

Divine Savior Catholic School – PtA Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 17, 2024 - 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, Brittany Barta, Megan Buechler, Kim Knetter, Amy Avevedo, Lindsay Dieterich, BJ Huiras, Jen Stern, Kim Buechler, Julie Schueller, Vicki Malueg, Holly Masengarb, Angie Leider, Nicole Bishop, Alex Sutinen, Melissa Doherty, Jessica Eischen, Nicole Kliner, Carla Shomer, Adria Batista, Hajira Buser, Michele Steffen. Sarah Jante*

- 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- *None*
- C. Introductions: everyone shares their name/how many years at DSCS (kids/grades) Favorite Holiday (ice breaker) -*Everyone shared :)*
- D. Approval of May 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes -*Jen Stern and Jodi Juhre approved*
- E. Principal’s Report – Lynn Sauer-*Spanish and Music grant was approved. AIM and writing assessments complete. Carla and Vicki attended a meeting for the Science of Reading program. Art room and extended care floor got painted over the summer. Playground is nearly complete, and will be blessed by Fr. Pat. Theme this year “We are called, we are chosen.”*
- F. Technology report – Vicki Malueg- *All Chromebooks were updated, we applied for a grant to offset the cost and it was approved. All Chromebooks are updated with our subscriptions. We still have about a dozen of the outdated Chromebooks for sale, they are \$25.*
- G. TEACHER(s) REPORT- *Moved to January meeting, teachers will present on the Science of Reading.*
- H. Treasurer’s Report – Amanda Watry
  - a. Balance in Checkbook \$21,289.50
    - 1. Planned Expenses
      - a. Staff Appreciation
      - b. Grandparents/Special Friends Day
      - c. Parish Commitment
      - d. Field trip contribution
      - e. Teacher’s wish list

*Amanda explained the budget and our \$60k commitment to the Parish. Since we are installing rubber chips vs wood chips we have the option of moving the \$250 in the wood chip budget to*

*another line, keeping it in wood chips or moving to “other.” ONE vote was to move into Staff Appreciation/Wish list- All other votes for “other” money will get moved to “other.” It was suggested to move to Filedtrips- Lynn explained that Catholic Schools Walk money is allocated for Field Trips. Ms.Buser, the new 4th grade teacher introduced herself.*

I. President’s Report – Janine Morano

- a. Welcome
- b. Lots of volunteer opportunities this year 😊
  - i. Safe Environment Training 10/7 at 6pm-*All parents were encouraged to attend if they need to take this training. It’s offered right at DSCS by our Faith Formation Director.*
- c. Mail- *No Mail*
- d. Faith Minute/Reflection-*Janine discussed the daily emails from Dynamic Catholic and how they are quick reads and inspirational*
  - i. *dynamiccatholic.com* for Daily Reflections and gospel reflections.

J. Fundraiser / Committee Reports

- a. **Fall Fundraiser:** Lynn/Jodi Juhre/Michele Steffen/Sarah Jante
  - i. Will occur in conjunction with Catholic School Walk to make the most of matching funds. The Fall Event will take place on October 19 and the Catholic Schools Walk will take place on October 12-*We are still looking for companies to sponsor the Fall events and Sarah Jante is looking for help to go to area businesses asking for either donated items or monetary donations.*
  - ii. The Fall Event will be a Trivia Event- looking for a games chair person and help with procuring donations-*Games Chair needed, will be on the sign up going out after the meeting tonight.*
  - iii. Calendar of Cash will be a mandatory fundraiser, but we will only have to sell raffle tickets once. Each family will be required to sell \$400 of raffle tickets (20 tickets at \$20 each)-*Sales will start Mid-Oct. Winners announced Jan-March.*
- b. **Fish Fry:** Kim Knetter
  - i. Dates need to be picked, all 3 during lent (Asked to avoid Good Friday April 18 and Friday of spring break March 28. Sat March 8 is 1st Communion Bread day at DSCS) *Looking for another Chairperson for the Fish Fry. Dates set for Fish Fries are **Feb 28, March 21 and April 4.** Kim suggested co-chairs break down the responsibilities (ordering, advertising, cleanup, paperwork etc.)*
- c. **Scrip:** Jessi Eischen & Jen Stern (OLL no longer selling Scrip)- *Scrip was explained- buying gift cards and earning money for the school or self that can be used towards the next year tuition or donated to teacher wish list, other funds etc.*
- d. **Flower Sale:** Megan Buechler & Julie Schueller- *Looking into another greenhouse, either Hamms or Whispering. Date for pick up is May 9, in time for Mothers Day.*
- e. **Bowl-a-thon:** Scott Cavanaugh/Jodi Juhre-*Huge success, raised over \$10k. Jodi will head the event again this year, the date was set for Saturday, March 15 but*

*needed to be moved to MARCH 29/30. Event will be a 2 day event vs one night since it got so late with the added bowling shifts. Looking for more help to run the games/raffles at the event.*

- f. **Craft Fair:** Fall/Christmas event date November 9 from 9-2pm. This event will be added to the sign up genius that's sent out in the beginning of the school year. Anyone can sign up as a vendor by contacting Kati Dimmer at [kdimmer@dsoll.org](mailto:kdimmer@dsoll.org). We have 17 signed up so far- was told the spring date worked better from most past vendors. *More vendors are needed, our goal is to have 30 again. Please share that we are looking for vendors on social media.*
- g. **Grandparent's Day:** Jen Stern & Amy Cavanaugh- We served 300 people that day. Discussed better ways to get people through the line as 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.-*This topic was tabled since Amy was unable to attend and Jen had to leave before we got to this topic. Ideas will be shared at the January meeting.*
- h. **Marketing and Retention:** Lynn Sauer / R&R Committee/ Holly Masengarb
  - 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

*Looking for more members to join to market the school to new families and host events to retain current families. This will be on the sign up sent after the meeting.*

K. Old Business:

- a. Fundraisers for next year:
  - i. Fall Event/Raffle
  - ii. Fish Fries
  - iii. Flower Sale
  - iv. Bowl-a-thon
  - v. Craft Fair

L. New Business:

- a. Adding fundraisers/advertisement opportunities?
  - i. Booth/carnival at the Random Lake Fireman's Picnic?  
Sell concessions at one of the Random Lake music in the park?- *Carli and Jennifer*  
Trunk or Treat in Random- *Conflicts with this year's All Saint Day Mass, at OLL at 6pm*  
Random's Fall Fest/ Work share booth with OLL-*Kati asked for a poster from the school and possible handouts to be at the booth for the RL Fall Fest which is Saturday, September 28.*  
*Ideas were shared to advertise during summer months and in the Random Lake area since we pull from that community too. Carli Reuteler and Jennifer Tadeo volunteered to help with music in the park during the summer of 2025.*

M. Ideas/discussions/concern/questions/reminders

- a. Safe Environment Training- Offered at DSCS Monday Oct 7 at 6 pm.-*Again a reminder that via the Archdiocese in order to work with children you must be safeguarded. We host an event right here at DSCS. Sign up at this link for our location <https://milwaukee.cmgconnect.org/>*

N. Adjournment/closing prayer.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm Jodi Juhre and Kim Knetter motioned to adjourn.*