

MINUTES

St. Joseph School Parent's Group (SJPG)

10/19/2021 | 6:00 PM

In Attendance

Nicole Kunkle	Angela May	Kacy Nash	Beth Wigfield	Joan Pagliuso
Darlene Fitzgerald	Deb Mattson	Audrey Lee	Tricky Tanksley	Cheri Perkins
Dawn Theroux	Kim Bourne	Angela Fournier	Chris Currier	Angela Landolphi
Amy Garganese	Sypher Family		Sister Joan Claire	Sister Mary Patrick

Board

The Board members volunteer their service and were approved by Sister Patrick. The SJPGboard 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 a little over \$15,000 in our account – we have met Sister Patrick's goal! With several more fundraisers to go!

Fundraising

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

- Darlene & Amy reports a Success! The kids did a terrific job obtaining donations, raising over \$5,000 which will go to the Matching Donation by our generous benefactor! And the kids had a blast, even better! Many thanks to Darlene & Amy for all their hard work planning, the volunteers who helped out that day, and to all the kids and their families!

Holiday Pies (Nicole Kunkle and Kacy Nash leads)

- The order forms are going in this week. Plan to pick up your goodies on Nov 12.

First Annual Bike Run (Darlene Fitzgerald, Amy Garganese, and Angela May leads)

- Mark your calendars for Saturday October 23rd. Held at the Sprague Rod & Gun Club, this bike run will feature at least 10 vendors, bbq lunch, and a band after the run. This will surely be the first of many!

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)

- Classroom basket theme items and Family monetary donation of \$20 are due by Friday November 5th.

- Families are encouraged to contact local businesses requesting donations. A donation request letter and form is provided to hand out to businesses. All donations should be delivered to the office, identified as for the Christmas Extravaganza.
- Food trucks: We have secured one food truck, OneLove Rolling CookShed Food Truck who cooks up a great smashburgers and hand-cut fries (they fed our kids at Field Day). Still looking for a second truck with a varied menu, a suggestion of BBQ was made and Audrey Lee is going to inquire. Another suggestion for dessert was a cider donuts truck that Angela Fournier will be looking into.
- Many thanks to Allied Snow Plowing Removal for making a donation that will cover our St Michael's Center rental fee!!
- We need parent volunteers to help with the below. Contact Nicole, Angela, Kacy or Beth, or call Sue in the office.
 - Fluff shopping and preparing the Classroom baskets for online raffle (Nov 6/7)
 - Wrapping all 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.

Art Show and Sale (Mrs Cassidy & Tricky Tanksley)

- Mrs Cassidy will prepare canvas artwork created by the kids to be displayed and sold during this year's Christmas Concert (being planned for Friday December 10th).

Kids Art Cards (Cheri Perkins lead)

- Kids will prepare original drawings that will be made into greeting cards. The cards will be bundled and sold for Mother's Day and Father's Day gift ideas. Cheri will be providing more details, stay posted.

Paint Party Sunday February 20 (Tricky Tanksley lead)

- For both adults and kids, come and paint a scene with Tricky. Your fee will cover all art supplies with any profits going to the school.

Raising Fun Events

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

- A great time was had by all! The impressive display of pumpkins showed the ingenuity and creativity of our kids!

Mark your Calendars:

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

Pen Pals

- Deb Mattson is looking for students interested in becoming a pen pal of sorts with a resident from a local convalescent center. The student and resident will be given a journal, with each taking turns writing about themselves, their lives, kind words, etc. The journals will be delivered at least once a month through the end of the school year. Through this initiative, the kids will learn not only about the lives of our elders, but also empathy, compassion, kindness, and the importance of being connected as a community regardless of age or background.

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 November 16th 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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