

Divine Savior Catholic School – PtA Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Janine Morano, Lynn Sauer, Kati Dimmer, Anna Anhalt, Lynda Schmitt, Jennifer Gomez, Jennifer Tadeo, Julie Schueller, Tim Dubey, Amanda Watry, Mary Phillips, Nicole Kliner, Sarah Speck, Sarah Jante, Kim Knetter, Carla Schommer, Amy Dubey, Holly Delponte, Lisa Fellenz.

6:00 pm

Call meeting to order/Opening Prayer/DSCS Mission Statement – Janine Morano

No additions were made to the agenda.

Approval of the September 2023 Minutes: Motion to approve: Julie Schueller & Sarah Jante

**Math Facts:** Carla and Amy’s presentation on the importance of Math Facts was demonstrated. Math Facts are 1-2 digit equations, smaller equations to help with the two step problems. Should only take a few seconds to solve. Each grade has a different level of comprehension that's expected. Important to know for more complicated math facts in the future. Goal is to get kids to memorize them at a younger age so that math skills equations in older grades won’t take as long or be as challenging. Several ideas were provided to the parents to aid them with helping their children at home. Links will be shared.

**Principal Report:** Love One Another grant was received for the Arts Enrichment Program. Cad program, new seating, cooking and sewing items will be purchased from this grant. It will also help pay for experts to come in and teach under the Art Enrichment program. Steeple repair is set to be complete by the end of next week. A blessing of the new steeple cross will be done as well. Bruce Krier Grant for new playground equipment is in the works. It’s due at the end of February and we will find out at the end of May if we received siad grant. Regardless of receiving it or not, some repairs/updates will be made to outdated equipment. Monthly Adoration and Rosary club is going well. Journey to Bethlehm and other Advent activities took place before Christmas. One of our second graders was baptized during school Mass. Middle school sang and rang bells for the Salvation Army.

**Treasurer’s Report** – We are on par to meet our yearly parish contribution

- a. Balance in Checkbook \$50,512.77
- b. Planned Expenses
  - a. Staff Appreciation
  - b. Grandparent’s Day
  - c. Parish Commitment
  - d. Field trip contribution
  - e. Teacher’s wish list

### **Presidents Report:** Janine Morano

PTA received a Thank You note from Michelle Pierson thanking us for the Christmas gift of hot cocoa kit. Catholic Financial Life is hosting a contest to vote for your favorite Catholic School teacher. Carla Schommer and Michelle Pierson are on the list. Voting ends 1/19, top 3 teachers will receive a \$500 gift and their school will receive \$4000. Any questions or concerns about anything with the PTA please email [pta@dscsfredonia.org](mailto:pta@dscsfredonia.org).

Opportunities to Serve: New treasurer needed after this year, anyone want to shadow Cathy? Opening for someone to lead teacher appreciation (buy script/cards for birthdays, give Christmas lists and serve lunch at Teacher Appreciation.) Help needed for Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast January 28th 10 am mass at Holy Cross. Students will be singing at Mass and we need 2-3 more parents.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054FAEA823AAF49-20232024>

### **Fundraiser:**

Trivia Night went well, we received a good amount of sponsors. This event will happen again next year.

Calendar Raffle was very successful this year. 14 Families sold above the requirement, Sarah Jante got sponsors for the event and we net \$26k.

Fish Fry in November did well. Looking for more people to help in March for the 2nd shift. Foresters will be helping during the February Fish Fry. All you can eat went over well, served 60 meals.

Flower sale will be worked on by Julie Schuller, she will call around to area greenhouses this month.

Grandparents Day will be in May and chaired by Jen Stern.

Beer & Wine will not be held this year. Money from Hoopsmania will go towards the endowment fund.

Read-a-thon will start soon and run during the same time frame as the Fish Frys so the public can see how the kids are doing with reaching their goals. Ideas were shared for top reading class and top reading students prizes. More information on this event will be shared soon.

Beer Garden had no update

Cards for a Cause tabled, the Boy Scouts just ran this event

Craft Nights tabled, may look into it if we need to supplement

Craft Fair Set for **Saturday, March 16 from 9-2pm** in the cafeteria and gym if needed. Flyers have been made and shared on social media looking for vendors. So far we have 20 vendors, the goal is 40 +. Please share with anyone you know who has a crafty business or is in direct sales. Flyer with information is on the DSCS website, Facebook page and the DSOLL Facebook page. Cost is \$30 for a 10x10 ft space with 1 table and two chairs. There will also be a bake sale and raffles going on during the event. Parents will be asked to donate the baked sale items much like the fish fry. Bake sale items need to be cash and carry style ie. puppy chow, cookies, snack mix, chex mix etc. Items that can be bagged (should be donated in bags) and carried while people are shopping. Raffle

baskets will be donated and we are asking for one per classroom. Each classroom will have a theme of teachers choice ie. summer fun, movie night, spa day, margarita etc. Parents will then be asked to bring an item associated with the theme. Example summer fun could be a sand bucket, jump rope, chalk, water toys, flavored water, bubbles, kite, cooler. Pintrest has tons of fun and creative ideas. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event for the baskets. More information will be sent in Divine Dispatch. Set up will be **Friday March 15**. We will need people to set up the tables and chairs and make sure the space is indeed 10x10 with walking space for the customers and vendors. Clean up helpers will also be needed Saturday afternoon.

**New Business:**

Amanda Watry brought up an idea for a Turkey Trot type of run. She went to one at St. Francis Borgia and it was well attended with 800 runners. Cost is \$25 and you get a shirt. Our expenses would be the shirts and the racing management expenses. We could do a different time of year, Halloween/All Saints day was suggested.

Adjournment/Closing prayer: All  
Motion to end meeting, Lisa Fellenz and Mary Phillips  
7:25 pm.