

Saint James School PTA Meeting
Art Space
October 9th, 2019
8:00am

Opening Prayer

Recording Secretary's Report: Anita Esser for Karen Haney

- Meeting notes from September were approved
- Attendance sheet was passed around

Co-President's Report: Tania Sarabia and Liz Sutphin

- Family dinner, Wednesday, September 25th from 5:30-7:30pm hosted by Maloney's Pub (The Lupu family) was a fun event. Volunteer hours were made by 6th-8th graders. We raised \$5,200.00, less \$300 for expenses paid to the magician. There were 320 attendees – 40 of which were walk-ins. The younger grades were very present, the older grades (6th, 7th & 8th) attendance was marginal.
- Back to School Night had a great turnout. It was organized a bit differently from previous years, and this format was a little confusing for parents.
- Saint James hosted this year's Fall Conference for the Diocese on September 28th in the ECK Center. The theme was Children Are Our Future. A 9:30am mass was held by Bishop O'Connell; a breakfast followed that honored Sister Dorothy Payne. Saint James students volunteered.
- Breakfast with Santa is December 7th. We need to assemble a decorating committee. Julianna, our new cafeteria head, will help organize food.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano

- The students will take the Star 360 Assessment, a new benchmark test program. No more IOWAs. These benchmark tests are based on the student's individual level. There are 34 questions per subject. Student feedback on the pilot test was that they were better able to focus and liked the format, rather than filling in bubbles with pencil. The test will be given in October, February and May.
- The Book Fair will be held December 2nd-7th - Mrs. Gagliardo and Mrs. Dolan as chairs.
- During SJAA basketball game, the Book Fair to the hallway. Breakfast with Santa volunteers could also help with the move. We will need to decide if we sell snacks or not. There is an idea to have a walk-in sale during Breakfast with Santa.

Co-Vice President's Report: Anita Esser & Marissa Saliga

- Anita and Marissa (co-VPs) thank Jolene Suth for a successful 1st Mother's Club meeting, hosted at her home. 25 mothers attended across all grades. In planning the next 3 months meetings, location ideas are the Cheese Cave, Taste & Technique and Board & Brush. Wine tasting also a possibility at Nicholas Restaurant.
- Comments about SJAA's include no golf outing in Fall but maybe one in Spring. We need to guarantee an attendance number to secure the venue.
- Mothers Club meetings will be held at 7:30pm, future meeting dates: Nov 7th, Dec 5th, Jan 9th, Feb 6th, Mar 5th, Apr 2nd, May 7th, & June 4th

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Schimpf

- Deposits include Kids Stuff book profit, PFE, Uniform Sale @ approx. \$1,500.00. The Family dinner raised over \$5000.00. Spoke with Mrs. Giordano who approved moving Basketball Blowout prior to the B'ball season. Travis and Mrs. Giordano will discuss the Polar Plunge and Basketball Blowout. Also mentioned were a Basketball League, for girls' and boys' grades 2nd-4th as an activity to encourage team spirit, mentorship & cooperation. These elements are present in the XC and Track program and this is a good opportunity to try it with Basketball.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Samantha Fogliano

- Thank you cards for the donations at Back to School Night and Family Dinner were sent out

Marketing Report & Legal Affairs: not present

- Progressive Raffle was discussed, it will be held on November 16th & 17th at all masses. Volunteers are needed.

Hospitality Committee Report: Alina Fotache

- First Half-Day Bagel Day was September 18th – Bagel Day raised \$5,000.00. \$300.00 to buy supplies for the next Bagel Day was approved (Liz) and seconded (Tania).
- Kids Stuff Book Sales were down, profit of \$1,500.

Technology Report: Susan Marino

- Susan – all flyers and info submitted need Mrs. Giordano's approval
- Jenna can help create the flyers, which then are submitted to Mrs. Giordano, and finally Susan. Deadline is always Friday.
- Discussion about My School Directory. Could the office work with us on it? Who uses it? How helpful is it? The Royals use it, as well as families and class moms for parties and invitations. New company taking over – Maria to provide further details.
- Ice Skating school outing to be held on one of the ½ days (January 22nd or February 5th) Made a motion to approve paying a deposit in advance – once date is settled this will be voted on. Discussed selling knit hats as a possible fundraiser?

