

Saint James Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: September 8, 2021 7:00pm

Location: SJS Cafeteria

Opening Prayer and Remarks- Msgr. Rosie

- Msgr. Rosie is very excited and happy to see the campus full of children and families again, noting the tremendous sense of community and spirit. He is looking forward to a great fun filled year for all. Acknowledgments to the PTA and supporters; we not only raise funds but we create the fun within the fundraising.

Principal's Report - Mrs. Giordano

- We are very excited to be back and in full swing, and the children are too!
- Mugs & Muffins was a great event with very good feedback. The rain was a blessing in disguise as it was very nice to have the event inside our school.
- New staff and many new families to our school, Welcome!
- CARES ACT Fund: We were able to provide chrome books with classroom charging carts to grades 2 through 8. We have applied for new COVID relief funds for the intention of iPads for our youngest students.
- Royals Dads; Thank You for all of the help moving desks and furniture prior to school reopening.
- Some goals for PTA funds include; "Dream Big" air conditioning for our gym, new smart boards, fulfilling some teachers' goals too with teaching materials such as printers & computers. Teachers need technology to do what they do best, Teach!
- We are looking forward to having events and keeping to our calendar as best we can, it is important for all, and we will roll with any changes as needed.

Vice Principal's Report - Mrs. Golden

- Thank you to the PTA for all that they do, the fundraising is crucial and one of the many things our PTA funds are used for include books and new teaching programs. We have recently purchased brand new Social Studies curriculum, we have a beautiful new Art Room that the children absolutely love and enjoy. In addition to the few aforementioned, we added another 3 year old pre school classroom for our growing school community and another area of recent refurbishing because of PTA funds is our Nurse's room.

President's Report - Tricia Sirico and Sam Fogliano

- Introduction of themselves and the PTA Board.
- Mugs & Muffins; 72 people signed up to attend and 65 showed. The event worked very well in the gym, we would like to follow suit for future ones. The feedback was very good and very positive, everyone really enjoyed this event.
- PTA will be organizing bagels and coffee for teachers and staff for one Friday of every month. The bagels and coffee will be provided by a volunteer family, sign up invitation will be sent to the entire school via eblast.

- Thank you to the New Family Welcome Committee! We had really nice feedback and the efforts made are noted.
- Our Mini Golf Event is coming up, September 21st, at Blue Grass Mini Golf and Frederico's on Main will be doing a buy back to our school on all food orders placed that day when patrons mention SJS. Thank You Mazza Family!
- Welcome Back to School Mass will be Sunday, September 12th and all are invited for donuts and coffee outside of church after masses.
- The Cornhole Event is returning this October, Saturday 10/2. This is a student council run event and we are looking forward to it.
- Boscov's Friends Helping Friends shopping passes will also be returning, details to follow.
- Annual Trunk or Treat to be held on Friday October 29th, we will be in need of plenty of volunteers and decorated trunks, more info to come.
- Calendar at a glance for this school year's events will be added to the website.
- We are looking for a Spirituality Chairperson, please reach out if interested.
- Volunteers are always needed and welcome for all kinds of PTA related things throughout the school year, please join us!
- SJS PTA is looking to partner with family businesses owned by people within our school community. We'd love to hear from you!
- Ladies Night Out Event will return this year in November at The Beacon Hill Country Club. Mark your calendar and get the girls together! More on this awesome event to come.

Vice President's Report - Michelle Maddock

- We have 77 new families in our school; Welcome! and Thank you to the New Family Welcome Committee!
- Our Mothers Club would like to have meetings and outings paired with local and school family owned businesses. The first one will be held in October at The Dublin House, who will be giving a portion of profits back to our school PTA. More information on this meet up to come.
- We are also looking to have 1/2 day buy backs with local businesses.

Recording Secretary Report - Suzanne Fixsen

- Approval for May 2021 meeting minutes requested and given.

Treasurer's Report - Anita Esser

- The Used Uniform Sale was very successful; thank you to the volunteers! The unofficial amount brought in is \$2,100.
- PTA funds take time to process and trickle down to be finalized and reported.
- No official account balance to report, processes are still taking place and being completed.
- PTA schedule for reimbursements can be found on our website. Please ask for assistance if needed.

Corresponding Secretary Report - given by Sam Fogliano on behalf of Jenna Liable

- Thank you cards will be sent to the Coffee Corral for our Mugs & Muffins event.

Hospitality Report - given by Sam Fogliano on behalf of Noelle Fitzpatrick

- Bagel day will return on some half day Wednesdays throughout the school year with the first being this October 13th. Bagels will be provided by Bagel Masters, who which was to send them already “buttered/cream cheesed” and individually wrapped but they can no longer provide that service, so we will be in need of volunteers the day of to do so.

Technology Report - Susan Marino

- A lot of positive and happy feedback from new families in regards to our New Family Welcome Committee.
- Request for Royals Club meeting schedule and updates so that they can be added to our website and calendars.
- All fliers must be approved by Mrs. Girodano before they are sent for publishing/eblast.

SJAA Report - given by Sam Fogliano on behalf of Adrienne Suppino

- Fall Sports are back and registration has been open.
- Fall Cross Country kicks off on September 10th.
- Upcoming Mini Golf Event, September 21, 4:30pm at Blue Grass Mini Golf, \$18 per person paired with Frederico’s on Main buy back.

Fundraising Chairperson Report - Bogi Chamberlin

- Jingle Bell Jack Pot will be returning. Last year’s Jingle Bell raised \$30,000. This year we will have 8 prizes instead of 7. Prizes include: Apple Watch Series 6 space gray (\$499), Apple iPhone XR unlocked 128gb black (\$549), Apple iPad 128gb with wifi space gray (\$429), HP 14” 2 in 1 Intel Pentium Touchscreen Chromebook (\$359), Apple Airpots Pro white (\$189.99), Beats by Dr. Solo 3 wireless on ear headphones matte black (\$199), Nintendo Switch 32gb console red & blue joy con (\$299), Oculus 2 Quest Advanced VR 128gb (\$299). This year’s total prize value = \$2,822.99

Royals Club Report - Chuck Pugliese and Brian Suth

- First meeting to be Thursday September 22nd at 7pm at Brother’s pizzeria.
- Meetings will be one Thursday every month and will always be at Brother’s with the exception of two meetings to be held at Frederico’s on Main.

Open Discussion

- Where to send PTA email inquiries
- Royals to get an email address
- Our used uniform sale closet is pretty depleted

Attendance:

Msgr. Rosie
Mrs. Girodano
Mrs. Golden
Miss Nelsen
Sam Fogliano
Tricia Sirico
Suzanne Fixsen
Anita Esser
Michelle Maddock
Susan Marino
Bogi Chamberlin
Chuck Pugliese
Natalie Carpentier
Kimberly Hikade
Dulce Arce
Darlene Artherholt
Michelle Clifford
Gabriella Vidal
Jennifer Harrison
Jolene Suth
Lauren Gangemi
Kristen McQueen
Deana Spenser Rice
Catherine Dimon
Milena Santos
Deidre Sanfilippo
Tammy Solaz
Danielle Auriemma
Brian Suth
Patty Dalton
Laura Lapitzki
Jessica Crocco