

Saint James Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: November 10, 2021 7:00pm

Location: SJS Cafeteria

Opening Prayer - Mrs. Giordano

Principal & Vice Principal Report - Mrs. Giordano and Mrs. Golden

- Thus far we've already held some phenomenal events! Each event had a great response and turnout, job well done! It has been nice to see some new helping hands. We know it is not easy, thank you everyone for all of your hard work.
- New playground update: construction is complete, finishing add on touches will be done over the course of the near future; some landscaping including a raised garden bed for planting flowers, vegetables and gardening for students to take part in and outdoor chalkboards. Mr. Hanlon agreed to help find fathers (Royals) to put sealer on the fence around the playground. Thank you to Msgr. Rosie for his continued support and rolling with the changes as they came about. We are looking forward to the playground's growth and additions, ideas include some canopies and more enhancements for the outdoor classroom. Ribbon cutting and the honoring of Mrs. Villani's Clubhouse within the new playground is scheduled for Monday morning, November 15th with our PreK through K grades.
- Trunk or Treat had a wonderful turnout despite the last minute date change due to the weather forecast, everyone really came together and pulled it off. The trunks were fabulous and the children had a blast.
- Added Tree Lighting to take place on Sunday November 28th after the 5:30pm mass. We will need lights and please look into hot chocolate.

President Report - Sam Fogliano and Tricia Sirico

- Recap of fall events; great turn outs, lots of fun, thank you! Even with the last minute changes to our Halloween festivities, we had a great turnout and amazing job done by all. Looking forward to keeping the momentum going.
- The upcoming Ladies Night Out event at Beacon Hill Country Club so far has had a great RSVP, 93 reservations have been sold thus far; Ms. Nelsen would love to get the number to 125. Ms. Nelsen Requests \$500 for baskets, wrappings, tickets etc for the event. (\$500 motioned by Anita, 2nd by Suzanne and approved by Mrs. Giordano). Reminder that tickets for the raffles that night must be purchased with cash or check. There is no ATM. Also, only "smart" denim is allowed. A FAQ regarding the event will be in the blast.
- On behalf of Ms. Nelsen, thank you to the PTA for the get well flowers.
- Turkey Trot to be held in the school gym during school hours on Monday November 22nd. The trot is open to PreK through 3rd grade. The trotters will seek sponsors for their laps made.
- Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday December 11th at 9:30am-11:30am in the school cafeteria. We are in need of donations and volunteers. Tricia requests

\$1,000 budget for Santa and food expenses. (\$1,000 motioned for by Anita, 2nd by Suzanne and approved by Mrs. Giordano).

- Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday, November 28th after the 5:30pm mass.
- Scholastic Book Fair will run week of December 6th and will be also be available during Breakfast with Santa.
- Charleston Wrap fundraiser will close on November 30th.
- Jingle Bell Jackpot is underway, tickets were mailed out to each school family, many have already been returned to school and quite a few requests received for more tickets. Bogi is looking for student/parent volunteers to sell tickets after some masses, volunteer sign up was included in last Sunday's e-blast, no one has signed up to date, we may need to send a separate Eblast. Mrs. Giordano requested Jingle Bell Jackpot tickets be dropped off to the Business Office for staff.
- School Clubs for the month of February, Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will be in need of volunteers.
- Upcoming events include; Basketball Blowout 1/7/22, Ice Skating Outing 1/19/22, Polar Plunge 2/6/22.

Vice President Report - Michelle Maddock

-Yestercades half day buy back was great, our profits sit at approximately \$750 from their very generous 50% of their sales back to us. For the first Mom's Club Night at the Dublin House, we received \$166. Fresh in Middletown did a buy back for us today and our next one will be with Jersey Mikes.

-Learning Express has partnered with us again to do a give back of 20% of their sales when holiday shoppers mention our school name between the dates Nov 28th-Dec 4th.

-Moms Club "Socialize and Shop" is scheduled for December 2nd from 5-8pm at Bungalow Road in Sea Bright. They will be giving back 15% of their sales for sales all day on December 2nd when shoppers mention Saint James, as well as during the "Socialize and Shop" event in the store.

