

Divine Savior Catholic School – PtA Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, January 16, 2025 - 6:03 p.m.

**Attendance:** *Janine Morano, Kati Dimmer, Jill Casper, Amanda Watry, Sara Starr, Mindy McDaniel, Carli Reuteler, Holly DelPonte, Jennifer Tadeo, Miccah Leiphart, Jodi Juhre, Jacob Birenbaum, Megan Buechler, Kim Knetter, Amy Tesker, Lindsay Dieterich, Joslyn Huiras, Jen Stern, Holly Masengarb, Nicole Bishop, Alex Sutinen, Melissa Doherty, Nicole Kliner, Albert Kliner, Carla Schommer, Michele Steffen. Sarah Jante, Amy Dubey, Tim Dubey, Eve Burmesch, Josh McDaniel, Samantha Conrad, lynda Schmitt.*

- A. Call meeting to order/Opening Prayer/DSCS Mission Statement – Janine Morano
  - a. Mission Statement: The mission of Divine Savior Catholic School is to provide an environment for children to excel personally, academically, and spiritually. Together we share in the mission of Divine Savior Parish to foster a faith-filled community where Catholic values are learned through prayer, service, and love. Our goal is to use these values to develop lifelong learners and compassionate leaders.
- B. Additions to Agenda *No Additions to Agenda*
- C. Introductions: everyone share their name, Kids/Grades and Favorite Candy/Snack *Everyone shared*
- D. Approval of September 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes *Approved by Jodi Juhre and Nicole Kliner*
- E. Principal's Report – Lynn Sauer *Grant was awarded that Carla Schommer will be using for raised garden beds, green house and hydroponic system. LOA Money came in for security doors for the office (doors will be buzz in doors) Another grant came in for \$17,000 which will be used for therapy and tuition assistance. A Bruce Krier grant will be applied for in February and the staff is brainstorming and what to write for.*
- F. TEACHER(s) REPORT Science of Reading-*Carla Schommer gave an overview of the program and that Vicki Malueg and Melissa Doherty attended the conference as well. The teachers plan on implementing some of the ideas they learned but were glad to learn they were already using some of the methods already.*
- G. Treasurer's Report – Amanda Watry
  - a. Balance in Checkbook **\$47,880.46** *Amanda gave an overview of the Treasury report, Jodi Juhre and Nicole Kliner approved.*
    - 1. Planned Expenses
      - a. Staff Appreciation \$1,800
      - b. Grandparents/Special Friends Day \$1,000
      - c. Parish Commitment \$60,000
      - d. Field trip contribution \$500
      - e. Teacher's wish list \$4,000
      - f. TOTAL EXPENSES: \$67,300
    - 2. Profits to date
      - a. Fall Festival/Trivia Night: \$19,265.06
      - b. Calendar of Cash: \$26,385.25
      - c. SCRIP: \$5,118.38
      - d. Craft Fair: \$1,561.79
      - e. Fish Fries:
      - f. Bowl A Thon:
      - g. Flower Sale:
      - h. Music in the Park:

## H. President's Report – Janine Morano

- a. Welcome
- b. Lots of volunteer opportunities this year 😊 *Janine gave an update/overview of the many opportunities we have for volunteering this year. Reminder about the Safeguarding Class held at DSCS Jan 20. Catholic Schools week is coming up at the end of January and there will be Mass, pancake breakfast, Open House, and volleyball/bingo.*
  - i. Safe Environment training, in case you missed the one in October there is another one on Monday January 20 at 6pm at DSCS. Required by the Archdiocese for anyone working with children (School, Faith Formation, VBS, Mission Trip etc)
  - ii. Catholic Schools Week Events 1/16-2/25
- c. Mail *Janine shared thank you cards*
- d. Faith Minute/Reflection *Janine shared opportunities to live out faith at home*
  - i. [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com) for Daily Reflections and gospel reflections.
  - ii. Rosary in a Year podcast from Ascension

