

SSPJ School Board Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2019 at 7pm

Members Present: Fr. Tom Haggerty, Ms. Diane Anderson, Mr. Jonathan Nicastro, Ms. Kelly McGovern, Mrs. Jennine Cullen, Mrs. Deborah Radosta, Mr. Michael Radosta, Dr. Lisa Stephen, Dr. Gus Mantia, Mrs. Jennifer Wos, Mr. Matthew Carey

1. **Opening Prayer** - Ms. Anderson

2. **Guild Report-** Mrs. Jennine Cullen and Mrs. Debbie Radosta
 - a. Upcoming fundraising events include, Trivia Night, Dine Around- May 6th, Fashion show scheduled for May 30th.
 - b. Suggestion to develop a parent association for fundraising, working closely with the principal and encouraging more parent involvement across all grades to meet fundraising goals, rather than one or two people being responsible coordinating all events.

3. **Principal's Report** - Ms. Diane Anderson
 - a. Ms. Anderson would like to continue to offer Coffee and Conversation sessions, please advise of any topics for discussion/conversation.
 - b. Ms. Anderson reported that a directory of parents/families within the school/parish, with their affiliated areas of expertise/trade, etc. would be extremely helpful. There is presently a need for an IT professional to help set up the laptops donated from another school in the diocese.
 - c. The idea of conducting a survey, that could be downloaded directly into google docs, or a similar program, to capture all of this information, with a look up was discussed. Please send any ideas to Mr. Nicastro for fields of expertise, i.e., Medical, Education, Information Technology, Painting, Electrician, etc.
 - d. There will be a welcome night scheduled for the families from St. Joseph's school, who have enrolled at SSPJ.
 - e. There are presently 175 students pre-registered for the 2019-2020 school year, the budget for the upcoming academic year is based on the number of students who are presently pre-registered, with a completed application and deposit which will be put towards the following years tuition. A letter will be going home to all students this week to remind all returning families to pre register as budget planning will begin soon.
 - f. The Mary Monte Building will have an optimum internet account installed, to ensure continual WiFi service and connectivity, anticipated completion is Easter Vacation. Walkie talkies and cellular phones are always available at all times.

- g. Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is sponsoring a 5k Run and Family Fun run on Saturday March 30th at St. Joseph's Church in Garden City, NY. Notices are going home with students this week, all are encouraged to participate in continued support of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation.
- h. Easter flowers will be delivered to the church on Saturday April 20 at 10 am, the school families will help in decorating the altar for Easter.
- i. Security Team update- the next step will be to schedule a meeting in which all virtue trained volunteers will be invited to finalize volunteer paperwork, discuss the role of the Security Team volunteers, establish a schedule and training. Proposed meeting date; Monday March 4th.

4. Pastor's Report - Father Tom Haggerty

- a. Father Tom thanked Mr. and Mrs. Radosta and Mr. Nicastro for attending the FORMED training at the Seminary on February 8th. FORMED is a resource of Catholic media, movies, lectures, and more, for all ages, available to the entire parish.
- b. March 6th is Ash Wednesday, the students will be participating in 915 am mass.
- c. The Parish Lenten Soup Supper will be held on March 6, Ash Wednesday, in the auditorium at 530 pm, a segment of "Forgiven- Where Are You", from FORMED will be presented.
- d. On each Friday of Lent, the Lent FORMED video for that week will be shown at 10 am in the Bethenny Center, beginning on March 8, through April 12.
- e. March 12th is Lenten Reconciliation for the school, grades 2 through 8.
- f. There will be an Adult Education program beginning on Tuesday March 12, for three consecutive weeks on the Spirituality of Richard Rohr, moderated by Dr. Petriano of St. Joseph's college.

5. President's Report - Mr. Jonathan Nicastro

- a. Gardening Club Ministry
 - i. Mr. Carey has been working with Rectory staff in determining a location for the garden, Dr. Stephens reported that the Boy Scouts would like to contribute to and participate in the gardening. The Josephite Nuns in Brentwood have a garden ministry and may be an additional resource in developing this ministry and community.
- b. June 2 is Smithtown Day, and June 15 is Kings Park Day, SSPJ school would like to participate again, volunteers will be needed, as well as give aways with the school logo.
- c. The Knights of Columbus Annual Golf outing will be held on June 17 at the Smithtown landing country club, it is an all day event including meals and golf.
- d. Virtus Training to become a Trainer -anyone who is interested in becoming a VIRTUS trainer please advise Mr. Nicastro.

- e. Open School Board meeting to be scheduled at next meeting for May or June.

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm