

Saint James School PTA Meeting
Virtual/ Zoom Mtg
Wednesday, January 27th, 2021
7:00pm

7:05PM start, Karen Haney leads in prayer

Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano

- Opening remarks acknowledge that everyone has been through tough times these past weeks, and she appreciates how our community comes together during such times. The children continue to do a wonderful job, as do our teachers.
- Opened a discussion about playground renovation and naming the playground in honor of Mrs. Villani, a beloved and devoted preschool teacher. Such a renovation requires a lot of planning, hard work with reaching out to vendors, and great expense i.e. received a \$30,000.00 quote for rubber mulch, aside from new equipment. There will be a committee formed. Travis Sutphin mentioned the NFL's "Play 60", a program to encourage 60 minutes of activity per day for children, as a resource to explore to fund a playground initiative.

President's Report: Liz Sutphin / Tania Sarabia

- Next week, February 1 – 5 is Catholic Schools Week.
- We have low key plans, in response to the ongoing health crisis. Mrs Giordano suggests moving any activities indoor/outdoor with gatherings to later in the school year. There will be no open house held.
- Monday Feb 1, there will be mass. Dress uniform for all children, no dress down, and gym uniforms permitted. 8th and 2nd graders will attend mass in church in celebration of the sacramental year (no gym uniforms for these grades). The mass will be live-streamed for all other participants, including families.
- Monday Mass, Tuesday Student's day, Wednesday Green and White Spirit Wear Day, Thursday Teacher Appreciation Day with a catered box luncheon provided by PTA. Themes are vocations, community, teachers, and family.
- Valentines' Day Cookie Sale – pick up method changed to outside pick-up or there is a "carry home" option.
- Easter Stuffers – someone new is needed to assume the responsibility. Tania Sarabia will discuss interest with Patricia Dalton.
- Liz Sutphin will discuss alternative ideas for winter clubs off-line with Mrs. Giordano.
- Motion made, seconded and approved to allow for \$1,000.00 max for the teacher's luncheon during Catholic Schools Week.

Vice President's Report: Alina Fotache

- January Mom's Club event was skipped due to the health crisis; Future planning is on hold.

Recording Secretary: Karen Haney

- Minutes from December + closed January PTA meetings pending approval. Attendance taken at the end of meeting.

New Treasurer's Report: Anita Esser

- Per Capita fee, request for a check will be drafted on February 3.
- Mrs. Portela and Anita Esser are sending last letters in regard to PFE fees owed. February 12 will be the next / last deduction for FACTS payments.
- Need to forward Mrs. Giordano PFE monies owed list

Hospitality: as reported by Alina Fotache for Ann Clark (not in attendance)

- Over 250 pretzels and more than 100 waters sold during last Pretzel Day Sale

Corresponding Secretary: Samantha Fogliano

- Sympathy basket from Sickles sent to the Villani Family.
- Thank you notes sent to vendors for Christmas luncheon and teacher gifts.
- 5K registration is open for event scheduled on April 18, 2021; please refer to the Eblast for all information. Coupon codes are needed for family sponsorship, so please reach out to Sam if interested. Business sponsorships are still being accepted. Student and parent volunteers needed for race day for info to come. Community safety will be considered in weeks leading up to race to determine if the race is to be held live, as planned, or switch to virtual. Sam and Mrs. Hall discussing holding a friendly competition race for each class. The winner of each class race wins a prize, i.e. a gift certificate to Learning Express or other establishment.

Tech: Susan Marino

- Verified days planned for Catholic Schools Week.
- Website changes to be discussed in February.

Spirituality: Jenna Laible, Jennifer Marlin (not present),

- Volunteering
 - 8th graders have a writing assignment
 - Middle school can fulfill commitment by participating in LunchBreak or Blessing Bag Brigade donations/collections or commitments at home.
- There is a dress down donation this Friday, Jan 29 for Companeros de Comida.
- Last Friday there was a dress down donation for a SJS Prayer Garden to be created by William Franznick.

SJAA: Samantha Fogliano (speaking), Adrienne Supino (not present)

- Signups for spring sports will be mid-February, will not collect any funds until we know if moving forward.

Royals Report: Travis Sutphin

- Last Royals meeting canceled out of an abundance of caution. Next Royals meeting is scheduled for February 25th @ 7:30P, Brothers Pizza. The week prior, a decision will be made about keeping the meeting on the calendar. Any changes will be communicated via Eblast.

Fund Raising: Bogi Chamberlin

- Winter Bingo discussed as a community event, not a fundraiser. Will discuss off-line with Mrs. Giordano

Open discussion

- Reregistration is going on now. We are still getting requests for new students for this year and will need to have returning students registered as soon as possible to confirm open spaces for next year.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2021

Attendance

Msgr Rosie	
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
Samantha Fogliano	Corresponding Secretary/SJAA rep
Travis Sutphin	Royals
Jenna Laible	Spirituality
Susan Marino	Tech
Karen Haney	Recording Secretary

Parents

Jolene Suth
Patricia Dalton