

Saint James School PTA Meeting

10/26/2016

- Reboot Presentation: Ann Marie DeStefano: Saint James Church is sponsoring the event on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 7-9:30 in the Saint James School gym. Chris Stefanick will deliver his “Chosen” program about why faith matters, and how to apply it to your life. 930 tickets will be available at \$20 each. The next day he will be at the Confirmation Retreat for the candidates at Nativity Parish for another presentation. More info is available through the virtual folder on our website.
- Royals: Ken Keyes: Royals have had 2 meetings so far, with many younger dads joining the group. Breakfast with Santa/Grandparents Tea event has 5 dad volunteers to help clean up after the event. The Basketball Blowout is scheduled for the first Friday after Christmas in the Saint James Gym. \$100 for referee was approved by Lori Doherty and Liz Coscia. The Royals will play the Red Bank Police, JV vs Parents, JV Girls vs parents, and Varsity girls vs boys. Spirit wear and dress down passes will be available to purchase at the event. They are considering a bowling night in Bradley Beach for late January/early February. Cost is looking like \$60 for 2 hours, \$75 for 3 hours. More details will come. Polar Plunge is scheduled for January 8 at Rooney’s in Long Branch. There will be an assembly November 18th. We raised approximately \$12,000 last year, and have a \$20, 000 goal this year. A \$100 donation to DARE was approved by Lori Doherty and Liz Coscia. Next Royals meeting is scheduled for Nov 17.
- Principal’s report: Mrs. Giordano: Trunk or Treat was great. More students than last year, and kids enjoyed the fun. Sports teams are doing well. The school is looking to get more information and details from the coaches. Dare Officer Shields will be visiting the middle school students for Red Ribbon Week to discuss getting the message to say no to drugs. The student council requested Halloween dress up for the entire school. Mrs. Giordano will allow, but no masks, no clowns, and minimal makeup. Alternately, children may wear sports jerseys. The costume parade for Kg-3rd grade begins at 9:30.

Preschool will host their Spooktacular Sing Along. No times will be listed on the school calendar for safety reasons.

We are very proud to receive a \$10,000 Model classroom grant from Ocean First Foundation to create a STEM lab classroom. Saint James School will be running the Read Rock and Roll program again this winter for children 2-5 years old. This free program will run for 6 Wednesdays. In the past, this program proved great for enrollment. Mrs. Giordano noted that changing items on the school calendar is difficult due to the many groups sharing space.

- President's Report: Dana Franznick: A volunteer list was passed as Breakfast with Santa/Grandparents Tea, Santa Shop, and the book fair need volunteers. The Christmas chairs have signed contracts with vendors. We have an Ice Skating chair with the event being held in February. The father/daughter dance and after school clubs are looking for volunteers. Ladies Night Out scheduled for November 18th at the Channel Club in Monmouth Beach from 6:30-9:30 has over 50 tickets sold already. Info and invite flyers are in the online virtual folder. Class baskets are due by November 11. Ms. Nelson will wrap the baskets and provide a list of items and value. Six volunteers are still needed. The PTA basket will contain a Tiffany prize won at the regional PTA event, a Flynn and O'Hara gift certificate, a free week of summer camp, and SJS Spirit wear. Molly Cimini and Maria Rimmele approved.
- Vice President's Report: Molly Cimini: The used uniform sale held on October 19th raised \$381. There are very few items left. Donations of gently used uniforms will be needed before next sale. Trunk or treat had bigger attendance than last year, with more younger students attending. The event raised approximately \$2900, with \$1600 coming from walk-ins that night. Next year we will need more volunteers to check in at the door and an express line for prepaid tickets. The student volunteers were very helpful with set up and clean up as well as the snack bar. A request was made to consider our own speaker system to use at our events.

- Treasurer's Report: Lisa Noonan: The PTA has approximately \$15,600. All deposits are in triplicate with copies for treasurer, depositor, and officer. All three sheets are handed to Mrs. Schimpf in the office or to the Saint James Rectory where they verify and sign off before forwarding to Lisa.
- Recording Secretary: Caryn Owens: Attendance of officers: Present: Dana Franznick, Molly Cimini, Meghan Lupu, Caryn Ownes, Lisa Noonan. Not present: Jeanne O'Connor and Rob Lowe. Meeting minutes from the September 28 meeting were reviewed and approved by Molly Cimini and Liz Coscia.
- Corresponding Secretary Report: Meghan Lupu: Thank you's will be sent to trunk or treat vendors and donators. There is a form letter that can be used. A Spreadsheet is used to keep track of donations.
- Marketing/Legislative Affairs: Liz Coscia: Vendors are logged on a spreadsheet for keeping track of business who donate. Please keep Liz updated via email on any notifications she can put on Facebook.
- Hospitality Report: Lori Dougherty: The Polar Plunge event will begin with breakfast here after Mass, then we will move to the beach at Rooney's in Long Branch.
- Technology Report: Maria Rimmele: The SJS directory was being updated. Emails will be sent out when it is active, sometime early November.
- Spirituality Report: Deanna Ryan: Operation Christmas Child boxes are available. The boxes reach 150 countries to help boys and girls celebrate Christmas. Instructions are inside with a sticker indicating girl or boy, and how to track your package to see where it goes. The mother's club is considering a Pinot's Palette event in December. PFE volunteers should be signing in with the Lobby Guard system in the office. The system will print out a sticker pass with your information. The software has not been running up to par, and complaints have been made to the company. If the system is down, please sign in manually.
- SJAA Report: Laurie Williams: The Golf event raised approximately \$18,000. Mini Golf was a success with 114 golfers participating. The owner of the course complimented our students, and we will be setting a date for next year. Winter sports registration was in person this year to avoid form and fee problems. If your child does not make a team, your registration check will

be returned. Our teams have been doing very well. E-blasts will be sent for playoff information, Mrs. Giordano will make announcements regarding sports team updates.

- Open Discussion: School band is taught by Mr. Kelly every Thursday. More information needs to be shared with the school about this program (possible link on website). Kids can take lessons at 7:30, recess, or their scheduled lesson time. Mrs. Bolan is working on the Art Show for the end of the year. Student's art will be displayed and made available for purchase as a fundraiser to replace the fall fundraiser.

The Wizards basketball event costs have gone up. They were charging \$3600 three years ago, and is \$5500 now. We would need sponsors, concessions, with 456 tickets available to sell so we are putting this event on hold for now. Box tops, ink cartridges, and Stop and Shop programs are still running. A teacher's wish list was talked about with a link through Amazon for parents make a purchase. A flyer and e-blast will be sent to keep it simple. The PTA closet needs an overhaul as it is overcrowded.

- Attendance: Molly Cimini, Ann Marie Destefano, Lori Dougherty, Gidget Zakar, Maureen Dolan, Jennifer Mooney, Kathy Bertekap, Liz Coscia, Alexandra Farro, Lisa Noonan, Tania Sarabia, Laurie Williams, Jackie Mazzucco, Kim Vowteras, Bridget Rupo, Deanna Ryan, Kim Phillips, Maria Rimmel, Meghan Lupu, Dana Franznick, Caryn Owens