Nelson designed us a mascot for the Crusader Walk.

Joan said we still need parents to submit T-Shirt orders. If you haven't submitted a T-shirt size for your child, please let Joan know. She asks all parents to go to the [Crusader Walk website](#), click on the T-shirt emblem, and submit your child's information and t-shirt size. H.S.A. will cover the cost of student and staff t-shirts. Anyone else can buy a shirt for \$10.

Joan requested help from parents to assist in the Walk A Thon, including helping preparing popcorn, assisting with the walk, etc.

Ceili: Diane Stewart Ferro talked about the [Ceili](#). Ceili is the signature fundraiser for the parish and the school. Ceili is the Irish term for "party," and includes a silent auction, live auction, dinner, and dance at the Embassy Suites. This year's Ceili Saturday March 3rd. Diane introduced the Ceili Chairs:

- Kelli Krause, silent auction committee
- Matt Hill, corporate chair
- Dave Woodard, technology chair
- Emily Johnson, promotions chair
- Live auction chair – currently vacant
- Sheila Snyder, coordinator of classroom creations

Look for info on Ceili in the Thursday envelope. Diane will hold a kick-off party Wednesday October 26th. Diane reiterated that Ceili is a wonderful way to get service hours and to get to know your fellow parents and parishioners. Donate as much or as little time as you can. We need all the help we can get for Ceili. Check out the [Ceili](#) website for more information or to reach Diane about volunteering.

Principal's Report: Mr. Makey thanked the H.S.A. for the support it gives the school. He introduced the new members of the school staff. Teachers have been working hard. The Chromebook initiative with the 6-8th grade students is going well. He discussed that our goal of having this technology is to improve student learning.

Teachers will be doing some professional development in their K-5 series. The first session is this Friday. Every day we do a School of Faith. The teachers participate in this, meeting 8 times during the school year. 2nd semester we have a reading focus. We will be working on helping kids be better readers

This year we'll continue First Friday Mass. Mr. Makey is looking at possibly studying the Theology of the Body with the middle school kids.

Mr. Makey reiterated the uniform exchange is on-going during the H.S.A. meetings. He also encouraged folks to buy more CARE cards. Using the cards is just like cash, and the school gets a kickback from it.

School Directory: Susie Nelson said Danielle Kueper will be leading the School Directory effort. Tomorrow, students will be bringing home a form for parents to fill out for the directory. We'll get the directory printed out once the information is updated. Parents can still buy an ad in the directory for \$5. An ad with a picture is \$10. A business can also buy an ad. Contact Danielle Kueper to find out more. The deadline is not firm yet, but please submit your information as soon as possible.

Final notes. Susie encouraged everyone to buy CARE cards. Mrs. English said that Family Fare has a receipt program that might be worth looking into. Susie thanked everyone for attending.

Deacon Krueger led the closing prayer.

Meeting closed.