

St. Joseph's Catholic School Parent's Association

December 11, 2018 3:15 PM Room #108

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Barbara O'Meara – President
Sarah Lynch – President-Elect
Becky Parsons – Secretary
Katy Lightfield – Volunteer Coordinator
Anita Miller – Room Parent Coordinator
Tony Quilici - Principal

Board Members Absent:

Rebecca Hupp – Past President
Megan Ronk – Treasurer
Elise Slattery – New Family Mentor Coordinator
Karen Istok – Room Parent Coordinator
Julie Robinson – Development Director

Open Meeting:

- Opening prayer led by Barbara O'Meara
- Approval of October/November/December Meeting Minutes will take place in January as not enough members were present for an official vote.

Financial Update – Anita Miller:

- Uncorked Event brought in \$785. The glasses have been purchased for next year, which was the biggest expense, and will cut down on costs for year 2 and maybe year 3.
- Box Tops: they have been collected, but the amount has not been totaled.
- The Fall Carnival brought in \$6,801; a noticeable improvement over last year's \$3,500.
- Grandparent's Letters that went home have brought in \$4,903 so far.
- Father Gerry won the Golden Ticket at the Bishop Kelly event and is generously donating \$2,500 of it to St. Joe's.
- SCRIP did not produce as many sales as we hoped at the Giving Tree event at St. John's over the Thanksgiving holiday. There was discussion that the middle school is doing a classmate gift exchange at \$10 or less. Room parents will be contacted to get the word out that we have many \$10 Gift Cards on hand that also benefit the school. Turn-around time on ordering more is also very quick. Notes have gone out in the Bulletin about using SCRIP Land's End gift cards for purchasing uniforms for winter. We are hopeful that sales are slowly catching on.

Event Updates:

Volunteering Hours

- Katy Lightfield sent out emails to all school families on their volunteer hours thus far. She attached a note about Scrip which helped boost sales a bit.

Crab Feed

- Solicitation and Underwriting letters will go out the second week of January. There was discussion on getting volunteers to help stuff envelopes. Options included sending a volunteer request to parents with a set afternoon time (1 – 3:00 PM) to help. Another idea was to have the middle school Religion classes help one class period each as it would be serving the school. Anita will think through both options.
- Fort Street will be catering the bar this year.
- An Auctioneer has been hired.
- A DJ will be needed to run the music instead of a band this year. Would Mr. Maxwell be interested in being the DJ to get his volunteer hours in?
- Volunteer list looks strong. Wine station is covered, dessert station, and decoration committee all have volunteers. Megan Kurtz has volunteered to help Anita with Solicitation. More help may be needed for solicitation.
- The wine for the Wine Pool and Mystery Wine bags was purchased at the Uncorked Event.
- We brainstormed ideas for the Crab Feed Theme and narrowed it down to three choices: **Solid Gold 70's**, **Silver Screen: A Night at the Movies**, or **Around the World**. Anita will send an email out to SJA committee members for a vote. All themes allow attendees to either go all out and dress fancy, or be simple. We discussed having different food stations for the **Around the World** theme such as a Mexican food station, Italian food station, etc.

Principal Update:

- Mr. Quilici asked what items the SJA would be interested in hearing about from him. We asked about the church steps, "Raise-a-Paddle" ideas for the Crab Feed, process and ideas for improving the school playground, and teacher salary and budget approval for 2019.
 - The church steps are a slow-moving project. The goal is to have them done before the school year *next* year. When complete, they cost the parish \$1MM.
 - The playground remodel is the item the school would most like to raise funds for. However, all the bids that came through show the project will be very expensive. Most of the expense is related to re-paving the black top and turning it from a drive-through alley that has allowed puddles and ice to collect, into a usable playground. Ideally, the playground would have a big, green-turf field with the playground structure relocated to the far end of the area. Father Gerry is on board and has brought the idea to the Parish Council. We have a long way to go to make this a reality. The SJA could be called on to pledge "x" amount towards the project. This process could be completed in three months over a summer. One idea that was floated around is trying to secure a grant of some kind to help with cost.
 - The school budget will be approved in January. Textbook expenses need to be considered as the current fee isn't covering cost. Our goal the past three years has been to move St. Joe's teacher salaries within 90% of the Boise School District. We have accomplished this and next year the increase should be smaller than in years past to give families a bit of a break.

Close Meeting:

Barbara O'Meara moved to end the meeting, Becky Parsons seconded. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.