

Kingston Catholic School Family Organization

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Thursday May 2, 2019

A regular meeting of the Kingston Catholic School Family Organization (KCSFO) was held on Thursday, May 2nd 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), Marie Dilulio (Faculty representative) Laura Geskie (Faculty representative), Jill Albert (Principal), Jodi Vines (Vice Principal)

*Additional committee chairs and parents also in attendance

Excused: Bridget Lasecki (past President)

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

Minutes: Previous minutes have been reviewed and all points have been cleared or tabled.

Administration update:

- 5th Grade completed the NYS ELA and Math testing using the CBT (Computer-Based Testing) format, and the feedback is that students preferred this over the previous format.
- The Broadway campus renovation project continues to move along as administration obtains necessary permits for work to begin as soon as school lets out in June.
- Friday May 3rd KCS will have the National Honor Society Induction after mass.
- Weather permitting, we will also have our "clean sweep" of the Broadway campus.

Treasurer's Report:

The current balance in the KCSFO account is \$36,727.52, of which \$4,500 is restricted (from prior years) for playground/recreation related expenditures.

Recent deposits from completed fundraisers include:

- Crazy Bowlz fundraising dinner \$300
- Gertrude Hawk chocolate fundraiser \$3,103.21
- Bunny Breakfast \$1,166

Totals for the Musical will be released once all expenses are paid.

Old Business:

- a) **Bunny Breakfast and Cakewalk:** The Bunny breakfast ran smoothly and was a very relaxed event. The committee has noted a few changes and improvements they would like to make for next year but overall were very happy with the turn out. Rebecca would like to run the cake walk again next year, and was impressed by the feedback she received from children during the event.
- b) **Musical:** The Musical was a great success all around. The kids had a great time and the performances ran smoothly. Ms. Tarza kept everything well organized and families up to date through google classroom. The clean-up after the last show was one of the best yet, and all strike fees were returned. Mike Creeden broke down the thrust so it can be used again for future performances

New Business/Upcoming Events:

- a) **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Alyson Reidy has taken on Teacher Appreciation week again this year. A luncheon will be held on first Friday, and she has small treats and prizes planned throughout the following week.

- b) Impact Awards: Planning for this year's IMPACT awards is in progress. This year's honorees are:
Mrs. Sandra Heaney
Monsignor O'Connor
Mr. Perry and Mrs. Diane Soule
 RSVP's are coming in, as well as ads for the journal. Melissa will reach out to local parishes to make sure the invitation goes in the bulletins. Bridget has ordered gifts for the honorees from Things Remembered.
- c) Scripts: The second round of Scripts wasn't as successful as the first- we will consider pushing this out next year and adding a "Flower Power" fundraiser for Mother's Day. Jen Eighmy has the details.
- d) Barnes & Noble Bookfair: May 15th- Summer reading books will be available for sale, as well as Cheesecake factory cheesecakes. The cast of Seussical Jr. will be performing 2 songs, and Ms. D will be reading a story. All Barnes & Noble proceeds will go toward books and educational enhancements for the classrooms.
- e) Field day: Mike Creeden will be organizing field day this year. Help will be needed to run stations, supervise students and serve snacks. The KCSFO will be providing water, watermelon, chips and ice pops.
- f) Dinners & Community outreach:
 - i) Moe's: Bridget has secured May 15th with Moe's, in conjunction with our Barnes and Noble Book fair. 20% of sales will be donated back to KCS.
 - ii) Community Outreach: During Lent, each grade took on a project:
 - 1st grade collected items for the ASPCA
 - K and 2nd grade collected books for Women and children
 - 3rd grade collected baby items for Birth Right
 - 4th grade is collecting change for a Mission
 - 5th-8th grade collected items for People's Place

New Ideas/Concerns:

- a) The KCSFO requested a bulletin board to post upcoming news and events and will begin to use the existing board in the lobby.
- b) \$1,500 has been given to the Eighth grade class to put toward their dinner dance
- c) Kourtney Fall is looking for volunteers to help out with next year's auction, which is tentatively scheduled for November 9th at Wiltwyck. Anyone interested can reach out to her at: kourtneyfall@gmail.com
- d) Mike Creeden has reached out to 3 different companies to get quotes on new gym mats. After reviewing all quotes the KCSFO will make a decision on how to proceed.

Next Meeting:

The last meeting of the school year is scheduled for Thursday June 13th, 2019 at 6:30pm, at the Wall Street Campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
 The KCSFO