

## **Kingston Catholic School Family Organization**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Thursday November 14, 2019

A regular meeting of the Kingston Catholic School Family Organization (KCSFO) was held on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Broadway campus, with Ms. Zimmer presiding.

### **In attendance:**

Melissa Zimmer (President), Stacey Schuon (Vice-President), Marie Dilulio (Faculty representative) Laura Geskie (Faculty representative), Jill Albert (Principal), Kelley Hedin (Secretary), Alyson Reidy (Treasurer),

\*Additional committee chairs and parents also in attendance

**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:**

- Ms. D, Mrs. Vines, and Mrs. Albert recently attended a Rise conference for religious/independent schools, and among other topics received information on bringing STEAM incentives into the science fair.
- The National Jr. Honor Society has been running the snack cart, and to date they raised and donated \$200 to the Peoples Place cafe! An *Archways Magazine* reporter came as kids delivered the check, and the article will be published in the Freeman as well as Ulster Publishing.
- Professional development money has been spent on: Mathletics (which is similar to Zearn to help hone math skills) as well as Northern Westchester Putnam Boces Social Studies curriculum package for grades K-8.
- Patty Ryan, director of enrollment, requested that students write thank you notes to local parishes regarding Catholic education. Select notes will be shared with the local parishes in November.
- A Passport to Kindergarten incentive will kick off at the Catholic Schools week open house in January.
- Seventh grade has a new student starting this week.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The current balance in the KCSFO account is \$36,727.52, and we will make a payment to the region in the amount of \$25,000 toward fulfillment of our obligation. This balance includes \$430 collected by "character day" donations, which will be restricted for theatre use.

### **Old Business:**

**Trunk or Treat:** It was suggested we consider moving this event to a Friday next year, and all are in favor. A chairperson would be a great addition to this event, and could grow to include more activities etc.

**Halloween Dance:** The Halloween dance for grades 5-8 was sponsored by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and it was a great success. Students gathered in the back lot for music, dancing and halloween-themed games. Thank you 8<sup>th</sup> grade for planning this!

### **New Business/Upcoming Events:**

**Pancake Breakfast:** Set up will be on 1/7 at 1pm, and volunteers are needed. We are still seeking vendors, and bakers. Mr. and Mrs. Clause are also still needed, and must be safer spaces cleared. The Bruderhof has donated eggs, and Freihoffers has offered baked goods. We will be reaching out to Sam's Club, Shoprite, Stewarts and Dunkin Donuts to request coffee and condiments. Baked goods are still needed from school families as well.

**Scripts:** Due back 12/6

**Feast of St. Nicholas:** Melissa will sort left over trunk or treat candy to leave for teachers to distribute

**Discount Card 2020:** Released at the Pancake breakfast and will be sold for \$12 each. Many local businesses participated this year and will each receive a card along with a personal Thank you card.

**Thanksgiving pie orders:** Pies will be sold 11/13-18, and will be available for pick up on 11/26

**Barnes and Noble and Five Guys Fundraising Dinner:** 12/4 Marie will have story time, the choir will sing, and the dance team will perform. Five Guys will donate 10% of all sales to KCS.

**Holiday shoppe:** 12/10-12/12 Volunteers are needed to help children shop. Please contact Alyson Reidy if you are able to help

### **Community Outreach:**

Gina Nuzzo organized the Family of Woodstock Coat Drive again this year

### **New Ideas/Concerns:**

1. The KCSFO would like to encourage room parents to reach out to respective classes with information on important fundraisers and events
2. Gaga Ball Mats: Alyson presented 2 options, and the board selected the more substantial weather resistant mats. The cost is \$1700 and they will be shipped ASAP.
3. The KCSFO will be ordering durable school communication folders to replace the paper weekly envelopes
4. Stacey will follow up on the installation of the water cooler on the main level. This should be happening early in the New Year.
5. Ideas were discussed on how to honor Mrs. Nac. A coffee hour following mass is the current suggestion and the date is TBD

### **Next Meeting:**

January 9th, 2020 at 6:30

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The KCSFO