

Saint James School PTA Meeting  
Speech Room  
February 13, 2019 8:15am

Opening Prayer

Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano and Mrs. Golden

- The food drives – Ronald McDonald House, Mercy Center and St. Anthony's – have been very successful. The children will be walking the donations to St. Anthony's so they will see first-hand where and how the donations are needed and used.
- Mrs. Giordano thanked everyone for making Catholic School Week and Teacher Appreciation a successful event.
- A much-needed new intercom system is next to be installed using the security funds provided by the State.
- The Scholastic Book fundraiser provided new stands for all the teachers as well as new books.
- Read, Rock & Roll program has a large sign up this session.
- 2019-2020 calendar is in the planning process.
- Fundraisers have gone very well this year with streamlining the activities.

Co-President's Report: Meghan Lupu and Tania Sarabia

- New 'Spirit Wear' will be available in the spring with a ¾-zip nylon and simple logo T-shirts and sweatpants.
- Next year we may offer full-year dress down payments along with full-year bagel day payments to help alleviate some paperwork.
- The 2019-2020 PTA Board is in review. An e-blast to join will be sent shortly.
- The next PTA meeting in March will be an evening meeting and will be open to the parents to solicit ideas for the next school year.

Co-Vice President's Report: Liz Sutphin

- The Teacher luncheon had an attendance of about 40 and stayed within budget.

Treasurer's Report: Meghan Lupu for Jennifer Schimpf

- The current PTA financial balance is \$49,000. The After School Club vendors have not yet been paid.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Meghan Lupu for Marisa Saliga

- We have sent some get well cards out – Mrs. Grey and Mrs. Lepore (office can supply the address) and condolence card for Father Vic, Mrs. Kozack, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Fiorenza (to be sent to the school).
- Card needs to be sent to the Falco family

#### Recording Secretary's Report: Anita Esser

- Meeting notes from January were approved by Tania Sarabia.
- The Used Uniform sale on February 1<sup>st</sup> was successful with a profit of \$807. The next sale is in August, drop-off dates TBD.

#### Marketing Report: Molly Cimini

- Facebook advertising going well, interest is being generated when the events are posted.

#### Hospitality Committee Report: Alina Fotache

- The last bagel day is March 13. A \$500 budget was approved.
- So far, bagel days have generated \$5,500 in profit.

#### Technology Report: Meghan Lupu for Susan Marino and Maria Rimmel

- The Ice-Skating event at the Red Bank Armory was well attended with 155 children.
- The next Mass date is still under discussion.
- Reminder of Friday deadline for E-Blast information

#### Spirituality and Care Steps Report: Danielle Robbins

- Box Tops have generated \$441 so far with the next collection being counted next week.
- Last official Caring Cooks at the Ronald McDonald house was on 1/17

#### PTA Family Commitment: Meghan Lupu for Gina Rahim

- Balance due letters for PFE Commitment will be sent by April 15<sup>th</sup> and once the Polar Plunge donations have been updated.

#### SJAA Report: Laura Shroba

- Unfortunately, there were not enough girls for spring softball but we are looking into co-op'ing with other schools to make a team.
- The May 18<sup>th</sup> 5K event in Long Branch will kick off with an in-school walkathon.
- Registration forms for the 5K are available online and will go towards the purchase of new bleachers for the gym.
- Dates are still being discussed for baseball and lacrosse try-outs.

#### Royals Report: Travis Sutphin

- The next meeting is February 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30pm at The Brothers in Red Bank.
- Basketball Blow Out give back donation still needs to be collected.
- Polar Plunge was successful even with the last-minute time change by Sea Bright. We tried to get the word out as soon as we found out.

- We discovered that St. Mary's made an enormous amount of money from their Polar Plunge so we will meet with them to discuss what we can improve for next year.
- Polar Plunge Recap story in the Trenton Monitor  
<https://trentonmonitor.com/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=19983&SectionID=5&SubSectionID=236&S=1>

#### Fundraising & Special Events: Stephanie Christiano

- After School Clubs are going strong.
- A Book Fair fundraiser is being planned for May to include Summer Reading requirements.
- Basket donations and ticket sales continue for Ladies Night Out on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Sweetheart Dance invitations for March 3<sup>rd</sup> were sent home with the students.

#### Open Discussion

- A Student Council fundraiser was discussed for March 29<sup>th</sup>- a family Cornhole tournament in the gym.
- Fundraising and food events for year-end were discussed. June 3<sup>rd</sup> is 8<sup>th</sup> grade Fun Day and a half day for RBC so the cafeteria is closed. A food fundraiser may be offered. Chik-Fil-A, Jersey Mikes, ices or ice cream sandwiches were discussed- Meghan Lupu will present detailed options at the March meeting.
- Food will be provided by the PTA at Field Day again this year.
- Lisa Goga looking for dates for A Mother-Son bowling event.

**Next Meeting scheduled for March 13, 2019 – 7:00pm**

#### **Attendance**

Mrs. Giordano	Principal
Mrs. Golden	Vice-Principal
Meghan Lupu	Co-President
Tania Sarabia	Co-President
Liz Sutphin	Co-Vice President
Anita Esser	Recording Secretary
Danielle Robbins	Spirituality/Care Steps
Molly Cimini	Marketing/Legislative
Alina Fotache	Hospitality
Laura Shroba	SJAA
Travis Sutphin (via video call)	Royals Liaison

