

Saint James School PTA Meeting
Virtual/ Zoom Mtg
September 9th, 2020
8:15am

Rosemary Carson, Vice Regent for the Diocese of Trenton PTA Board
Opening Prayer & Induction of Board Members Alina Fotache, VP; Anita Esser, Treasurer and Samantha Fogliano, Corresponding Secretary

Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano

- Opening remarks described a positive start to the school year, children are following all protocols. Cited purchases made throughout the school building in preparation for re-opening and welcoming back staff and students. Purchases vary from desk shields to cones to computers.
- The WIFI has been updated with a change in service.
- PTA funds cover the salary of a Nurse and Social worker. Also suggested that funds be allocated to the purchase of individual playground toys (not shared) for children for use during "socially distanced" playtime. Fall Sports clinics are important to the start of the school year.

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

- Tania spoke about standing by for the New Family Phone List, revising the PTA Handbook.
- Fall Conference for the Diocese PTA is not yet determined.
- Liz discussed the creation of a virtual committee for fundraising ideas during this unprecedented time, and is anticipating a list of fundraising goals from Mrs. Giordano.
- Scheduling events such as Trunk or Treat, Decorating for Halloween and Cider + Donuts Sale will be revisited in a week or two to determine how to proceed following Governor's orders. Travis S. reminded that parking logistics need to be addressed for Trunk or Treat.
- Mrs. Giordano requested that all virtual PTA meetings be scheduled in the evening @ 7P.
- Liz relayed an idea proposed by Jenn Heaton (SJS Apparel): that a windbreaker be considered as a new item.

Vice President's Report: Alina Fotache

- Suggested asking for donations, from the parish or school families (or both) for individual playground toys and creating an Amazon wish list of classroom items. Request for donations and wish list items might be shared in the parish bulletin and/or on school Facebook page
- Explored the viability of hosting of Bagel Days as a fundraiser this year, asking whether the cafeteria is able to help and if we can create a cashless system. Ann Clark suggested the idea of hot pretzels with Philly Pretzel Company in lieu of bagels. Liz inquired about proposing opportunities to partner with RBC PTA to fundraise.
- Is there an interest in selling Kidstuff Books? Either in hard copy or via the app?
- Discussed ideas for Mothers Club meetings, with social distancing and held off-premises, to welcome new moms. Alina and Liz will be in charge of planning.

Recording Secretary's Report: Karen Haney

- Administration and Board Attendance was called and noted.

Outgoing Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Schimpf

- Transitioning with Anita Esser. Needs to finalize last year's report and books must be audited.

New Treasurer's Report: Anita Esser

- Sent 2020-2021 Payment Schedule to Mrs. Giordano for approval
- What should families do to request reimbursement of expenses paid in Spring 2020
- \$1000.00 collected from Used Uniform Sale.
- Not sure what the costs for Masks were and the amount of funds raised during the Mask Sale.
- Outstanding boxtops to be appraised with Jennifer Marlin
- Thank you to Alina, Christina, Lauren and Jennifer for help with Used Uniform Sale
- Jolene Suth generously offered her backyard deck for future Used Uniform Sales, Mother's Club meetings etc. (Jolene asked if we're able to decorate the foyer for Halloween)
- SJS Yearbooks 2020 are backordered

- PFE letter needs revising. We will be able to collect PFE fees through FACTS after April 2021

Corresponding Secretary: Samantha Fogliano

- No updates at this time

SJAA: Adrienne Supino (not present)

- XC will be a club this year

Technology Report: Susan Marino

- Susan – PTA welcome letter, volunteer flyer, payment schedule, info @ boxtops need to be edited for posting
- Jenna can help create the flyers, which then are submitted to Mrs. Giordano for approvals before going to Susan. Deadline is always Friday so she may set up the Eblast that goes out on Sunday.
- Discussion about My School Directory. Are we doing one this year – Mrs Giordano will confirm
- SJS Mom’s Group changed to Mom and Dad’s Group on FB

Spirituality and Care Steps: Jenn Marlin and Jenna Laible (new co-chair)

- Jenn and Jenna met to discuss what has been done in the past
- What is protocol for volunteers/student hours now with social distancing?

PTA Raffle: Bogi Chamberlin

- New Progressive Raffle structure – second meeting to be scheduled to discuss logistics
- Clothing drive, hot chocolate sale as fundraising ideas

Royals Report: Travis Sutphin

- 5K – Sam F is working on it. Mrs. Giordano and Mrs Golden have partnership agreement to review. Tentative date projected in April, either 2nd or 3rd weekend. The revenue split is open for negotiation. The Shore AC race is to honor the president, making money is not their chief concern so they are interested in having our participation to raise the numbers of participants
- Polar Plunge explained. Sport teams would need to have a “dark day” so all SJS families are free from school sports commitments to participate.
- Royals meeting schedule - to be published

Open Discussion:

- Corn Hole Tournament? Yes – tentative date is October 3. Not sure about selling pizza –Mrs Giordano to discuss with teachers and let us know what is needed
- Friends Helping Friends – Boscov’s – flyer coming together for fundraising opportunity in October
- Cider + Donuts, Trunk or Treat, Halloween decorating – all TBD
- Radio Bingo – (Nov 13) Mrs Giordano to review the contracts and release the deposits to Suzanne Fixen who is chairing the event.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2020 @ 7P (evening meeting)

Attendance

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| Mrs. Giordano | Principal |
| Mrs. Golden | Vice-Principal |
| Tania Sarabia | Co-President |
| Liz Sutphin | Co-President |
| Alina Fotache | Vice President |
| Anita Esser | Treasurer / PFE |
| Jennifer Schimpf | Past Treasurer |
| Samantha Fogliano | Corresponding Secretary |
| Susan Marino | Technology |
| Bogi Chamberlin | Fundraising |
| Jenna Laible | Spirituality/Care Steps |
| Travis Sutphin | Royals |
| Chuck Pugliese | Royals |
| Rosemary Carson | Diocese of Trenton |

Parents

Alexandra Farro

Jolene Suth

Ann Clark

Suzanne Fixsen

Betty Kelleher

Diana Davis

Kerry Bray

Katie Stigliano

Nicole Ridberg

Karen Haney

(Halloween decorations/ host Mom's Clubs)

(Philly Pretzel)

(Radio Bingo)

Recording Secretary