## Assumption Catholic Schools (ACS) Royal Parents Association (RPA)

March 6th, 2024

Board of Representatives:
Jill Vruwink \& Lindsay Graumann, Co-President
Tania Halbersma, Treasurer
Amanda Braaten, Secretary

## School Representatives:

AMS/AHS:
Stacey Laramee \& Lindsay Graumann \& Tania Halbersma
SVDP: Nikkie Kester \& Sara Boyce
OLQH: Amanda Braaten \& Jenna Lynch

Attendees:

- Jill Vruwink, President
- Lindsay Graumann, Vice President
- Tania Halbersma, Treasurer
- Amanda Braaten, Secretary
- Pam Fochs, SVDP Principal
- Shelley Bruley, OLQH Principal
- Joy Kraft
- Stacy Laramee
- Nikkie Kester
- Sara Boyce

Next Meeting April 3rd, 2024 at 6pm-8pm AHS Library
**1st Wednesday of the Month**
Assumption Royals Clothing Store: https://ink-splash.square.site/assumption-royals

| Opening Prayer | Hail Mary |
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| Treasurer Report | Deposits and Expenses Paid Out <br> - Check from Box Tops was received and will be deposited (all virtual scanning in now) <br> - BINGO Updates below <br> - Questions about current balance on clothing since the sales at games and bingo have been so great. Looking to get another order placed with the Lion Logo rather than the A next time. <br> - Fund A Need recap: each building chose an item to be funded (\$1000 toward each building) <br> - St Lawerence: unable to provide an item of need <br> - OLQH: Boys Bathroom Sink <br> - SVDP: Gaga Ball Pit <br> - AMS/AHS: Water Filling/Drinking Statement |
| Clothing Store <br> https://ink-splash.square.site/ass umption-royals | - The store is up and running!! https://ink-splash.square.site/assumption-royals <br> - Ran through Ink Splash. <br> - In need of a Royal Parent Apparel email so we can answer questions of parents. <br> - Joe Birkhauser approved a space for a display for apparel. <br> - Kerry will be providing a discount code for new families. <br> - Royal Parents will also set up a discount code for new staff and for teacher appreciation days, weeks, etc. <br> - Championship shirts will still come from Design Monkey due to needing the quick turnaround. |


|  | - Spring Sports all "did their own thing" <br> - Hoping to get things up and running for Fall Sports so the correct teams are getting the funds earned. |
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| Funds Requests | - Joann Wendels inquired about funds request; waiting for more details (see fund a need recap from above) |
| Upcoming Fundraisers | - Teacher Appreciation coming up in May (see below) <br> - 'Egged for Easter' (Nikkie Kester) <br> - Easter is March 31st, the end of spring break; worried about how many people we would have to volunteer not being 'enough' for how many people may sign up <br> - Tabled until next year <br> - Need to determine price; will look around <br> - What groups are interested in supporting this <br> - Consider split with another group <br> - Royal Card (Jill Vruwink) <br> - Royal Card money pays for Catholic Schools Week; looking to get price down to $\$ 10$ like other community schools <br> - Concerns with $\$ 20$ fee and how big everything has gotten, concerns with how the price is impacting the sales overall and the donations (people donating $\$ 10$ to the school but not wanting the card, etc) <br> - Still curious if/how other neighboring districts are keeping their prices low <br> - Spring Fundraiser: Flower Sale (Lindsay Graumann) <br> - New place in Rome is still setting up so they are not available for hanging baskets this year <br> - They are interested in supporting us next year and offered to host a brat fry if we're interested in that or if other groups are interested <br> - Another location is also being pursued, lots of conversation about other green houses in the area that may be interested in working with us. <br> - Considering Mums for a fall fundraiser as well; high interest item <br> - Previously considered Bloom for fresh cut flower sales, Reeves was recently sold to another local family <br> - Prices and availability have been dramatically impacted by inflation and covid. <br> - Rocky Rococo provides $20 \%$ profit; Nikkie Kester will head up. <br> - El Cafe expressed interest in hosting a fundraising night for us; more to come <br> - Previous Topics/Fundraisers Not Discussed Today: <br> - Spring Fundraiser: Shredding Party (Pacelli has had great success with this in the past), consider for after tax season, Pre-Order yard signs for Homecoming next year; hard to plan for due to how early it is but talk about in Spring <br> - Fall Royal Paw Print \& Yard Signs (chalk or paint can be used); needs to be rolled out in August with Back to School information, yard signs should be pre-ordered |


|  | - August 2024: Culvers Fish Fry is booked until March of 2025, Mondays/Tuesdays, once per month, told to call back in August <br> - Royal Paw Print coming out in Fall for sure <br> - Yard Signs for Homecoming next year; pre-order only |
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| Administrative Day April 24th | - Building Theme: <br> - OLQH \& SVDP enjoy when parents come in to cover lunch and recess duties <br> - OLQH \& SVDP will work together <br> - Each building will choose their own theme and collaborate with building reps to make it happen <br> - Breakfast will be provided to each group on their respective days <br> - Other things to consider: <br> - Gift cards <br> - Basket giveaway at each building <br> - 10 minute massages like Howe Elementary did <br> - Build your own flower arrangement/vase <br> - Popcorn bar <br> - Fancy coffee bar <br> - Decorate doors <br> - Concerns with the fact that Assumption Catholic Schools may not be doing anything special for the teachers, paras, and other support staff. <br> - Previous Dates: <br> - Sept 17th 3rd Grade \$400; 35 cards sold <br> - Oct 1st Sophomore Class (1st grade switched) \$600; 49 cards sold <br> - Oct 15th Cross Country $\$ 800$ earned!! Congrats on State Performance!! <br> - Nov 5th Tennis Team \$1000 earned!! Great turn out! <br> - Nov 19th Junior Class \$950 earned!! <br> - Dec 3rd Boys Basketball $\$ 1200$ earned!! 50/50 was donated back to the group!! Thank you Sarah Birkhauser!! <br> Jan 7th Girls Basketball $\$ 1000$ earned!! <br> Jan 21st SVDP 4th Grade $\$ 1300$ earned!! <br> Feb 4th Soccer earned $\$ 2200!$ ! $50 / 50$ was over $\$ 600!!$ <br> Amazing turn out with 196 in attendance!! <br> Feb 18th SVDP 5th Grade earned \$1100!! <br> March 3rd Freshman Class brought in 132 people and $\$ 1100$ also!! <br> - Upcoming Dates: <br> - March 17th 2nd Grade <br> - There are still open spots for parents and students to sign up and help!! <br> - April 7th Track Team <br> - April 21st OLQH <br> - May 5th 8th Grade <br> - Concessions Update: hot sandwiches are a huge hit! |
| Principal Day |  |
| May 1st |  |
| Teacher Appreciation Week May 6th-May 10th |  |
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|  | - Looking Ahead: The Progressive BINGO Black Out change mid year was a HUGE success for the groups signing up. This year's jackpot will rollover to next years starting jackpot so let's keep growing!! <br> - Please watch for an interest survey!! <br> - 10 games are still being played! |
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| Follow Up \& Next Meeting: | Concerns with the Royal Parents not having a seat at the Finance meeting when their finances are being discussed. Waiting for follow up. |
| What to Expect from the Royal Parents throughout the school year: | Teacher \& Staff Meal \& Snack Donations: <br> - Fall Conferences: Dinner Meal <br> - Catholic Schools Week: Breakfast Meal <br> - Teacher Appreciation Week (Spring): Lunch Meal Fundraisers: <br> - More to Come... |

