

Saint James School PTA Meeting
Saint James Speech Room
March 14, 2018 8:15AM

Opening Prayer: Dana Franznick

Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano

- Finishing up the IOWA tests due to the snow days
- Busy planning for next year, we will have 2 classes for every grade
- We plan to be in school 183 days, which gives us some options for snow days, looking into how we could do delayed openings next year

Co-President's Report: Dana Franznick & Meghan Lupu

- Bagel day had to be rescheduled to Tuesday, March 20 because of the snow day. The vendor was very accommodating and we were able to cancel the order.
- Next bagel day is Wednesday, April 25 – **\$200 approved** by Tania and Dana. We have a great group of mom's who come out every week to help.
- Last day for after school clubs is Thursday, 3/15. Mrs. Christiano has volunteered to run clubs next year. About 100 children attended clubs this year. Thank you to all those who volunteered to make it a success.
- Planning night was March 1st (open meeting but only the current board members showed) – we need chairs for a couple of big events next year.
- We will need a Social Media/Marketing person next year as Liz Coscia is stepping down
- At the Dioceses retreat, the need for social media was discussed, including an Instagram page.
- The Journal magazine, who was a sponsor of the Polar Plunge, mentioned the event in an article: <https://www.thejournalnj.com/articles/journal-nj-helps-support-polar-plunge/>
- Easter Stuffers are under way – Tania Sarabia will take over the stuffers next year.
- The Family Dinner will be on April 17. We plan to hire a magician to help entertain the children. **\$300 was approved** by Molly and Maria
- The Spring Book Fair will run 5/7-11 (school is closed on 5/10). Book lists for summer reading list are due to Mrs. Giordano on 3/15.
- Open classroom is 5/8 from 6:30-8:30 and will give parents a chance to buy the books for the summer reading.

- Field Day, Jim Wester shared a presentation with Mrs. Golden. The PTA would like to do something special for the kids when they get back to school on field day.

Co-Vice President's Report: Molly Cimini & Deanna Ryan

- Mother's Club meeting on 3/22 at Maloney's and is opened to fathers – SUDC awareness speaker – Team Vienna (Vienna Carly Savino).
- Pure Barre donated \$180 back to SJS from the mother's club meeting in February.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Schimpf

- Current balance is approximately \$58,000.
- Polar Plunge is a big event, Family Dinner and Ladies Night Out are coming up.

Recording Secretary's Report: Tania Sarabia

- Meeting notes from February were approved by Jennifer and Maria
- Attendance sheet was passed around

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Travis for Liz Sutphin

- Working on sponsors for Ladies Night Out

Marketing Report: Dana for Liz Coscia

- Liz continues on supporting FB posts – promotes in-school events. Open house is scheduled for 3/22 for PreK – 8. **\$30 approved** for 2 separate FB adds by Tania and Dana
- Legislative E-Blasts come from Mrs. Giordano when things are sent from the Dioceses

Hospitality Committee Report: Lori Dougherty

- Next year planning on rolling the New Family Social into Family Dinner – details are being worked on for September
- Need the Royals help with clean up at the Family Dinner

Technology Report: Maria Rimmele

- Progressive Raffle has raised about \$4300 so far, the rush is on the last day.

- This weekend raffle tickets will be given out at church, if there are any students who can volunteer to hand them out during the masses this weekend.

Spirituality Report: Meghan for Jennifer Marlin

- Box tops collected \$277 – 7A won and will be celebrating on 3/28.
- 6th grade community hours are due 4/10 and 7th grades community hours are due 3/20.
- Jennifer Marlin will be taking over BoxTops next year.
- Looking for someone with daytime availability to help Jennifer with Spirituality

Fundraising: Ali Farro and Meghan Lupu

- Ladies Night Out have 12 vendors, can fit 1 more
- Checking donation letters going out to make sure the same vendors are not being asked to donate
- Will confirm with Mrs. Giordano if we can have the classes donate baskets
- Sweetheart Dance was a success, 64 fathers and 74 girls attended

Partners for Excellence Report: Dana for Gina Rahim

- Gina to meet with Jennifer

SJAA Report: Laura Shroba

- 5K signups are \$25 until 3/15, \$35 afterwards - family sponsorships are \$120 (2 adults and 2 children).
- Looking for the safety vests – Travis to check with the Royals to see if they have them from last year.
- Need volunteers for water, fruit and bagel stations.

Royals Report: Travis Sutphin

- February Royals meeting was at Frederico's, about 10 dads attended.
- Next Royals meeting is 3/29, 7:30 at Maloney's.

Open Discussion:

- Mother and Son self defense class at the Eatontown Martial Arts was a lot of fun. Thank you to Jennifer Smiga for organizing. About 20 participated.
- Used uniform sale is today, 3/14 – next one will be in August. We will need to plan the 8th grade uniform drop off.

- Family Day at the Blue Claws is 5/24 – order your tickets now
- 5/22 is the 8th grade awards night and PTA induction

Next Meeting April 11, 8:15AM

Attendance

Mrs. Giordano	Principal
Dana Franznick	Co-President
Meghan Lupu	Co-President
Molly Cimini	Co-Vice President
Deanna Ryan	Co-Vice President
Tania Sarabia	Recording Secretary
Jennifer Schimpf	Treasurer
Maria Rimmele	Technology
Lori Dougherty	Hospitality
Travis Sutphin	Royals Liaison
Laura Shroba	SJAA
Ali Farro	Special Events/Fundraising