

Divine Savior Catholic School – PtA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 - 6:45 p.m.

Attendance: Nicole Klintner, Am Testker, Holly Masengarb, Maddie and Joe Schueller, Megan Buechler, Jennifer Tadeo, Jodi Juhre, Mary Hamm, Lisa Fellenz, Deb Hamm, Kati Dimmer, Kim Knetter, Ashley Fechter, Angie Peterson, Laurie Dybul, Angie Mueller, Janine Morano, Julie Schueller, Holly Del Ponte, Jessica Eischen, Angie and Kyle Uselding, Michele Steffen, Brenda Pawling, Jenn Walter, Michele Pierson, Melissa Doherty, Vicki Malueg, Carla Schommer, Anita Anderson, Jennifer Thill, Linda Schmitt, Lindsay Diederich, Anna Anhalt, Lynn Sauer, Adria Noll, Rosemary Haskey, Keri Koepeke, Cathy Cuppan, Sarah Speck

6:53PM

- A. Call meeting to order/Opening Prayer/DSCS Mission Statement – Keri Koepeke
 - 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
 - a. [Teacher Introductions.](#)
- C. Approval of May 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - a. [Motion made by: Megan Buechler, 2nd by: Nicole Klintner](#)
- D. Principal’s Report – Lynn Sauer
 - a. [Academics - \\$36,000 Bruce Kreir Grant to upgrade our reading program.](#)
 - b. [Basement floor was painted by several volunteers. Ceiling was put in the art room with new lighting. Thank you to all our volunteers this summer that helped to update our school.](#)
 - c. [We are in desperate need of a cleaner, if you know of anybody or would be interested yourself, please reach out to Lynn.](#)
- E. Technology Report – Vicki Malueg
 - a. [All classroom have Vibe boards installed to replace Mimios and in some cases also projectors, depending on classroom needs.](#)
 - b. [Our wifi has been hanging in there, but we have been able to use some grants to get some wifi access points.](#)
- F. Treasurer’s Report – Cathy Cuppan
 - a. [Motion made by: Mary Hamm, 2nd by: Lisa Fellenz](#)
 - b. Balance in Checkbook \$42,549.50
 - 1. Planned Expenses
 - a. Staff Appreciation
 - b. Grandparent’s Day
 - c. Parish Commitment - \$60,000; went up \$5,000 from previous years

- i. For the past several years, our Commitment was \$55,000 and as of July 1, 2022 our amount has gone up to \$60,000

1. This is why fundraising is important this year to ensure we meet this goal.

2. Several Fundraisers and events that we will go into later in the meeting.

G. President's Report – Keri Koepke

- a. Welcome
- b. Welcome new President Keri
- c. Elections are up for Secretary/VP in June of 2023. Sarah does have one term if she wants to run again

H. Fundraiser / Committee Reports

a. **Fall Fundraiser:** Lynn/Jodi Juhre

- i. Will occur in conjunction with Catholic School Walk to make the most of matching funds. The Fall Event will take place on October 22 and the Catholic Soles Walk will take place on October 15
- ii. The Fall Event will be a Trivia Event.
- iii. This will be a mandatory fundraiser, but we will only have to sell raffle tickets once (only one raffle next year). Each family will be required to sell \$240 of raffle tickets
- iv. Collaboration of school staff and PtA – rewarding for us to all be working together.
- v. After the Catholic Schools Walk, there is a School Carnival. And all the money raised stays right here in the school.
- vi. We co-brand our Walk with the Fall Event, so that all the funds raised for all of these events to get matching funds from the Arch Diocese donors.
- vii. We are hoping to use the matching funds toward field trips and with anything extra, we would like to use toward upgrading our playground equipment – in conjunction with a Bruce Kreir Grant.
- viii. We were invited to come talk to the Arch Diocese large donors, specifically to talk about our event, co-branding and the collaboration efforts of the staff and PtA.
- ix. Trivia Event has a meeting right after the PtA meeting tonight. We will have a SignUp Genius go out for family volunteer slots – 1 position per family.
- x. Donation sheet went out in last week's Monday folder. Please try and solicit donations from your employer, family, friends, etc. Any and all funds help
- xi. Classroom projects are being organized by the teachers and the items will be auctioned off online – which will go LIVE the day of the Walk and then close before Trivia Night to ensure all bidder have a chance to bid.
- xii. If you can, we encourage you to join us at the Trivia Event – it will be tons of fun and plenty of food and beverages.

