

**BDFHSA Executive Council Meeting
February 25, 2014**

Attendees: Sr. Carol, Cyndi Horrigan, Ginny Wallace, Mary Alice Bagwell, Chris Riso, Kellie Ulrich, Jean Comer, Patti Otto, Rob Patkalitsky, Bonnie Ann Glica, Ginny Winkworth, Harold Erbacher and Andrea Foglia

Topic	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Opening Prayer	Opening prayer led by Sr. Carol	
Revitalization Update	Sr. Carol gave an update on the Revitalization process. She noted that 195 teachers were affected by the school closures with some opting for retirement or placement outside the Catholic school system. Assistance is being provided via severance and unemployment benefits. Current enrollment estimates are being tabulated; thereafter it is expected by mid-March that the open teaching positions will be posted and filled.	Sr. Carol
STREAM	<p>Jean Comer was introduced as the new STREAM Coordinator. She explained that STREAM programming (Science-Technology-Religion-Engineering-Arts-Math) is an evolution of STEM; describing its core concepts to include innovation, creativity, critical analysis and associated learning to be hands-on and to occur across the curriculum – not in just one class. She provided a sixth grade teaching plan of Ancient Greece as an example. HSA’s accountability was noted to be one of a shared focus to assist in promoting knowledge about STREAM as well as supporting it conceptually for program development within Catholic schools.</p> <p>Sr. Carol noted that a meeting is scheduled to be held on 3/6/14 with the Executive Council of Principals to discuss academic</p>	Jean Comer HSA Representatives

<p>Student Fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snowball Update 	<p>people in all counties collectively. She cited individual school goals to be set at \$900 and noted that friendly competition among schools was supported and recognized by the presentation of certificates of achievement to the top fundraising elementary and high schools. Kellie noted that last year, St. Marks and St. Francis H.S. won the awards, respectively. Kellie offered fund-raising ideas for each of the schools to consider and recommended to try to schedule one fundraising activity each month and send out the message that “No gift is too small!”</p> <p>Jean Comer provided an update on the SNOWBALL--- Dance noting that the dance was expanded to two sites (Northtowns and Southtowns) with 25 schools participating and over 800 attendees. She indicated that ticket purchasing was enabled through a web-site noting that half the children purchase tickets on-line. She stated that Nativity of Our Lord, the new Southtowns contingent, did an exceptional job at decorating the facility which greatly added to the initiative’s overall success. More than \$30,000 was raised for scholarships which will provide scholarships for an additional 30 students. She said it was quite evident that the kids had a wonderful time and she extended an invitation to all schools to participate in the next Snowball function.</p>	<p>Jean Comer BDFHSA Executive Council Members</p>
<p>BDFHSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar for 2013-14 and 2014-15 	<p>One more meeting of the Board for calendar year 2013-14 was noted to be required and is scheduled for April 29, 2014. The first meeting of the 2014-15 year was recommended to be an open meeting for all HSA Presidents along with one guest; pre-</p>	<p>Sr. Carol Cimino Cyndi Horrigan Ginny Wallace Mary Alice Bagwell</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dues Structure • Committees Within Council 	<p>registration for a head count was recommended and it was noted that a vote to change the bylaws would be held at this meeting. This first general meeting was targeted for October 2014. A recommendation was put forward that the current sitting Board members remain in position for the 2014-15 calendar year to allow for effective start-up activities.</p> <p>A recommendation for a \$25 fee per HSA was put forward and accepted and will be presented as an addendum to the by-laws at the October meeting. It was also recommended that a member needed to be selected for the record keeping of dues paid.</p> <p>Discussion occurred relative to identifying standing and ad hoc committees that would be of value in providing direction and leadership to accomplish outlined goals and objectives. The following examples were offered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Legislative Action Committee • Speaker/Event Committee • Snowball Planning Committee • By-laws • Catholic Charities Appeal <p>The group has been asked to come to the next meeting prepared to further expand ideas on how to outline the committee structure with consideration to function, membership and required resources.</p>	<p>BDFHSA Executive Council Members</p> <p>Sr. Carol Cimino Cyndi Horrigan Ginny Wallace Mary Alice Bagwell BDFHSA Executive Council Members</p> <p>BDFHSA Executive Council Members</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PR for BDFHSA 	<p>Discussion occurred regarding how to promote an awareness of BDFHSA and its activities. It was noted that information can be found on the WNY Catholic website but some found difficulty in navigating the site. To make it user-friendly, a recommendation was put forward to add a tab to readily access the Federation.</p> <p>A recommendation to hold an event which would highlight the accomplishments of the HSAs in May 2015 was also put forward.</p>	<p>Sr. Carol Cimino Cyndi Horrigan Ginny Wallace</p> <p>BDFHSA Executive Council Members</p>
<p>News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taping of Easter Mass NCEA Conference 	<p>Easter Mass will be taped at St. Joseph’s Cathedral at 10 am on March 8 for national viewing. Registration is to be done via www.daybreaktv.org. Although registration is closed, it was recommended that those BDFHSA members who would like to attend the mass call 847-8745 and identify themselves as a member of the newly created board to obtain tickets.</p> <p>The NCEA Convention is being held Easter week (4/22-4/24/14) in Pittsburg, PA. It was noted that recognition awards will be given to two local educators: Paul Schuster (teacher – DeSales Catholic School , Lockport) and Principal Patty Freund, St. Gregory the Great, Williamsville. All members were invited to participate in this event.</p>	<p>BDFHSA Executive Council Members</p>
<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraising Exchange 	<p>Patti Otto recommended that a survey be constructed to query fundraising ideas as well as other operational details (ie. parental activity requirements, buyouts, amount and process of collecting HSA dues, what HSA funds can be used for, ideas to get more parents involved in HSA meetings, etc.) from all schools</p>	<p>Ginny Wallace BDFHSA Executive Council Members</p>

	that could be shared collectively. Ginny Wallace indicated that she would facilitate the development of a survey for the group to review and approve.	
Adjournment		
	Respectfully Submitted, <hr/> Bonnie Ann Glica	