## I. Fundraiser / Committee Reports

- a. **Fall Fundraiser:** Lynn/Jodi Juhre/Michele Steffen *Jodi Juhre shared that the Calendar of Cash went well, some families sold more than the required amount and our sales were up this year. Janine shared that the trivia went well even though we had less teams this year; we brought back some games and the online auction went well. Mindy McDaniel said she would help out next year with Michelle and Sarah.*
  - i. Was in conjunction with Catholic School Walk to make the most of matching funds. The Fall Event took place on October 19 and the Catholic Soles Walk will take place on October 12- UPDATE:
  - ii. The Fall Event will be a Trivia Event UPDATE:
  - iii. Calendar of Cash is a mandatory fundraiser, but we will only have to sell raffle tickets once. Each family required to sell \$400 of raffle tickets (20 tickets at \$20 each) UPDATE:
- b. **Fish Fry:** Kim Knetter: *Kim is looking for more volunteers to help co-chair the Fish Fry committee. As of right now the committee is Kim, Janine Morano and Nicole Bishop. If you are interested please reach out to her or the PTA. When being on the committee it counts towards your volunteer requirement. Kim is looking for help with Marketing, kitchen, bar, raffle and Thursday/Friday prep. Each family will be required to work 3 shifts ( can be prep time Thursday, Friday or working the actual event.) NEW THIS YEAR the time being served will be changed to 4:30-7pm vs 8 pm. We will still have dine in, pick up, curbside and all you can eat options.*
  - i. Dates all 3 during lent **Feb 28, March 21 and April 4**
  - ii. Sign ups will be sent out, everyone here gets first pick :)
- c. **Scrip:** Jessi Eischen & Jen Stern (OLL no longer selling Scrip) UPDATE: *DSCS took on Burmeches and Globe Lanes from OLL. If anyone has any other local business they want SCRIP for let Jessi or Jen know. There is an incentive to buy Culvers SCRIP in anticipation of the Culvers night as part of Catholic School week. There are plenty of Culvers cards on hand.*
- d. **Flower Sale:** Megan Buechler & Julie Schueller *This will be Megan and Julie's last year heading the flower sale. If you are interested in taking over please contact either one of them or the PTA. Duties entail contacting the greenhouse in January/February, setting up order form and online ordering, selling at fish fries, advertising in bulletin and on facebook, collecting money, organizing the flowers after drop off and set up, and being available for pick up day. No new greenhouse will be used, they are sticking with Bemis.*
  - i. Date for pickup in May 9, 2025

- ii. UPDATE on the greenhouse
- e. **Bowl-a-thon:** Scott Cavanaugh/Jodi Juhre- *Jodi started sending out donation letters, if anyone has anything to donate for the raffle baskets let her know. The items will be displayed at Globe Lanes ahead of the event so multiple people can buy tickets. Event will be Saturday & Sunday with 3 time slots on Sat and 2 on Sunday. Teams of 4 can choose the day to bowl.*
  - i. This will be a two day event on Saturday March 29 and Sunday March 30
- f. **Craft Fair:** Fall/Christmas event date November 9 from 9-2pm.  
Not as successful as the spring event as there were other Craft Fairs in the area on the same day. We raised a total of \$1561.79 *Raised the same amount of money as the March event but had more traffic in Spring. If we do another Craft Fair it's suggested to do it in Spring to avoid the busy season of Craft Fairs.*
- g. **Grandparent's Day:** Jen Stern & Amy Cavanaugh- *Jen Stern gave the update and it was discussed how to better serve 300 people. We're going to dismiss the younger kids with their grandparents first and eat in shifts and see how that flow goes.*  
Discuss how to serve 300 people more efficiently-We served 300 people that day it took 45 minutes to serve everyone. *Suggested that Grandparents are released after the younger students are complete with their program if they don't have older grandchildren. Tabled to this PTA meeting to discuss ways to move 300 through the food line.*
- h. **Marketing and Retention:** Lynn Sauer / R&R Committee *Lynn gave an update, the committee had met this past Tuesday and discussed some Social Media updates and events to add. Pasties with Parents will still be ran by the teachers, however it was brought up to extend it to the older students/grades as well.*
  - i. Movie Nights (We have a license to show through the Parish(s))
  - ii. Pastries for Parents
  - iii. Open Gym (during winter months)
  - iiii. Committee members are needed

J. Old Business:

K. New Business:

- a. Adding fundraisers/advertisement opportunities?
  - i. Booth/carnival at the Random Lake Fireman's Picnic? *Discussed but tabled for later if needed.*  
Sell concessions at one of the Random Lake music in the park? *Carli has been in contact with Music in the Park, they asked for some dates from us that we would be interested in. Dates were discussed and we'll be aiming for August dates. Event takes place on Thursday evening from 5-9pm at the Bob McDermitt Park in Random (the lake park). We can sell whatever food we want, there is no rental fee, we keep the profits, we will need about 8-10 people to work this event.*  
Trunk or Treat in Random Oct 31 at Bob McDermitt Park.  
Random's Fall Fest/ Work share booth with OLL *(Kati had handouts at the Fall Fest Booth in RL. New Outreach Coordinator will need to be contacted to hand those items out this Fall. It was discussed that someone set up a booth dedicated to DSCS- it's been shared with OLL and has worked well sharing a booth.*  
Other Ideas
- b. Need for a January Meeting? Look at doing just Fall and Spring? *It was discussed to not have the January meeting and only have a fall and spring meeting. However the majority of people like the January meeting since we discuss the spring events and the Fish Fries. It was brought up to have a family fun night so parents can get to know each other, ideas were game night or movie night. It will be discussed at the May meeting.*

L. Ideas/discussions/concern/questions/reminders

- a. Kati's Term is up at the end of the year. Please consider volunteering as VP/Secretary voting to take place at May Meeting. *Job entails making the agenda and meeting minutes, attending the Advisory meeting in person every other month 1 Tuesday evening starting at 6:30pm. Helping with food, set up/clean up of the PTA meetings. If anyone is interested the voting for the new VP/Secretary will take place at the May meeting. It's a two year commitment.*

Adjournment/closing prayer. *Meeting ended with an Our Father, Jen Stern and Kim Knetter motioned to adjourn, meeting was then adjourned at 7:16pm.*

***Next Meeting is May 20, 2025 Dinner at 5:30pm , Meeting starts 6:00pm.***