

Saint James School PTA Meeting
Virtual/ Zoom Mtg
Wednesday, March 3, 2021
7:00pm

7:05P start, Karen Haney leads in prayer

Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano

- Opening remarks acknowledge that everyone has been doing a great job.
- Many thanks for great fundraising ideas.
- Sadly, the Mother/Son dance is canceled. Our community is missing so many events, but we try to find joy in everything we do. We are planning a "5K Sneaker Day" to promote excitement for the students about the race.
- Would like to get PreK parents involved in raising funds for the playground project.
- The school received 50 Chromebooks purchased with state funds and an anonymous donor gave 15 more Chromebooks.
- Thank you to Monsignor for a beautiful children's mass for the 3rd-5th graders.
- Administration is looking at books and the curriculum to offer best physical and on-line resources to the students

President's Report: Liz Sutphin / Tania Sarabia

- Jenna Laible volunteered to take over the Easter Stuffers fundraiser
- Anita Esser finally received the check from the Boscov's fundraiser.
- PTA is having an Easter Candy Sale. Orders are placed from a catalog and the company is nut-free. The sale ends Sunday March 14 after running for 2 weeks. Items are delivered directly to the buyer's home. Our school makes 35% of the profit. Vendors do not offer/supply prizes

Vice President's Report: Alina Fotache

- Most recent pretzel day ran smoothly. PTA will host one more pretzel day in March. Alina motioned to approve \$200.00 for this event, Tania approved and Karen seconded.
- The next Mom's Club meeting might be held over Zoom. Details pending.

Recording Secretary: Karen Haney

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

New Treasurer's Report:

- Mrs Portela and Anita Esser note outstanding PFE fees owed will be collected/deducted from FACTS mid-March.
- Reporting a balance to the Rectory each month, \$ 24,314.00 deposited + \$24,150 existing = \$48,464.00. Total balance does not include raffle money, which remains separate. The Raffle will be one-to-one counting toward PFE next year, and the Polar Plunge will be held as a family fun event rather than a fundraiser.
- Speaking in reference Spirit Wear, it is a success with many students and teachers wearing items. Anita will email Mrs. Portela about expenses noted, and inquire about any deposits.

Corresponding Secretary: Samantha Fogliano

- No news in correspondence.
- 5K registration – an Eblast went out with a little more than a month to go for the event scheduled on April 18, 2021. Race director reached out to say that we may have to go with the virtual race option. We'll wait and see if we are officially able to make it happen. Corporate sponsorship has been encouraging, as we have already made money before the close of the sponsorship sign-up date, March 19th.
- Some discussion about an alternate plan in case the race goes virtual. Walk the boardwalk? Thompson Park? Word would be placed in the St James bulletin.
- Friday, March 19th will be a "wear any pair of running sneakers" day fundraiser.
- Jolene Suth asks if she can walk it

Tech: Susan Marino (not present)

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

SJAA: Adrienne

- Spring Sports registration going out tomorrow, March 4th.
- Baseball (5th-8th Gr), softball, track and tennis clinic

Bingo: Bogi Chamberlin (not present)-

Royals Report: Travis Sutphin

- Last Royals meeting February 25th, 6 Dads attended. Topics addressed were parents during the pandemic, ideas for fundraising and a corporate sponsor for the playground. Next meeting TBD either on March 12th or 18th.

Open Discussion:

Virtual Book Fair with Scholastic:

- from April 19-May 2. 25% profits for the school. There will be a link to the catalog pages for shopping.
- 2 sets of books from last year's book sale will be raffled off to raise money for the playground.
- Will we have access to the summer reading list and will summer books be available for purchase through the book fair?
- Question about will all books purchased be delivered directly to homes.

New Text Books:

- Middle school science and social studies books are soon to be out of print, and a new Spanish program is starting in middle school and grammar school. New phonics program for little ones.

Used Uniform and Used Book Sale – end of the school year, in June and by appointment. Outside perhaps.

Playground renovation:

- Named for Mrs Vilani.
- Replace mulch and fence. Remove tree branches.
- Events for spring to fundraise... Bunny Hop for PK – 3rd Grade, 5K for PK families, May Scavenger Hunt for Families, Business sponsorship for equipment.
- Gift of a slide to the playground – 4 companies approached for quotes.
- Could we see a price list for playground equipment in case a family or families wish to make a donation?

Next Meeting: April 2021, date TBD

Attendance

Msgr Joe	
Mrs. Giordano	Principal
Mrs. Golden	Vice-Principal
Tania Sarabia	Co-President
Liz Sutphin	Co-President
Alina Fotache	Vice President
Anita Esser	Treasurer / PFE
Samantha Fogliano	Corresponding Secretary/SJAA rep
Kira Nelson	Teacher
Travis Sutphin	Royals
Chuck Pugliese	Royals
Karen Haney	Recording Secretary
Adrienne Supino	SJAA

Parents

Jolene Suth