

Saint James School PTA Meeting
Saint James Cafeteria
October 4, 2017 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer: Jennifer Marlin

Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano

- Finding a Fourth Grade/Spanish teacher with the right fit has been difficult. Mrs. Seslar is teaching Religion and Social Studies for the fourth grade and they have a combined homeroom. A new Spanish teacher was hired and he will be teaching one of the 5th grade classes as well as 6-8th grades.
- Middle School dance is on 10/13, 7-9PM in the gym. It is easier to set up and breakdown in the gym than the cafeteria. The dance is early in the month so it does not compete with the RBC football schedule as the students do not attend the dance when there is a game.
- The Student Council spearheaded the collections for the schools affected by Hurricane Harry. Mrs. Giordano wants the Student Council to be more involved and this was a good start.
- Solar Panel circuits will be going in this week and then they need to be tested and pass inspection all should be up and running by the end of November.
- Stem Lab is slowly coming together. Furniture delivery has been difficult to schedule.
- Looking to start a Friendship/Kindness program – enforcing respect, kindness and how to treat others. Children sometimes don't realize when they are not being kind to one another. Hoping to incorporate the program as part of the religion classes. Parents will need to get involved also so the lessons are reinforced at home. Mrs. Giordano is welcoming suggestions to get this going. The older student's program will be tying into the 10 Commandments. **\$200 was approved** by Jennifer Marlin and Meghan Lupu.
- Picture day was today – the photographers were great, they were in and out.
- School will be closed on November 1.
- Looking forward to the Halloween Parade for the younger students.
- Can we think about bringing back Trunk or Treat for next year? Students are disappointed there will not be one this year.

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

- Dana, Meghan, Molly and Mrs. Giordano all attended the PTA Fall Conference. It was interesting to speak to other schools to see what works for them and what doesn't.
- First Bagel Day went smoothly except RBC came down to the cafeteria while the bagels were still being sorted out. Dana Franznick and Tania Sarabia **approved \$125** for the next bagel day on October 11.
- About half the tickets have been sold for Oktoberfest on 10/20. Rob is working on the sponsors. An email will go out to attendees prior to the event explaining parking, etc.
- Halloween parade will end towards the back of the gym outside, Mrs. Giordano to confirm the logistics of the parade and the preschool show.
- Breakfast with Santa will be run by Lauren and Ms. Rose – they are still in the planning stage. Hoping to have the Gingerbread House competition again this year. **\$1500 was approved** by Travis Sutphin and Meghan Lupu for Breakfast with Santa.
- Poinsettia Sale will replace the Santa Shop this year. Preorders will be taken, not sure if we will be offering 3 variety of colors and sizes. Pickup will be at Breakfast with Santa

Co-Vice President's Report: Deanna Ryan

- Discussed the Kindness Campaign – Court Liquors will be holding a wine night and Mrs. Cavanagh will be discussing braces and dental hygiene on a separate night.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Schimpf

- Approximately \$18,700 Balance, mostly from PFE funds that were sent in over the summer.

Recording Secretary's Report: Tania Sarabia

- Meeting notes from September were approved by Meghan Lupu and Deanna Ryan
- Attendance sheet was passed around.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Dana Franznick for Liz Sutphin

- Kid's Stuff books made about \$1850 profit to date
- Cards for new babies or condolence cards will be sent out

Marketing Report: Dana Franznick for Liz Coscia

- Let Liz know if we need anything posted on Facebook.

Hospitality Committee Report: Dana Franznick for Lori Dougherty & Marisa Saliga

- New Family Social was a nice night, costs were about \$200, need to discuss room for next year.

Technology Report: Maria Rimmele

- The directory updates are done and emails to confirm your information will go out soon, MySchoolAnywhere App can be download.
- E-Blasts are moving along.

Spirituality Report: Kim Vowteras & Jennifer Marlin

- Box Top Contest ends 10/18-19, box tops should be sent in before then.
- Research is being done to give the 6th-7th graders a service project.

Partners for Excellence Report: Dana Franznick for Gina Rahim

- PTA commitment fees have been coming in.
- Only two options to fund raise this year, Polar Plunge and Progressive Raffle. An email will go out after the Polar Plunge advising families what they owe on their commitment.

SJAA Report: Dana Franznick for Laura Shroba

- Mrs. Giordano wanted to discuss what we should put in the center circle of the gym floor – both ends will say, Saint James.

Royals Report: Travis Sutphin

- 1st Royals meeting was on 9/28 at Brother's and 17 dads attended.
- Trying to update the mailing list to increase the participation.
- Researching a Family Fun Day – possibly at Skyzone. Mrs. Giordano suggested 12/8 as the students won't have classes.
- 65 Kid's Stuff books are needed for the teachers and RBC.
- Next Royals meeting is 10/26, at 7PM – may be a change of venue.
- Discussed, t-shirts or beach towels for the Polar Plunge

Open Discussion:

- 8th grade events are being coordinated by 3 8th grade moms. **\$1000 was approved** by Meghan Lupu and Jennifer Marlin for the Shadowbrook deposit for the 8th grade dance on 6/5/18. New venue may be needed for next year, minimum number of people are required and as the classes get smaller we are paying to meet a minimum.
- May need to have meeting in a different room, lots of difficulties hearing in the cafeteria.

Next Meeting November 8, 2017, 8:15 AM

Attendance

Mrs. Giordano	Principal
Mrs. Golden	Vice Principal
Kira Nelson	Teacher Rep
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
Jennifer Marlin	Spirituality/Care Steps
Kim Vowteras	Spirituality/Care Steps
Maria Rimmele	Technology
Travis Sutphin	Royals Liaison
Rob Lowe	Special Events
Ali Farro	Special Events
Maggie Millen	
Shalini Rebello-Baptista	
Bradley Baptista	