-Upcoming Core Fitness, January 20th, will be a give back and Alpha Fitness is also interested in pairing with us for one.

Recording Secretary Report - Suzanne Fixsen

-Approval for September's PTA minutes requested and given.

-Suzanne requests \$500 for "Mark That Melody" DJ deposit. (\$500 motioned for by Anita, 2nd by Samantha, approved by Mrs. Giordano).

-Communications with local businesses for After School Clubs for the month of February 2022 has been going well, some details and logistics have been discussed and can be done so further should we want to move forward with them. Vendors that are interested in doing clubs for us are: Snapology, Studio 295 Dance, Fair Haven Martial Arts, Canvas Art Studio, possibly A Time to Kiln. There are four full weeks in February and we would like to consider the clubs to run for all four weeks, total of 4 Tuesdays and 4 Thursdays (Feb 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24). Like in the past, Clubs would be offered in two age groups, K-2nd and 3rd-5th. Space within the school will be needed to provide a

designated location for each club, i.e. cafeteria, gym, classroom. Suzanne will provide an email with the details for each club.

Treasurer Report - Anita Esser

- The pop up used uniform sale helped a lot of those in need of items, \$336 was raised.
- Jingle Bell Jackpot ticket sales count toward PTA commitment fee dollar for dollar as does the Polar Plunge.
- At this time the account balance stands at \$28,577 through October 2021.

Corresponding Secretary Report - Jenna Liable

- Thank you notes have been sent to all that were to receive.
- Get Well flowers and sentiments were sent to Ms. Nelsen.
- Stocking Stuffer fundraiser is off to a really great start and many orders have been received already.

Hospitality Report - Noelle Fitzpatrick

- Second bagel day went well, 13 moms helped out - Thank You! Bagel orders have had a strong response and so far are at approximately 320 sold to students and staff, which is more than half of the school. We will need volunteers for the upcoming bagel days, our next bagel day is in 3 weeks, on Friday, December 3rd.

Spirituality Report - Dulce Arce

- There are many opportunities available for students who need to fulfill service hours. There are still some restrictions at many places due to COVID but we do have some immediate opportunities that can help students fulfill their required service hours. Mrs. Arce will schedule a meeting with Mrs. Giordano and Mrs. Golden to discuss opportunities in detail.

SJAA Report - Adrienne Suppino

- Winter sports have begun
- Basketball Blowout will be on January 7th, 2022. A separate meeting will be scheduled for the Royals, Mrs. Giordano, Mrs. Golden, and Mrs. Fogliano to discuss schedule of events for Basketball Blowout.
- Pickleball event will be chaired by Kelly Boyle and held on February 26, 2022 from 6-9pm at Shrewsbury Raquet Club, this is an adult only event. A save the date flyer has been approved by Mrs. Giordano and will be sent out within the coming weeks.
- Mr. Hanlon will help to create and make active a master sports calendar.

Technology Report - Susan Marino

- The last few e-blasts have contained a lot of information and reminders, some events, messages will need to be prioritized or separated.
- Ice Skating Event will be held at The Armory Ice Rink on January 19, 2022. Susan requests \$1,000 for a deposit for this event. (\$1,000 motioned for by Anita, 2nd by Suzanne and approved by Mrs. Golden & Mrs. Golden).

Open Discussion:

- Next Royals meeting will be on November 18th 7pm at Frederico's on Main
- Next PTA Meeting will be on January 12, 2022

Closing Remarks - Monsignor Rosie

- Masses with the children are going well. Seeing them engaged is wonderful and we are keeping the spirit alive in many ways. The continuous building of community and involvement has been wonderful.
- Prayer

Attendance

Laura Lapitzki
Jessica Crocco
Dulce Acre
Brian Hanlon
Susan Marino
Adrienne Suppino
Jenna Liable
Anita Esser
Suzanne Fixsen
Michelle Maddock
Tricia Sirico
Samantha Fogliano
Mrs. Golden
Mrs. Girodano
Msgr. Rosie