

Divine Savior Catholic School – PtA Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 16, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: *Janine Morano, Kati Dimmer, Lynn Sauer, Cathay Cuppan, Holly Masengarb, Melissa Doherty, Lindsay Diedrich, Lynda Schmitt, Carla Schommer, Jessica Eischen, Holly Delponte, Julie Schueller, Jodi Juhre, Amy Cavanaugh, Jen Stern.*

Opening Prayer- Lead by Lynn Sauer

- 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- *Nothing added*

- C. Approval of January 2024 Meeting Minutes- *Jodi Juhre and Jen Stern approved*

- D. Principal’s Report – Lynn Sauer-*Goals have been updated and will be sent out in Fall. Accreditation went well and we scored at or above. Act 20 Reading Compliance & Faith Formation will be part of the goals for next school year. We applied for a Love one Another grant for Spanish and Music items. BREAKING NEWS- we heard back from the Krier Grant for the playground and we were awarded the full amount and will be able to replace the playground. Intruder drill went well so we feel prepared. 3k Updates, Lindsay Diedrich, Holly Masengarb, Terri Lanser and Jessi Eischen will be teaching next fall.*

- E.

- F. Treasurer’s Report – Cathy Cuppan
 - a. Balance in Checkbook: 41,930.22 (doesn’t include amount owed to Bemis Floral for Flowers) *Updated balance was \$41,353.92*
 - b. 2024-2025 Parish Commitment: \$60,000
 - c. Planned Expenses
 - a. Staff Appreciation- *\$1797.18*
 - b. Parish Commitment-*\$60,000*
 - c. Field trip contribution *\$500*
 - d. Teacher’s wish list *\$4000*
 - e. Wood chips for playground
 - f. Grandparent’s Day- *\$903.04*

- G. President’s Report – Janine Morano
 - a. Welcome
 - i. Mail- *Janine read some thank you notes from the teachers*
 - ii. PTA email for any questions, concerns or comments
 - 1. pta@dscsfredonia.org
 - b. Opportunities to Serve

- Adding social events for families and community next year. *Janine made the announcement that we are looking for a new Advisory Board member and the R&R Committee will become part of PTA. We are looking for someone to head up events listed below.*
 - Host family movie nights
 - Open gym in winter for younger students
 - Host pastries with parents (collaborate more with R&R committee)

H. Fundraiser / Committee Reports

- a. **Fall Fundraiser/Calendar Raffle:** Michele Steffen & Sarah Jante TRIVIA- *Trivia night date is set for October 19. Jodi Juhre- CALENDAR was suggested by Julie Schueller to increase tickets to 20 total per family. Since this is a fundraiser that has brought in a high amount of money and required the smallest amount of work on the families behalf and least amount of expenses. Vote was taken and required tickets will be 20 at \$20 each per family for a total of \$400 per family. Suggestions to increase sales is to have Mass announcements- Carla Schommer lectures at Holy Cross and is willing to do so or be there if a student wants to make the announcement. Also suggested to sell during Donut Sunday or Hospitality Sunday. Keeping the date of sales between Oct- Dec with winners being picked Jan- before spring break.*
- b. **Fish Fry:** Kim Knetter and Andy Paulus
 - i. Dates for 24-25 School year will be: March/ April no Fall date. *Dates not set but will only be during lent no fall date.*
- c. **Scrip:** Jessi Eischen and Jen Sten- *OLL will no longer be selling on hand script but parishioners can order through DSCS via the OLL Office. The hope is to increase sales, it was suggested to add order forms in the Monday take home folders.*
- d. **Flower Sale:** Megan Buechler & Julie Schueller- *Went well and had a \$1000 increase in sales this year. We added online ordering which worked well. Julie reported a good group of volunteers this year. It was suggested to reach out to Hamm's Greenhouse next spring.*
- e. **Grandparent's Day:** Jen Stern/Amy Cavanaugh- *We served 300 people that day. Discussed better ways to get people though 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. Nothing set in stone, will discuss further at a future PTA meeting*
- f. **Read-a-thon-**Lisa Fellenz and Carla Schommer - *It went well but it's tabled for next year since other fundraisers like the 9-pin bowling did so well.*
- g. **Craft Fair:** Kati Dimmer- *Was decided to run a Fall/Christmas event, date picked was 11/9. Will need more volunteers to help (set up, tear down and work day of event) This event will be added to the sign up genius that's sent out in the beginning of the school year.*
- h. **Globe Lanes Bowling:** Scott Cavanaugh/Jodi Juhre-*Huge success, raised over \$10k. Jodi will head the event again next year, date set for Saturday, March 15.*
- i. **Retention:** Committee will be revamped, ideas to increase retention: movie night, pastries for parents, social times for families. *Looking for volunteers to head these*

events. They are not fundraisers, more or less outreach events for families to get to know one another and gain back the family community feel at DSCS.

I. Looking ahead to next year: *SEE ABOVE FOR UPDATES*

a. Fundraisers for 2024-2025 School year:

- i. Fall Event/Raffle
- ii. Fish Fries (Just Spring)
- iii. Flower Sale
- iv. Globe Lanes Bowling
- v. Read a thon (planning to do this again for 24-25 school year? Who's willing to take over for Lisa Fellenz?)- *Event idea was tabled.*
- vi. Craft Fair (Fall)
- vii. Additional Ideas
 1. Trying to raise an additional \$10,000 based on our commitment and expenditures (keep the additional fundraisers added this year?)
 2. Funds raised is \$63,736.57 (not including flower sale and SCRIP #s) expenditures are \$67,550- *Funds raised were actually closer to \$70k which means we exceeded our goal this year. It was a very successful year of fundraising. Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way. No additional fundraisers are being added at this time. We will focus on a few that were successful: Calendar of Cash, Trivia Night, Fish Fries, 9 Pin Bowling and Craft Fair*
 3. Additional fundraising ideas: *Determine no need to add any events at this time.*
 - a. add anything over the summer?
 - i. Beer Gardens, booths at Festivals?
 - b. Cards for a Cause
 - c. Turkey Trot- discussed at January's meeting- Anyone want to head this event?

J. New Business:

- a. Vote in new PTA officer-Treasurer
 - i. Nominee Amanda Watry- *Janine voted Amanda Watry, Kathy 2nd the motion and Amanda was voted in as the new Treasurer for the PTA.*
- b. Advisory Commission members needed for next year
 - i. Contact the school office if you are interested in joining. *We have 1 spot to fill from the school.*
- c. Adding fundraisers
 - i. Pizza Fundraiser?- *No need to add*

K. Ideas/discussions/concern/questions/reminders, *nothing added*

L. Adjournment/closing prayer, *Closing prayer Our Father. Meeting was adjourned by Janine, Jessi and Carla second the motion.*

Next Meeting is Tuesday, September 17 at 5:30 PM. Light meal/refreshments provided followed by the meeting.