

Kingston Catholic School Family Organization

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Thursday February 21, 2019

A regular meeting of the Kingston Catholic School Family Organization (KCSFO) was held on Thursday, February 21st at 6:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Wall Street campus, with Ms. Zimmer presiding.

In attendance: Melissa Zimmer (President), Stacey Schuon (Vice-President) Mike Creeden (Treasurer), Christine Creeden (Secretary), Bridget Lasecki (past president) Marie Dilulio (Faculty representative) Laura Geskie (Faculty representative), Jill Albert (Principal), Jodi Vines (Vice Principal)

*Additional committee chairs and parents also in attendance

Excused: None

Call to Order: Melissa Zimmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes: Previous minutes have been reviewed. The following points are still open:

1. registering KCS with Amazon Smile
2. Secretary position for 2019/2020 has not been filled

Administration update:

In response to the recent "reunification" letter, Mrs. Albert provide the following information:

The choice in buildings was based, in part, by the number of existing classrooms. One building reduces costs and the Broadway campus provides more space. Grades 4 and 5 will be in the upstairs classrooms, Pre-K through 1st grade will be on the first floor, and grades 6-8 will be downstairs. A one-time capital improvement expenditure will be provided to KCS in the amount of \$275,000. This is not a loan or a grant, so it will not be paid back by KCS. With those funds the following improvements are expected to be made:

- Repair of gym floor, and new mats
- Overhaul of basement area
- Bathrooms in primary classrooms
- New PA system
- Security updates such as gates by the parking area

Treasurer's Report:

Mike noted that our current account balance is \$14,127, and we have paid \$26,277.29 toward our \$57,000 requirement. Recent deposits included \$121 in cookie sales, \$287 from Box tops, and \$483 from Life touch pictures.

Old Business:

- a) **Father Daughter Dance:** The Father Daughter dance as a great success, thanks to all of our volunteers. We had approximately 120 guests and our net income was \$800.
- b) **Catholic Schools week:** Despite the weather students enjoyed a great week full of fun dress down days and treats. Both schools enjoyed ice cream sundaes during lunch, provided by the KCSFO. The Penny challenge brought in \$1352 and we enjoyed a delicious fundraiser at Chipotle while earning \$435.
- c) **Parents Night Out:** Our first Parents Night Out was a success, and the KCSFO was grateful for an opportunity to give back to our school community. Many students joined us in the gym for basketball, football and relay races, while some of the younger kids went downstairs for arts and crafts puzzles and more! Everyone enjoyed a pizza party and went home exhausted.

New Business/Upcoming Events:

- a) **Mother Son Sports Night:** Friday 3/22, 6:30-8:30 Walter Gaceta and his staff have planned a great evening for Moms (or special ladies) and their Sons in the CYO gymnasium. A non-perishable donation is requested with admission.
- b) **Bunny Breakfast and Cake Walk:** Sunday April 7th the KCSFO will host a bunny breakfast and cake walk at the Wall Street campus. There will be an egg hunt for children, an opportunity for pictures with the Easter bunny, a cakewalk, raffles and more! Donations of cake, cupcakes, cookies etc are requested. Help is needed to set up Saturday April 6th from 10-12, and volunteers will be needed to help with the festivities the morning of the event.
- c) **Coffee Hour:** Recent coffee hours have been canceled due to lack of RSVP's. Some parents said that they thought the RSVP was only for child care, and they were planning to stop in. A new approach will be considered for future coffee hours.
- d) **Musical:** The musical is rapidly approaching, and committee chairs will be looking for volunteers. Rehearsals are being held Wednesdays and some Sundays. Currently help is needed painting sets and cleaning off the stage.
- e) **Impact Awards:** Bridget will reach out to Best Western to secure a date. A committee of 4-5 people will be needed to assist in the planning, which includes mailing invitations, tracking RSVP's and creating seating charts.
- f) **Read A Thon:** Eldeva has organized a fantastic Dr. Seuss themed read a thon, complete with decorations and visuals for each campus. Prizes are significant, including ice cream parties and \$50 Barnes and Noble gift cards.
- g) **Gertrude Hawk:** The Gertrude Hawk chocolate fundraiser is currently underway. Order forms are due Friday 3/1 and online orders will be accepted until 4/14. Bigger incentives are needed to encourage participation. Melissa will look into getting the online fundraiser into the church bulletins. 50% of sales are donated back to KCS.
- h) **Dinners & Community outreach:**
 - i) **Moe's:** Bridget has secured 5/31 with Moe's, in conjunction with our Barnes and Noble Book fair. 20% of sales will be donated back to KCS.
 - ii) **Crazy Bowlz:** The new menu is in effect and we are ready to schedule the dinner. Melissa is in contact with Jenny, and has the logo to create the flyer

New Ideas/Concerns:

1. **Parent's Night Out:** This would be an event for parents to meet off campus to socialize. Melissa will reach out to Savona's Next Door to see how many people they would want as a guarantee. If there is parent interest we will proceed.
2. **Art Show:** We could consider combining the CYO art show with a KCS Fundraiser to really showcase our student's work. With already limited timing and resources this will be considered next year.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 21st, 2019 at 6:30pm, at the Wall Street Campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
The KCSFO