

Welcome and Call to Order (Bailey Naples)

- Ms. Naples called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM. Mr. Kosar led the opening prayer. After brief technical difficulties, we resumed the meeting at 6 PM.

Race for Holy Spirit School (Karin Tirinato, Robin MacHattie)

- The Race for Holy Spirit School occurred on Thursday (11/4/21). Thank you to Mrs. Tirinato and Mrs. MacHattie for successfully coordinating this major fundraiser. Students and teachers had a blast, and we are so close to reaching our goal of \$25,000.
- On Friday (11/5/21), Mr. Kosar announced a final incentive. If we reach our fundraising goal by Friday (11/12/21), then every day until Thanksgiving will be a dress down day for students and teachers. As of Monday (11/8/21), we raised \$21,193; we need each student to raise approximately \$30 more.
- Mrs. Tirinato and Mrs. MacHattie hope to announce prizes and raffle winners on Friday (11/12/21) at prayer service. This coincides with Friday's Pink Cup Night at 16 Handles for all students who raised \$100 or more.

Action Items

- Mr. Kosar will send a notice to HSS families about the dress down incentive. **Complete**
- Mrs. Tirinato and Mrs. MacHattie will create a checklist to assist future race coordinators.

October Uniform Sale (Elizabeth Bogdanowicz)

- We received more than 20 orders from families. Unfortunately, certain items (e.g., sweaters, dress pants) continue to be very limited but we will fulfill what we can.
- Orders can be picked up at school on Wednesday (11/17/21) from 4 PM to 6 PM. We accept cash or checks payable to Holy Spirit School PSA.
- If you cannot pick up during this time, please contact [Elizabeth Bogdanowicz](#) so we can send the items home with your student(s). We will staple the total amount due to the bag. You can either send a payment to HSS PSA's [Pay Pal](#) account or send in cash or a check to the office. Either way, please include your student's name and a note indicating the payment is for the used uniform sale.
- Mr. Kosar stated the School Board is aware of the ongoing challenges with school uniform availability. The School Board is exploring short and long term options for the school uniform.

Franny's Farmhouse Fundraiser (Samantha Ayala)

- Please see the flyer that went out to families via email on Monday (11/8/21). A hard copy flyer will go home with students this week.
- You can order ornaments directly through Franny's [web site](#) until Thursday (11/25/21). Franny's will donate a percentage of proceeds to the PSA. Ornaments (and hot cocoa) will be ready for pickup beginning on Tuesday (12/7/21) during studio hours. Franny's is located at 1 Springhurst Drive in East Greenbush.
- For the contest portion of the fundraiser, families will have two weeks to decorate their ornaments. Families can email their photos to [Mrs. Leverone](#), so she can coordinate a community vote on Facebook. We will announce the winner of a fabulous family gift basket before Christmas break.

Santa's Magical Express (Bailey Naples)

- [Santa's Magical Express](#) is a 90 minute, family-friendly, holiday-focused trip presented by Yankee Trails that takes local families on a Christmas adventure around the Capital Region. The trip includes photos with Santa, milk and cookies, Christmas hat decorating and a sleigh bell.
- In light of the COVID protocols, we cannot offer Breakfast with Santa this year, so we discussed whether this could be another way to bring the school community together for the holidays. The primary objective of this event is not fundraising, but \$5 of each ticket will be donated to the PSA.

Action Items

- Mrs. Andrews will contact Yankee Trails to determine whether we can still reserve a date for HSS. **Complete**
- If so, the PSA will share information with the school community for feedback. Please note everyone's participation in this event is voluntary.

Holiday Shop

- After a one-year hiatus due to COVID, we are pleased to bring back the Holiday Shop. The Holiday Shop is a great opportunity for the items in your home that you no longer treasure to become treasured in someone else's home.
- We are asking families to donate items that HSS students can purchase for a small monetary donation and give to a loved one. Please sanitize and bag all items before dropping them off.
- All money raised will go directly to [CoNSERNS-U](#).
- Emily Heins will organize the Holiday Shop, with assistance from her mother and Connie Gicewicz. We still need another volunteer!

Action Items

- Mrs. Andrews will send a request for volunteers via the Remind App. **Complete**

Read-a-Thon

- The PSA's next major fundraiser is the Read-a-Thon in March 2022.

Mr. Kosar's Updates

- Please review the email alert to families (11/8/21). The Netflix show *Squid Games* has amassed a huge following in the last few weeks, but it is not appropriate for children.
- Please attend our monthly Family Mass on Sunday (11/14/21) at 11 AM at Holy Spirit Parish. Family Mass is an opportunity for students and families to participate together during the liturgy. We recommend our students wear their uniforms to show Holy Spirit pride!

Closing Prayer and Adjournment (Mr. Kosar)

- Mr. Kosar led the closing prayer. We adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Next Meeting

Monday, December 13, 2021 at 5:45 PM

We hope to see you there!