

Divine Savior Catholic School-PTA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 6:00pm

Attendance: Janine Morano, Lynn Sauer, Holly Masengarb, Mary Phillips, Michele Steffen, Lisa Fellenz, Jen Tadeo, Melissa Doherty, Jodi Juhre, Holly DelPonte, Jessi Eischen, Arionne Bemis, Cole Bemis, Lindsey Chamley, Amanda Watry, Chelsea McAdams, Julie Schueller, Mindy McDaniel, Megan Buechler, Carla Schommer, Jennifer Stern, Jennifer Walter, Brenda Pawling, Vicki Malueg, Mary Hamm, Brad Meissner, Kim Knetter, Cathy Cuppan, Kati Dimmer, Angie Leider, Adria Batista, Maddie Schueller

6:00 pm

Call meeting to order/opening prayer/DSCS Mission Statement-Janine Morano

No Additions were made to the agenda.

Approval of May 9, 2023 Minutes: Motion: Jodi Juhre, 2nd: Michele Steffen

Principal's Report: Lynn provided update on accreditation coming up in the next few weeks. Staff has done a wonderful job and have been working hard to prepare. Families may receive phone calls from the accreditation team to interview them about the school. DSCS received a grant from the Bruce Krier Foundation for new math and science materials. Received a grant of \$10,000 from the Archdiocese to put toward a digital sign to replace our sign on the front of the school. First few weeks of school have been going well and the older kids are helping the younger ones out.

Technology Report: Vicki Malueg cleaned all the chrome books over the summer and got them ready for this year. All teacher and Administrative computers were replaced. We received another grant of \$7,450 to replace 30 Chromebooks that will no longer be supported due to being outdated. We also got a new contract for the copy machines.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Cuppan Balance in the checkbook: \$12,529.75. Discussed proposed budget and need to raise \$67,300 for our parish commitment, teacher wish list, field trips, staff appreciation, and Grandparent's/Special Friend's Day brunch. Current projected profits from this year's fund raisers is around \$60,000.

President's Report: Janine Morano

Treasurer's term will be up this year, and we will need to elect a new one in spring. Anyone interested may reach out to current Treasurer, Cathy Cuppan, with any questions or to shadow her.

New Secretary for this term (2023-2026) is needed as the current one had to step down. Kati Dimmer was nominated and accepted; a unanimous vote was taken.

Read Thank You notes the PtA received from teachers for various gifts throughout the past year.

Shared a daily podcast for lives of the saints for kids/families: www.themerrybeggars.com

Fundraiser/Committee Reports

Fall Fundraiser: Lynn and Jodi Juhre

The Catholic School Walk is set for October 14th with the theme Come Follow Me. The students will be creating signs about Faith Leaders to line the walk route. This will be held rain or shine, and the carnival will again be held after at the school. This is a matching funds event with the Archdiocese and is co-branded with the calendar raffle and Smarty Pants Trivia Night on 10/21. Money raised from this event will go towards playground updates. Jodi reported on the calendar raffle; tickets will be sent home with students on Monday, October 16th. Each family is required to sell \$300 worth of tickets (15 tickets). The more we sell, the more we earn, so everyone is encourage to sell as

many as possible, and turn them in by November 14th to count towards the matching funds. Winners will be drawn starting in January-March on school days. Prizes range from \$50-\$150. Winners will be posted on Facebook and checks will be mailed to winner the following week.

Scrip: Jessi Eischen Kim Buechler and Jen Stern have joined the SCRIP committee, and sales will begin at school again this year, as well as at mass. Watch for coming dates and information. Use of the app is strongly encouraged; this is one of the easiest fundraisers we have!

Flower Sale: Megan Buechler and Julie Schueller have agreed to chair this again. Will be held in spring.

Grandparent/Special Friend's Day: Jen Stern has agreed to chair this event again this year. Held the 1st Friday of May.

Beer and Wine Tasting: Lynn/R&R committee This event was canceled last year due to too much competition with other events. Money raised from this event went to scholarships for families to come to DSCS; Lynn has gotten a relationship with 2 Eagles Foundation that has been covering the scholarships for now. Will be coming up with a new event in the future to replace this one.

2023-2024 Volunteer Commitments were reviewed. Each family will need to do: 1 shift at one of the fall events- the Walk/Carnival, Trivia Night, or the November Fish Fry. Shifts at the Spring Fish Fries, and 1 other volunteer opportunity throughout the year.

Review of Fundraisers for the coming year:

Fall Event/Walk/Carnival/Trivia Night. There will again be an online auction in conjunction with the Trivia Night. Jenn Walter will help organize and advertise on Facebook. Will open 10/16-10/21, closing at Noon.

Fish Fries: it was proposed to move a Fish Fry to November to avoid all the competition during Lent, as we ran into other fish fries the same nights as ours last year. A 4th fish fry was going to be added, but we are unable to have 4 in 12 months without being licensed as a commercial kitchen. Discussion about having one outside of Lent or all 3 during Lent ensued. A vote was taken and it was decided to have the 3 fish fries on: 11/10, 2/16, and 3/1.

Discussion was held on additional fundraising ideas to help make up the difference in the projected budget.

Jen Tadeo suggested selling Cards for a Cause; these are boxes of 30 different greeting cards for \$30 and school would receive \$13 profit for each box sold.

Lisa Fellenz suggested a Read-a-Thon where the students would get pledges to read. There could be class competitions with special prizes for the highest earning class. Could be held in conjunction with the fish fries so people could sponsor a classroom (like a change war)

Kati Dimmer suggested hosting a craft fair and selling table spaces and snacks. Admission could also be charged to increase profits.

Kati also suggested a movie night where parents could bring their kids from 6-9 and they would watch a movie and do other activities and the parents could go shopping or run errands. We would charge \$20/family and have safeguarded adults to watch the students.

Kati also suggested doing Breakfast with the Bishop-instead of having breakfast with Santa, can have someone dressed up as St. Nick and serve pancakes.

Discussion about the options occurred and there was high interest in the Cards for a Cause, Read A Thon, and Craft Fair. More information on the cards will be needed and samples seen. The Craft Fair will be tabled until next spring to give time to find vendors and get details figured out; Kati is willing to chair this. Lynn and Holly will need to follow up with the insurance company before a movie night could be held. The Read a Thon will be chaired by Lisa Fellenz with Carla Schommer assisting, and will be set up soon.

A discussion was held regarding the budget. Mary Hamm asked if anything could be cut from the budget to reduce fundraising, such as teacher appreciation. Discussed having parents pay for field trips; the cost of busing has increased significantly, or having Grandparents/families contribute to the meal. It was decided to not have any changes made to the budget at this time; will supplement the fundraising with the Read-a-Thon.

Adjournment/Closing prayer-Janine
motion: Jodi Juhre, 2nd: Mary Phillips
7:30pm