

St. Hubert Alumnae Association

Minutes, January 8, 2024

Meeting Moderator: Lois Leszczewski | Zoom Host: Kathe Jacobs

Meeting commenced at 7:34 pm

1. Opening Prayer – Denise

2. Introductions and Announcements: Lois

- New members – Helene Landis (1991)
- Erin McShea (2005)

3. Approval of minutes – Approved with updates:

- SH raised over \$74,000 for Giving Tuesday
- Bingo profit was \$2657.83
 - Jackie approved
 - Eleanor and Karen seconded

4. School Report – Lizanne

- Academics:
 - Fully staffed!
 - Working on new academic initiatives for next academic year
 - Semester exams will be given the week of Jan 22.
 - 92 registrations to date, hoping for 100 by February
 - There have been lots of inquiries and applications
- Student Life:
 - Christmas Spirit Day was a great success!
 - Caroling on the steps with cocoa and cookies in the courtyard
 - Winter Sports are doing well; State Champs for Cheer last week in Jan; Indoor track is strong.
 - Swimming and B-ball are doing well.
 - Mass, confessions, and prayer service for Advent.
 - Dozens of activities, including Mass with Bishop McIntyre and our student Talent Show for Catholic Schools' Week, Jan 29-Feb 1.
- Development:
 - Looking for a Director of Advancement. Send referrals to Lizanne
 - Hall of Fame is scheduled for Feb 29th
 - Lunch Bunch of Class of '62 – Catholic Witness
 - Dr. Joanne Walls – Education
 - Gina Naccarato Reed - Business
 - Beth Rementer '98 – Public Service
 - Record breaking Giving Tuesday! Over \$74,000!
- Facility/Safety Improvements
 - Connelly Arts and Design Center is in use by the students for art

- classes, digital art classes, photography club, physics lab and sewing labs
 - The new Courtyard is mostly complete. It was used for the students to receive hot cocoa and cookies on the last day of school for December
 - Hallway renovations will be next, then classrooms in summer, cafeteria, and auditorium
 - Grants are bringing in funding. SH needs to match grants
 - Lizanne is going to Harrisburg to gather support for RACP grant
 - Eleanor asked for virtual tours of the school to add to the new website. We do not have this right now. Perhaps a student could create this.
 - Zoom and in person tours are available
- Parents Association – Jennalyn
 - Maranucci’s vouchers – 70 sold for a profit of \$210
 - Gave cookies and milk to the students. Frosty showed up!
 - Father Daughter dance will be 1/27.
 - Selling Super Bowl blocks
 - Phillies night will be 4/13 – 120 tickets in lower-level outfield will be available
 - Spring Vendor Fair is coming up
 - Will provide lunch for school staff for Catholic Schools Week
- Treasurer’s Report – Jackie
 - December revenue: \$946.23
 - December expenses: \$8894.81
 - Available balance checking account: \$5277.87
 - Money Market balance: \$7381.56
 - The SHAA gave a mid-year gift to school in the amount of \$7500 for Giving Tuesday
 - Will give \$1000 to sewing club to help with NY trip
 - Eleanor moved to approve
 - Lois seconded
 - No objections

A meeting member asked: What do bylaws say about giving money to students?

Answer: Nothing, but money is giving under Lizanne’s guidance/approval

A meeting member asked: Will we accept donations to help offset costs?

Answer: Yes, we will.

A meeting member commented: Bylaws needs to be public, accessible, and up to date re: donations

Answer: All requests go through Lizanne. Club moderators know to ask Lizanne for donations, if needed. Lizanne noted donations from SHAA go

to the operating budget. The operating budget would pay for the trip.

A meeting member suggested that moderators attend SHAA meetings.

A meeting member asked: Does SHAA have discretionary funds? Why doesn't money go to alumnae, not just the school?

Answer: We fundraise and give gifts to school mid-year and at the end of year, leaving money for startup for next year.

From the inception of SHAA, funds raised support the school and the sisterhood. Most, if not all, alumni associations use the money in this manner.

Lois commented: we need a bylaws committee. The officers will discuss.

A meeting member commented: we don't raise a lot of money, what we do raise needs to go to school

A meeting member asked: Why aren't we raising more? 29,000 alum – we should raise a lot more.

A meeting member commented: just "giving money to school" isn't enough. Where does it go?

A meeting member commented: it's not about the dollars, it is about the students

A meeting member commented: SHAA will die off without growth

- Nominations
 - Diane Gerace has resigned as Publicity Officer
 - Kathe Jacobs is Communications Officer
 - Julia O'Reilly was nominated as Assistant Communications Office to learn and help Kathe
 - Christy Merlino was nominated as Publicity Officer
 - Both were voted in unanimously
 - There is also a Vice President position open
 - Let Lois know if you are interested
 - Helene Byrne is interested
- Old Business

Lois

- Bingo is set for 4/7 – Angela and Lois will chair
- 50th Reunion is set
- Other reunions are pending

Jackie

- 39 pins sold – almost broke even on cost
- Progressive raffle prize is \$830 right now

Denise

- Prayer Group – not a fundraiser, but investment into members of the community, next one will be 1/27 at 7:00 pm via Zoom
- Linked group – St. Hubert Alumnae – professional women can connect. All years, all professions

Eleanor

- 1600 views on the website! 45 subscribers and a few purchases on store
- We will open up See's Candy sale on website now, coffee sale to possibly follow
- The newsletter was very well received!

9. Next steps

- Bylaws will be rewritten and posted on website

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 5th at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Bytof

SHAA Secretary