Spirituality and Care Steps Report: Danielle Robbins & Tania for Jen Marlin

- Caring Cooks activity for community service hours (visit to the Ronald McDonald House) scheduled for November 13th. \$100.00 for food and supplies was approved (Karen approved and Anita seconded.)
- BoxTops- an App may be downloaded to scan receipts to get points for Box Tops- Information about the App to be included in the eblast. Student volunteers needed to count during lunch. Parent volunteer(s) to supervise the students
- Danielle discussed care package for the convent

PTA Family Commitment: Susan Falco

- Letter will be sent for fundraising.

Royals Report: Travis Sutphin

- 14 Dads attended the first meeting. Second meeting is October 24th
- Chuck, Kira, Ali and Travis (committee) will meet with Craig Palmer for dinner about Crowdwise & St. Mary's strategy for fundraising for Polar Plunge before next PTA meeting
- Polar Plunge explained. AOH runs a Pub Crawl @ \$40.00 pp at 7-8 locations in Sea Bright. All money raised offsets cost to run the Polar Plunge. Volunteers would speak at church about the Plunge, explore corporate matching. Goal is to raise \$30K
- Basketball Blowout is November 15th – pizza in cafeteria ordered at Federico's. Older students earn volunteer hours to supervise. Royals will handle clean up.

SJAA Report: Jen Heaton

- New apparel company – Ted Hendrickson – looking at selling sport shorts, green socks with logo, fuzzy bear coats, stadium seating chairs with SJS printed on them
- Made \$85.00 on Mini-Golf
- Winter Sports Registration – working on teams
- Basketball Blowout – incentives to participate: make pre-sale cheaper than walk in prices. Sell pom-poms, foam fingers, Mohawk hats. Send out a save the date to Susan (Technology)

Fundraising & Special Events: Ali Farro

- Jolene Suth, working hard on Trunk or Treat. Theme for School lobby decoration: "CARN-EVIL" Need a large box for the lobby to collect candy to donate to Trunk or Treat. Give leftover candy to Holiday Express. List candy donations on eBoard and spread the word to class moms
- Dunk n Treat (donuts and cider fundraiser) from Wemrock Orchards, \$6 each or combo for \$10 pre-orders will be picked up at Trunk or Treat or Halloween Dance. Also baked goods, hot chocolate, cider, all \$1 at Trunk or Treat.
- Pies sale for Thanksgiving, pie samples available at Trunk or Treat. Ask Julianna to store pies in cafeteria?

Open Discussion:

- Halloween Costume Dance \$5
- Amazon Smile- it is a 3rd party vendor or 501 3(c) we go thru TD Bank. Will it work?
- Sky Zone fundraiser? Spirit night, 4-hour window 35% of money paid returned to PTA.
- Adult dodgeball?

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13 @ 7:00P (evening meeting)

Attendance

Mrs. Giordano	Principal
Mrs. Golden	Vice-Principal
Tania Sarabia	Co-President
Liz Sutphin	Co-President
Anita Esser	Vice President
Marisa Saliga	Vice President
Samantha Fogliano	Corresponding Secretary
Susan Marino	Technology
Alina Fotache	Hospitality Bagels + Kids Stuff
Alexandra Farro	Special Events/Fundraising
Danielle Robbins	Spirituality/Care Steps
Travis Sutphin	Royals
Susan Falco	PFE
Jolene Suth	Trunk or Treat Chair
Shari Gagliardo	Book Fair Chair
Jennifer Heaton	SJAA
Karen Haney	Recording Secretary

Parents

Tricia Sirico
Tracey Rossi (7th)
Maria Franco
Regina Buck
Suzanne Fixsen
Nicole Parfett (5th)
Natalie Carpenter (K)
Lindsey Larkin (2nd & 5th)
Cynthia Lopez (1st & 6th)
Sandy Hage (7th)