

**St. Joseph School Parent's Group (SJPG)**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**6:30 pm**  
**St. Joseph's School Gym**

**Parents' Group**

The Board members volunteer their services and were approved by Sister Mary Patrick. The SJPG board includes Angela Fournier as President, Darlene FitzGerald as Vice President, Amy Garganese as Treasurer, and Mary-Frances Stockwell as the Recording Secretary. We are a group organized and comprised of parents, with assistance from Sister Mary Loreto as our teacher Advisor, and the blessing of Dr. Gail Kingston. 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.

**In Attendance:** Sister Mary Loreto, Darlene Fitzgerald, Amy Garganese, Mary-Frances Stockwell, Rian Wilkinson, Cindy McMahon, Christina Ereshena, Tricky Tanksley, Nicole Kunkle,

**1. Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**2. Financial Update**

- a. Current balance is \$11,629. (This does not have the \$1,800 that went towards bus for field trip taken out yet.)
- b. Proposal to approve the purchase of 100 chair covers, and bins for storage, made and approved by all attendees. Cost will be approximately \$106.63, and the chair covers can be used for things such as Father/Daughter dances and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade events.
- c. Request for a Valentine's Day \$3 Dress Down to benefit Parents Group Account, approved. Theme for students will be to wear red, pink, and/or white on 2/14!

**2. Event Updates**

- a. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event: It was well attended, had wonderful speakers, and excellent write up in the 4 County Catholic. Grab bags were excellent.
  - Proposal to present the Knights of Columbus a formal plaque of appreciation for all they have done for the school.
  - Idea for it to be possibly gifted during an intermission at K of C Baltic Bingo. Idea for "St. Joseph's School Bingo Night" where everyone from community is invited to come out to the K of C Baltic Bingo proposed. To all be further discussed with Dr. Kingston.

**b.** Calendar Raffle: Approximately \$3,564 profit! Additional raffle tickets purchased this year cost \$90 and enough is left over to be used next year.

**c.** Mother/Son Bowling: Christina Ereshena to run event. To be on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 1pm-3pm. Proposal to include pizza with this event. Everyone in attendance approved. Pizza to be from Big Y and will have a gluten free version. Also looking for an additional helper to run event this year and possibly learn so they can help in years to come. Thank you, Christina!

**d.** Father/Daughter Dance to be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, from 6pm – 8pm, looking for volunteers to help plan and organize!

### **3. Other**

**a.** SJS Blankets and Beanies: Very high quality and soft, parents very happy with them. Idea to advertise on St. Joseph School Facebook page. Hats with school embroidery are \$15 and blankets with embroidery are \$30.

**c.** Future fundraising/ideas and thoughts:

- Spring Bulbs fundraiser last year had complications with filling orders and gave out some replacements, vote to not do this year approved.

- Ideas to do a Tony's pizza fundraiser or a Illiano's pizza fundraiser discussed.

- Idea to give Illiano's a thank you card/poster signed by all students, Mary-Frances to help with that.

- Idea to do a Money Raffle in Spring, similar to December Calendar Raffle but with monetary prizes each day.

**d.** Uniform Shirts: Long sleeve white polos have been approved during the Winter months. Questions about another color option that is darker were asked. Colors discussed included maroon and gray. Also, idea of having polos be allowed with uniforms but then having a policy of the "formal uniform" being required for certain days, i.e. First Fridays or other special days during school year. Sister Loreto is open to ideas being presented, please email her and school administration can discuss.

**e.** Sunshine Club Update: A plant and prayer card were recently gifted to Mrs. Dunnack on her last day.

**f.** Starshine Photos: suggestions for no re-touch and possibly digital proofs brought up and can be potentially discussed with Starshine when contract is reviewed for next year. Also, idea of 2 picture days, one in the beginning and the end of the year discussed.

**g.** Mother's Craft Club: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the French Club in North Windham.

**h.** All students who helped set up for the 150<sup>th</sup> or participated in a ministry of the Mass will have a Free Dress Down day Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

**i.** Students of attendees of this meeting will have a Dress Down day on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**4. Next Meeting to be on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**