

MINUTES

St. Joseph School Parent's Group (SJPG)

9/21/2021 | 6:00 PM

In Attendance

Nicole Kunkle	Angela May	Kacy Nash	Beth Wigfield	Joan Pagliuso
Darlene Fitzgerald	Caron Smith	Deb Baker	Angel Baker	Susan Bear
Deb Mattson	Audrey Lee	Tricky Tanksley	Cheryl Perkins	Roxanne LaCasse
Melissa Lassard	Bob Turner	Dawn Theroux	Ewa Cerrone	Angela Fournier
Cindy McMahon	Mike Sypher	Marta Lisowski	Kim Bourne	LizBeth Hernandez
Amy Garganese	Andrea Lee	Rob Landolphi	Elizabeth Cahill	Sister Joan Claire
Sister Mary Patrick				

Board

The Board members volunteer their service and were approved by Sister Patrick. The SJPG board includes Angela May as Treasurer and Beth Wigfield as Recording Secretary. We are a group organized and comprised of parents, with the assistance from Ms. Joan Pagliuso as our Teacher Advisor, and the blessing of Sister Mary Patrick. We welcome everyone to attend the meetings, provide insights and ideas, and participate in events throughout the year. No participation or volunteerism is too small.

Budget

As of tonight's meeting, we have over \$13,000 in our account. With Sister's goal of \$15,000 for the 2021/2022 school year, we are well on our way of exceeding!!

Fundraising

Mums Sale (Jenny Sheridan lead)

- Thanks to everyone who purchased one (or many) of Agway's beautiful mums! We raised \$739.50! And thanks to Jenny to leading this fundraiser. Look for her flyers in November for your Christmas wreaths & kissing balls!

Walk-a-thon, Sept 24 (Darlene Fitzgerald and Amy Garganese leads)

- Due to the expected weather coming in for Friday, Darlene and Amy have moved this to **Tuesday 27th**. To take place 9:30 – 11:30, grouped classes will be walking in 20 minute chunks. There will be interesting things along the way, and even a bubble machine!
- We have some donated items that will be handed out in goodie bags, thanks to Deb Pratt for her watermelon donation (fresh off the farm!). **We need small water bottles please.**
- **Volunteers are still needed.** Please contact Darlene or Amy, or contact them through the school office.
- Remember, the students with the 3 highest sponsorships will receive dress down days, with an Amazon gift card going to the top sponsorship.
- All funds will be put into the Matching Gift fund, instead of the HSO school account.

Holiday Pies (Nicole Kunkle and Kacy Nash leads)

- A favorite fundraiser for the Fall. Lyman Orchards provides a variety of pies for your holiday entertaining, or just your everyday enjoyment. This year we're also including cookie dough.
- The forms will be in the next Wednesday letter, due back Oct 18. The pies and dough will be ready for pick up on Nov 12.
- There will be an online option. All orders from CT will need to be picked up from school, out of state orders will be delivered via Simply Ship.

Christmas Wreaths & Kissing Balls Sale (Jenny Sheridan lead)

- We have again partnered with Agway of Norwich for this Mums sale.
- More details to come in November.

Christmas Extravaganza, December 4th (Nicole Kunkle, Angela May, Kacy Nash, & Beth Wigfield leads)

- We have St Michael's Center booked! And we're going to have the Classroom baskets raffled online as well.
- You should see in the Wednesday letter your child's Classroom basket theme. Please have all items brought in by Friday November 5th.
- In addition to the Classroom Baskets, each family will need to make a monetary donation of \$20. This money will be used to "fluff" the baskets. This is also due by Friday November 5th.
- Families are encouraged to contact local businesses requesting donations. A donation request letter and form will be provided within an upcoming Wednesday letter. All donations should be delivered to the office, identified as for the Christmas Extravaganza. We'll share the master list of businesses so we don't double up on local businesses.
- Instead of the sit-down dinner we're used to pre-COVID, we will have two food trucks available for attendees to purchase meals.
- We will need parent volunteers to help with:
 - Fluff shopping and preparing the Classroom baskets for online raffle (Nov 6/7)
 - Wrapping baskets Nov 27 or Nov 28
 - Typing / printing laminated "recipe" cards itemizing each baskets' contents (Nov 27/28)
 - Preparing St Michael's Center with tables, chairs, tablecloths, decorations, etc (Saturday Dec 4)
 - Helping the night of with selling 50/50 tickets, selling raffle tickets, and registering people for auction.
- All Christmas details/planning will be discussed during our monthly SJSPG meetings, but contact Angela, Beth, Nicole or Kacy if there is something you would like to help with.

Raising Fun Events

Pumpkin Derby, October 16th, rain or shine (Angela May lead)

- Check the Wednesday letter for the flyer with all the details including where to purchase wheels will be coming out in September.
- For all ages, students, parents, and teachers alike.
- Decorate a pumpkin, add wheels and watch it race!
- We will have judges who will be judging for various categories (school spirit, colorful, fastest, most creative, etc.).

Bonfire (Saturday January 15th)

- This one is a ways away also, but we want to make sure everyone puts in down in their calendar. This is a wonderfully fun night of fun and friends. Held in the school playground, dress warmly and this year bring your own food and drink.

Mother/Son Brunch, (Saturday April 30)

- We were unable to hold this event in April, it has been so much fun that we want to make sure our mothers and sons don't miss out.
- Considering a food truck to provide the brunch.
- Mothers and sons will team up together on a TBD activity (could be kickball, badminton, hungry hungry hippos). Bring your ideas to the next meeting!

Father/Daughter Dance (Sunday May 1)

- A white tent under the Spring stars with white lights making a magical world with drinks, desserts, and dancing.
- Dads, you do not want to miss this!

Miscellaneous

Suggestions

- Cheryl suggested a fundraising event where our kids could create unique artwork that becomes greeting cards, to be bundled up and sold. Also, she suggested we look at holding an art auction with our children's artwork. Both ideas would need the assistance with our new art teacher, Mrs. Cassidy as well as a lead.
- Deb Pratt suggested we have our kids directly involved with giving back to our community, specifically with the elderly who may be alone and lonely. Deb, along with Melissa Lassard and Lizbeth Hernandez will be collaborating on a project. If anyone else is interested, please contact any one of these ladies.

Future Meetings

- This meeting seemingly went well, although we did have a unique challenge with this hybrid meeting of in-person and virtual. For our next meeting, we will have additional ZOOM connections placed throughout the room to ensure everyone can hear each other throughout the discussions.

Spirit Wear (Nicole Kunkle)

- Spirit Wear can be purchased here https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/271052?_k=q71vnl. A percentage of each order is sent monthly to the school.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held in the school gym and on Zoom, Tuesday October 19th at 6pm.

All parents are invited and encouraged to attend and participate. Students will receive a dress down day for parent participation.

The success of St. Joseph School is dependent on our **Great Families!**

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