Saint James School PTA Meeting
Speech Room
January 9, 2019 8:15am

Opening Prayer

Principal’s Report: Mrs. Giordano and Mrs. Golden
- The State of NJ security funding was doubled this year and we will be using the funds to replace classroom doors with combination locks to facilitate substitute teachers.
- The closed-circuit monitor in the office will be linked to the principal and vice-principal’s offices.
- The front door camera and intercom will be enhanced for better security.
- Textbook and transportation forms for 2019 are being distributed now in order to meet deadlines.
- Mrs. Giordano met with the SJAA recently and they are in need of volunteers, especially for the 5K walk/run in May. A dress-down day in May will sponsor the contributions needed to Sea Bright for traffic control for the event.

Co-President’s Report: Meghan Lupu and Tania Sarabia
- Holiday Stocking Stuffers raised $960.
- An additional $500 budget was approved for Teacher Appreciation and Catholic Schools week to cover any unforeseen costs.
- Tania to send Mrs Giordano an email with the lawn sign information.

Co-Vice President’s Report: Tania Sarabia for Deanna Ryan and Liz Sutphin
- The Mom’s Club event at Pinot’s Palate was successful and fun with about 14 moms participating. Please share any additional ideas for a next event/outing to either Deanna Ryan.

Treasurer’s Report: Jennifer Schimpf
- The current PTA financial balance is $45,000.

Corresponding Secretary’s Report: Marisa Saliga
- Thank you notes to vendors who donated items to the Blue-Ribbon ceremony and Breakfast with Santa were sent out as well as to the teachers who celebrated special events.

Recording Secretary’s Report: Anita Esser
- Meeting notes from December were approved by Tania Sarabia.
- Set up for the Used Uniform sale will be Wednesday, January 30th in the afternoon. The next e-blast will contain a link for volunteers for the set-up as well as for the sale, scheduled for February 1st 8:30 – 10:30am.
Marketing Report: Molly Cimini
- Facebook advertising going well. Next is Ice Skating event and Polar Plunge.

Hospitality Committee Report: Alina Fotache
- The next bagel day is January 23. A $300 budget was approved.

Technology Report: Susan Marino
- The Progressive Raffle pay-out to Saint James was $8,183
- A $1,000 budget was approved by Molly Cimini and Meghan Lupu for the Ice-Skating event. This year it will be held at the Red Bank Armory. Unfortunately, Middletown Rink was unresponsive to our booking requests.

Spirituality Report: Danielle Robbins
- A Christmas basket was brought over to the Convent for the nuns. An Easter basket was discussed as the next offering.
- The second Ronald McDonald House 6-7th grade volunteer event is scheduled for January 17th.
- Another Box Top collection is scheduled for February 11th.

PTA Family Commitment: Meghan Lupu for Gina Rahim
- Balance due letters for PFE Commitment will be sent momentarily so families can donate along with the Polar Plunge.
- Kidstuff fundraiser raised $1800.
- The PTA Family Commitment will need a new Chairperson next year as Gina’s 2-year term finishes.

SJAA Report: Laura Shroba
- Biddy Basketball underway through February 22nd.
- Spring sports registration is online now. Deadline is Jan 15th. Girls’ softball is questionable since there may not be enough girls to field a team. Softball participation is down because lacrosse has become so popular.
- Run with the Royals 5K event is scheduled for May 18th. The event will generate funds for improvements to the gymnasium including new bleachers, scoreboards and window curtains.

Royals Report: Meghan Lupu for Travis Sutphin
- The next meeting is January 24th 7:30pm at Brothers in Red Bank.
- January 25th is the Basketball Blowout. A $350 budget was approved by Meghan Lupu and Tania Sarabia for the referee(s), Police DARE program, and shirts for the event. Cherubs will kick-off the event at 5:45 with games starting at 6pm. A flyer will go out before the event with finalized details of
the game schedules. Due to the dynamics of this event, next year’s event may be moved to Saturday.

- Pray for warm weather for the Polar Plunge on January 27th with an after-party at Tommy’s in Sea Bright. $1500 in corporate sponsorships has been raised with hopefully another $600 - $1000 more.

Fundraising & Special Events: Allie Morrison, Stephanie Christiano, Dana Franznick, Ali Farro

- After School Clubs are still being finalized to start February 5th. Adult volunteers are still needed. Unfortunately, Build-a-Bear could not accommodate. Legos will be offered along with KidzArt, Paint-a-Tee and A Time to Kiln.
- Ladies Night Out 2019 looking for vendors. Contact Kira Nelson for details. The event will be held on February 22nd at the Beacon Hill CC.
- A $500 budget was approved for Ladies’ Night and the Sweetheart Dance, also at Beacon Hill, scheduled for March 3rd.
- A $500 budget was approved for the 8th grade dance, also to be held at the Beacon Hill CC on June 4th.

Next Meeting scheduled for February 13, 2019 – 8:15am

Attendance
Mrs. Giordano Principal
Mrs. Golden Vice-Principal
Meghan Lupu Co-President
Tania Sarabia Co-President
Jennifer Schimpf Treasurer
Anita Esser Recording Secretary
Marisa Saliga Corresponding Secretary
Jennifer Schimpf Treasurer
Danielle Robbins Spirituality/Care Steps
Molly Cimini Marketing/Legislative
Alina Fotache Hospitality
Susan Marino Technology
Laura Shroba SJAA
Dana Franznick Special Events/Fundraising
Ali Farro Special Events/Fundraising
Ali Morrison Special Events/Fundraising
Stephanie Christiano Special Events/Fundraising
Sandy Hage Parent
Jeannine Malera Parent
Maggie Fagan Parent