

Saint James School PTA Meeting
Virtual/ Zoom Mtg
December 2th, 2020
7:00pm

7:05P start, Karen Haney leads in prayer

Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano

- Opening remarks thanks everyone, thanks to all the new faces joining PTA meetings and events. The PTA has great ideas in mind for 2021, hoping that the many new faces continue to support.
- It was decided that SJS would forgo the Tree Lighting due to technicalities related to COVID. Monsignor will pull the winning raffle tickets whilst standing in front of his tree and stream for all to watch.
- Poinsettia sale – plants to be picked up on Friday December 10. “Moose Food” will be distributed in school to children on that same day. (Instead of handing it out during the Tree Lighting)
- Cookie decoration kits – Mrs. G will discuss off-line with the presidents.
- Closing remarks - thanking all again for doing a great job to maintain in-person learning, to those who traveled and made every effort to communicate and follow guidelines, and many thanks to our teachers.

President's Report: Liz Sutphin / Tania Sarabia

- Trunk or Treat made \$1910.00 profit and was wildly successful. Cider and Donuts made \$1122.45, Cabana 19 fundraiser made \$336.15, Apparel (Heaton) made \$800.00 and Charleston Wrap so far had \$6271 in sales with a \$2324. 80 profit. Wrapping items will come in before Christmas.
- 40 Cookie Decoration sets were sold. They were popular. Distribution plan to be discussed.
- Let's start thinking about activities in place of winter clubs. A Read-A-Thon is suggested.
- Reminder that teachers have posted wish lists for their classrooms.
- Reminder that the school has an Amazon Smiles account, for use especially important during holiday shopping.
- Teacher Appreciation, on December 10th or 11th fancy boxed lunches will be provided to teachers. Liz asked for a budget of \$1,000.00, motion made and seconded, for the cost of a teacher's luncheon and purchase of small holiday items for teachers and children.
- So far \$600.00 in sales of poinsettias with a profit of \$153.00.
- Stocking stuffer deadline moved from Dec 7 to Dec 8, to be distributed on Dec 11. So far \$250.00 in sales.
- Learning Express buy back offer ends tomorrow, December 3.

Vice President's Report: Alina Fotache

- Frutta Bowls will participate with SJS in a buy back offer.
- AR Workshop Mom's club was successful. Venue staff was amazing. A lot of new moms are getting involved. Great experience!
- December Mom's club -maybe schedule a meet up for appetizers somewhere or, since the holidays are a busy time, skip this month's meeting. TBD.

Recording Secretary: Karen Haney

- Minutes from November PTA meeting were approved.
- Attendance taken at the end of meeting.

New Treasurer's Report: Anita Esser

- Balance of \$55,000.00 including PTA fees and Raffle money. \$30,500.00 deposited.
- Discussion about keeping raffle money completely separate from the budget balance. Development funds / savings.
- Purchases for COVID safety are made with PTA funds because the Cares Act funds are restrictive concerning what it covers.
- Money for development does not need to be used by June 2021
- Large portion of PTA funds used to pay the Nurse's salary in April, May and June
- Travis S. inquired about that availability of grants for student health through a health care company

Hospitality: Ann Clark

- Sold 263 pretzels, sales \$2737 so far this year including November.
- 325 pretzels for \$200.50 Motion seconded and approved.

Tech: Susan Marino

- Combine stocking stuffer update and pretzel sale details in the eBlast on Friday.
- Ice Rink – perhaps we search for an outside rink?

Spirituality: Jennifer Marlin, Jenna Laible

- Boxtops – only on-line – raised \$115.30 to date
- Volunteering - students may participate with Blessing Bag Brigade, LunchBreak

Corresponding Secretary: Samantha Fogliano

- 5K scheduled on April 18, 2021; student and parent volunteers needed

SJAA: Adrienne Supino

- Wait and see for Winter Sports season, maybe have practices and games between schools, other schools canceled basketball season. If sports are allowed indoors in gym, sports may happen. We'll find out more on January 2nd. Is there a willingness to play winter varsity + JV sports? We'll hold registration for interest, no fees assessed.

Royals Report: Travis Sutphin

- 13 dads attended Royals meeting at Federico's on Main in Oceanport on November 18
We appreciate the fathers and all that they do. Next meeting is Thursday, December 17 at Brothers in Red Bank. Polar Plunge may not happen at all this year due to COVID state restrictions.

PTA Raffle: Bogi Chamberlin – per Tania S.

- Dress down passes were sent home to students for every 15 tickets sold
- Email to parents who committed to fundraise and have not met sent back the sold tickets will be sent out

Open Discussion:

- (Shari) New dates for Virtual Bookfair this year
An idea discussed was to have a Read A Thon during the winter months rather than Clubs, with a tie-in to the Book Fair and Dr. Seuss week?
- Adrienne & Sam – working on sponsors for the 5K. Fingers crossed that we could have a live event, but if it is virtual, family members from out of state could participate. How would going virtual impact fundraising?

Attendance

Mrs. Giordano	Principal
Mrs. Golden	Vice-Principal
Tania Sarabia	Co-President
Liz Sutphin	Co-President
Alina Fotache	Vice President
Anita Esser	Treasurer / PFE
Bogi Chamberlin	Fundraising
Adrienne Supino	SJAA
Samantha Fogliano	Corresponding Secretary
Travis Sutphin	Royals
Chuck Pugliese	Royals
Kira Nelson	Teacher
Jennifer Marlin	Spirituality
Susan Marino	Tech
Karen Haney	Recording Secretary
Ann Clark Clerkin	Hospitality (Philly Pretzel)
Shari Gagliardo	Book Fair

Parents

Stephanie Rebecchi
Michael Minnella
Noelle Fitzpatrick
Tricia Sirrico
Diedre Sanfilippo
Brianna Joy