



HPUMC Day School

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

1. Welcome and Prayer
2. Year Recap
 - a. Carnival
 - i. Grossed over \$70K – allows for more substantial end of year bonuses
 - ii. Positives: Jesuit volunteers, Chick-Fil-A was easier and cheaper, Silent Auction timing and general items, Kid Art was amazing
 - iii. Improvements: Dessert lines were long, wristbands were confusing, hard to get people to leave at the end of the night
 - iv. Additional thoughts: Next year will have just King/Queen of Carnival to skip lines
 - b. Graduation
 - i. Overall fans
 - ii. Positives: Robes, location in Sanctuary, commemorative caps – all led to a sense of occasion; ring pop “class rings” and reception were nice
 - iii. Improvements: Is there any appetite or ability to do a single ceremony for AD, HD, and TK? If not, at least move TK to HD
 - iv. Additional Thoughts: Haley Eckert and Addison Symank volunteered to help out in 2027; PC paid for very little as Micah and the school sponsored most of it
 - c. Teacher Appreciation
 - i. We love our teachers and they loved being appreciated

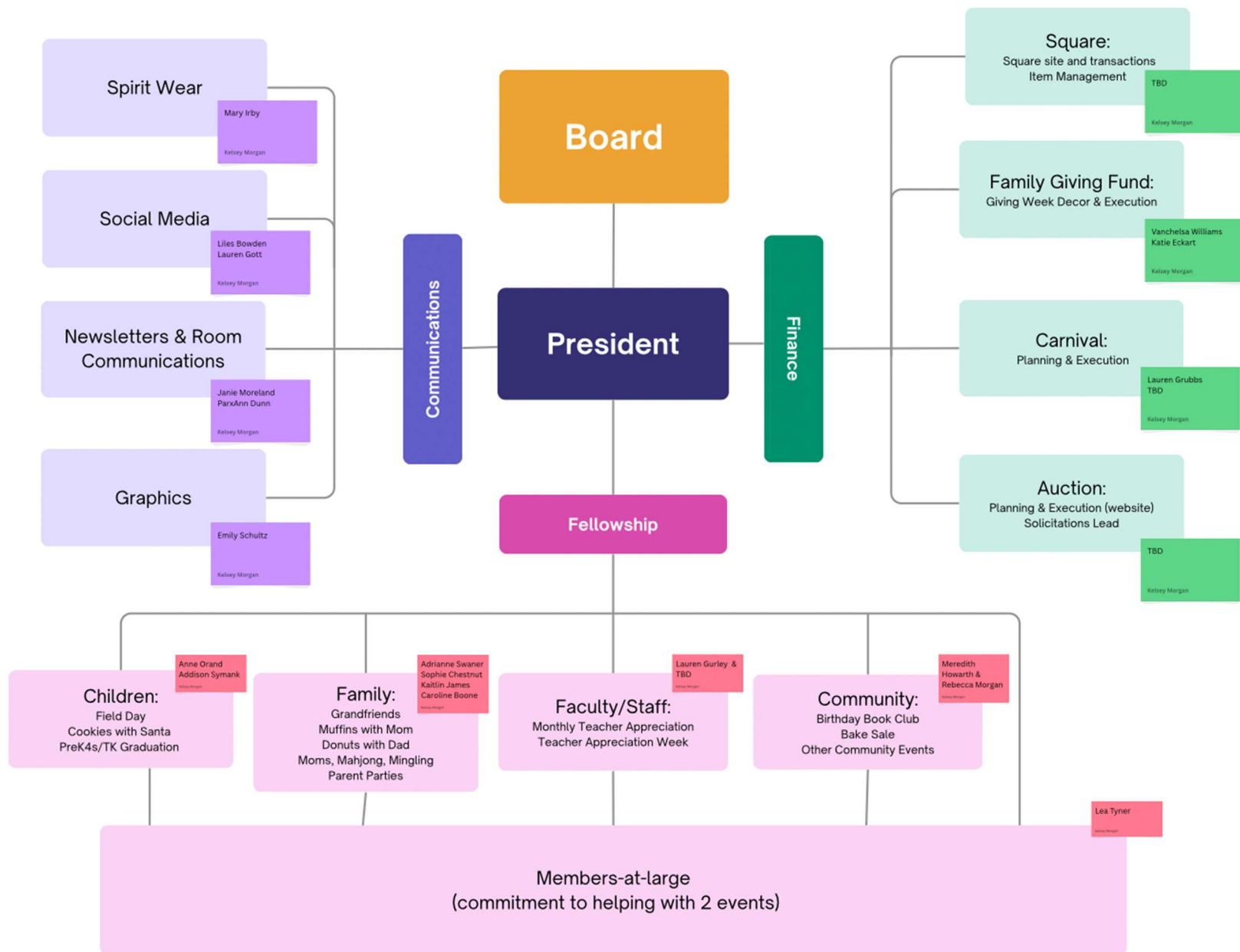
- ii. Positives: Teachers liked having little treats each day, sign up genius helped ensure that there weren't gaps in coverage for floaters or any classrooms
 - iii. Improvements: Perhaps we could separate when parents are asked to bring items and when PC sponsors – doing a parent led week in February and PC during national Teacher Appreciation Week
 - iv. Additional Thoughts: Teacher Favorites sheet could be more prescriptive “What would you want if someone brought you lunch? What is your Starbucks order?”; challenges for classrooms with 2 teachers because there might be disparity if different parents handle each teacher (large and small bouquets, etc)
- d. All Events
 - i. We all like communication and the more of it the better
 - ii. Kids events like Creature Teacher and what not were cute but challenging to administer due to varying specials, playground times for each class and the disruption to teacher routines
 - iii. New PTO and sick call out system will be in place next year that might help improve communication when teachers are out

