

Saint James School PTA Meeting
Saint James Speech Room
May 2, 2018 8:15AM

Opening Prayer: attendees

Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano

- April was a busy month and it seems May and June are as well with school trips, open classroom (7pm on May 8) and field day
- Open houses have brought in new families that have registered for school
- Buddy students are making a Living Rosary, which will be created together as a school
- Diocesan Day of Service was a big success! Jenny Portella represented the school, as our student council member
- Plumber is coming to see what is needed for the water coolers that will be installed, possibly starting with the third floor
- The wrestling Room is being updated in conjunction with RBC (painting the room and getting new mats)
- Mrs. Golden has applied for a grant through Oceans First Bank. In support of this potential \$10,000 grant, the PTA has agreed to raise \$1000 in support of the proposal. The goal is to significantly update the Art room (i.e., storage areas, a smart board, supplies and new table and chairs)
- Need to change internet filtering system to have more restrictions and purchase a real time antivirus software – cost is \$8,000 a year

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

- Last bagel day was 4/25. Bagel Day raised about \$4500 for the year. Hospitality chairs will be running Bagel Day next school year
- Mrs. Giordano asked Lori Dougherty to partner up new parents with current school parents for the Family Dinner which will replace the New Family Social at the beginning of the next school year
- Family Dinner had 220 people attend and we raised approximately \$2800 after the magician was paid. For next year, we would like to request a sports black out day on the dinner.
- May 22nd at 7PM in the RBC Eck- Center is the installation of the new PTA Board before the formal SJS Awards Ceremony. Board member list needs to be finalized and reviewed with Mrs. Giordano.

- We are currently looking for 2 people that Maria Rimmele can train over the next year to distribute the E-Blasts. Please contact a Board member for more information.
- Book fair is next week, waiting on delivery of books to set up. Ms. Nelsen will remind teachers to sign up.
- We received a matched donation (\$350) from Bank of America. Next year, we should promote business matching programs, especially for the Polar Plunge.

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

- Trying to set up the next Mother's Club meeting at the Cos Bar in Red Bank
- Discussed setting up an Etiquette class for the students for the next school year

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Schimpf

- Current balance is approximately \$51,000.
- 2 more reports will go before the end of June.
- Discussed possibility of end of year letter with a recap of what was done with PTA monies and how much was raised by each event

Recording Secretary's Report: Tania Sarabia

- Meeting notes from April were approved by Meghan and Dana
- Attendance sheet was passed around

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

- Per Ms. Nelsen Thank You's have gone out for Ladies Night Out

Marketing Report: Liz Coscia

- FB ad started this morning targeting surrounding towns promoting grades 1-8. Last open house is 5/17 ads will advertise school and generate enrollment
- Liz will follow-up with the office concerning the Instagram handle

Hospitality Committee Report: Lori Dougherty

- Recapped new responsibilities for next year (Family Dinner, Bagel Day)

Technology Report: Dana for Maria

- Need someone to help Maria who is internet savvy
- **\$400 was approved** by Meghan and Tania for **next years directory**

Spirituality Report:

- No update

Fundraising: Ali Farro & Ms Nelson

- About 90 ladies attended Ladies' night out and there were 19 vendors present, raised about \$8K

PTA Commitment Coordinator: Gina Rahim

- Awaiting approximately 50 families who have not met their commitment.
- Need Mrs. Giordano's approval to move the Progressive Raffle to the Fall so we are not scrambling at the end of the year to collect the monies

SJAA Report: Liz Coscia for Laura Shroba

- 5K is on 5/19 – volunteers are needed, very few spots left to run. Run will start at the Seabright Municipal Building and go down to the 'Whale House' in Monmouth Beach.
- Bag pickup will be at SJS on Friday, 5/18
- Golf outing is coming back next year on 10/5 at Old Orchard Golf Club. The open dinner is being planned for 7PM at the Knights of Columbus in Fair Haven. Mini golf for the kids the following Friday.

Royals Report:

- Travis has volunteers for the 5K

Open Discussion:

- Family Day at the Blue Claws is 5/24
- Field Day is still being planned
- Lawn signs and banner for graduates - **\$400 approved** by Molly and Meghan
- Teachers' luncheon is on 6/13 – Molly will confirm with San Remo - **\$2K approved** by Meghan and Tania
- Dana will write a check for the Spring Conference and then put in for the reimbursement
- Family Dinner is in September **\$500 approved** from next year's budget by Tania and Meghan
- Trunk or Treat is being planned for next year

Attendance

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| Mrs. Giordano | Principal |
| Kira Nelsen | Teacher |
| 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 |
| Liz Coscia | Legislative/Publicity |
| Lori Dougherty | Hospitality |
| Gina Rahim | PFE |
| Ali Farro | Special Events/Fundraising |
| Anita Esser | Parent |
| Danielle Robbins | Parent |