- xiii. Calendar of Cash – mandatory fundraiser. Every family is to sell 12 tickets, at \$20 each. Anything after 12 tickets is pure profit toward the school Commitment.
 - xiv. The Calendar of Cash will go January through March this year with larger winnings each day
 - xv. Make sure your tickets are filled out clearly and COMPLETELY
- b. **Fish Fry:** Lisa Fellenz and Andy Paulus
- i. Dates for 2023 will be: February 24th, March 10th, March 24th
 - ii. In-person this year with curbside pick-up
 - iii. Based on approximately 73 families, we will likely have 3-4 shifts per family
 - iv. SignUp Genius will come out after January PtA meeting
 - v. If you can, please spread out your volunteer shifts across the three dates, this makes it easier to fill all shifts
- c. **Scrip:** Jessi Eischen
- i. Basically it is a gift card fundraiser, that the proceeds go toward the school and can go toward your tuition.
 - ii. Super easy, you buy a gift card at face value and the school gets a percentage kickback from participating retailers. The percentage varies based on retailer.
 - iii. There is an app that makes purchasing and using SCRIP super easy – some even have egiftcard options.
 - iv. The school orders every 1st and 3rd Monday.
 - v. Raise Days – Sept 15 & 16 are bonus percentage days
 - vi. You can use SCRIP Amazon cards on smile.amazon.com to double your contributions.
 - 1. If you are interested in using Amazon Smile, please ensure you select Divine Savior in Fredonia – the Kiel location typically shows up first
 - vii. We are looking for a co-chair
- d. **Beer and Wine Tasting:** Lynn Sauer / R&R Committee
- i. All fund raised at the Beer & Wine event helps to provide tuition scholarships and discounts to those in need.
 - ii. Long range goal is to build up the endowment fund and to live off the interest.
- e. **Flower Sale:** Julie Schuller
- i. Megan Buechler will be co-chair with Julie
 - ii. Fundraiser that starts in March/April – typically forms sent home before Spring Break
- f. **Grandparent's Day:** Megan Buechler providing updates on behalf of Jen Stern
- i. May 5th

- ii. Jen will chair Grandparent's Day
- iii. Jen will be looking for a co-chair to assist
- iv. Something to keep in mind, is if we want to do a full meal like last year or pare down the meal.
- v. A parent would like to have the verbiage on it changed from Grandparents to something else to be more inclusive

I. Old Business:

- a. Parish Commitment
- b. Fundraisers for the year:
 - i. Fall Event/Raffle
 - ii. Fish Fries
 - iii. Flower Sale
- c. How do we get more people at meetings?
 - i. The Teacher Welcome seemed to work nicely for the September meeting
 - ii. For January we are looking at a Ring in the New Year theme and have some snacks and beverages
 - iii. We are also looking at virtual options for some or all meetings
 - iv. When families first came to the school, they were not aware of the PtA – so including more information about the PtA and voice the purpose more regularly
 - v. Just by being a school family – you are a PtA member 😊
 - vi. Would like Agendas ahead of time – this will require Advisory Commission to review and approve the Agenda prior to the meeting, which we will work to separate these meetings a bit more to allow for them to review and approve
 - vii. When you sign up for Fish Frys at the meeting, it helped bring in attendance.

J. New Business:

- a. Consideration & opinions about designated school attire
 - i. Several teachers are for them – not a struggle on what to wear every day
 - ii. Children have liked them in the past
 - iii. Mass days, you see non-mass attire and if we all look nice for mass – we get better chance for donations
 - iv. Not as expensive as people think
 - v. Studies show when people dress better, they do better in work, school, etc
 - vi. Recruitment might decrease unless it is marketed correctly
 - vii. Right now, we are the only Catholic School in our Deanery that does not have uniforms
 - viii. This would bring us up to the standards of the other schools and give us that look that we are at the same level of the others in our Deanery
 - ix. Helps reduce kids getting picked on
 - x. Provides incentives for kids for Out of Uniform Days
 - xi. We have not had a ton of inappropriate clothing, especially on mass days in recent years

- xii. Athletes are proud to wear their uniforms, if we go this route, we would love to see our students proud to wear their uniforms as well
- xiii. Maybe ease into it – possibly starting on Mass Days
 - 1. This would be something that we would not implement any time this year, we just want to start the conversation and get the thoughts of our school families
- xiv. We will send out a survey to all school families and see what everybody thinks and why
- xv. We should ask the students, specifically the middle schoolers, and see what their thoughts are
- xvi. If the resounding response is positive in favor, we would like to put a committee together to determine what a uniform may look like
- xvii. Some families, their draw to this school was the lack of uniforms and the individuality of students' attire

K. Ideas/discussions/concern/questions/reminders

L. Adjournment/closing prayer

Motion made by: Angie Peterson, 2nd by: Anna Anhalt
8:00