3. 2026 – 2027 KICKOFF

- a. Chair Introductions (see below)
- b. Revised Structure – proposed new Parents Club structure with 3 “teams” :
Communication, Fellowship, Finance. Goal is to work this year towards moving toward this structure and having overarching Communication, Fellowship, Finance Chairs in the future. We want to get to a point where we can build upon experiences – i.e. begin as a Fellowship Member-at-Large in year 1, year 2 help chair a specific event, year 3 be Fellowship Chair, year 4 be Parent Club President...
- c. Theme – Many Friends, One School in the Deep, Blue HPUMC
- d. Financial Changes - moving to a dues structure (details below) and removing benefits from Family Giving Week (which is also moving to North Texas Give Day Platform)
- e. Calendar – Will send out soon
- f. Communication – Setting up a new PC Group Me for dues paying members

4. Chair Transition Time

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2026-2027 Theme

“Many Friends, One School” in the Deep Blue HPUMC

The theme showcases how even though our children are in different stages and classrooms, the school is a unified community anchored in love. We are eager to swim together into a new year!



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As we begin the year, I wanted to share a few updates to how the Parents Association will operate:

Parents Association Dues

We will be introducing an annual dues structure for each family, with three participation levels:

- **\$25 per family** – Includes access to Parents Club newsletters, invitations to Parents Club exclusive events, and access to a Parents Club GroupMe
- **\$100 per family** – Includes all of the above, plus one themed t-shirt per enrolled child (up to 3). These shirts will be approved as uniform wear on Fridays
- **\$250 per family** – Includes all of the above, plus reserved pew seating for family chapel events and Pre-K graduation (if applicable)

Dues are due by September 1. These contributions help provide a consistent foundation for community events, classroom support, and programming throughout the year.

Giving Campaign Update

We are simplifying our giving campaign by removing associated benefits. This allows all contributions to be purely philanthropic and **100% tax deductible**, while keeping the focus on supporting the school as a whole. We will continue to recognize and celebrate donors at all levels of participation during the campaign. This year we will be conducting our Giving Campaign in conjunction with North Texas Giving Day to also simplify and consolidate any of your planned giving this year.

How Funds Are Used

Funds raised by the Parents Association are directed in close partnership with preschool leadership. The primary focus is:

- Teacher appreciation, including annual bonuses
- Classroom improvements and resources
- Capital needs as identified by school leadership
- Opportunities that support connection and fellowship among families, students, and the broader community

We're committed to using these resources thoughtfully to enhance both the classroom experience and the sense of community that defines our school.

Quick FAQ: Dues & Giving

What are Parents Association dues and why are they needed?

Dues are an annual, per-family contribution that supports the baseline costs of events and programs throughout the year. They help ensure we can plan consistently and deliver meaningful experiences for all families.

Please note that the Parents Association works to provide several fellowship events for families throughout the year—such as Muffins with Moms, Donuts with Dads, and Grandfriends Day—at no cost to attendees. Other local preschool parent associations either charge for all events or have dues that begin at \$100+. We are seeking to create a financially sustainable structure that is still accessible and beneficial for the entire community.

How is the giving campaign different from dues?

Dues cover core operating support and events, while the giving campaign is our primary fundraising

effort to go above and beyond—funding teacher bonuses, larger classroom improvements, and any capital needs identified by school leadership.

Why remove benefits from the giving campaign?

By removing benefits, all donations can be treated as fully tax-deductible charitable contributions. It also keeps the focus on collective support of the school rather than individual perks.

Is participation required?

Dues will be required for each family to receive Parents Club newsletters and invitations to ticketed events like our Parent Party or Mother's Night Out, while participation in the giving campaign is voluntary. That said, we hope every family will consider participating at a level that is meaningful for them. We will still invite all members of the school community to participate in our free family events!

How will donors be recognized?

While donations no longer include associated benefits, we will continue to recognize and celebrate all donors during the giving campaign in ways that reflect our appreciation for every level of support.

How can I get involved beyond giving?

There will be many opportunities throughout the year to volunteer, attend events, and connect with other families. We welcome and encourage involvement in whatever way works best for you. We have created a new Fellowship Member-at-Large position this year for anyone who is not sure they can or want to commit to chairing any positions, but is willing to commit to volunteering to support at two events. There is no cap to the number of Members-at-Large! Many hands make light work.