

SSPJ School Board Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2020 at 7pm

Members Present: Fr. Tom Haggerty, Ms. Diane Anderson, Mr. Jonathan Nicastro, Ms. Kelly McGovern, Dr. Denice Franco, Mrs. Christina Hughes, Mr. Matt Carey, Dr. Gus Mantia, Mrs. Tania Willman, Mrs. Jennine Cullen, Mrs. Jennifer Wos

Members Excused: Dr. Lisa Stephens

1. Opening Prayer - Fr. Tom

2. President's Report- Mr. Nicastro

- A. Mr. Nicastro commended Ms. Anderson, our Principal for the preparations put in place in anticipation of the current events, to ensure continuity of instruction to all students.

3. Principal's Report- Ms. Anderson

- A. Ms. Anderson reported Google classroom is completely set up, to ensure continuity of instruction to all students and to stay connected to all the students, and faculty.
- B. Discussion took place about successful activities that have already occurred, including students and teachers meeting in google classroom, to stay connected and to support everyone.
- C. Ms. McCalvin reported that SSPJ is ahead of the districts in the area, Smithtown School District will not begin online remote learning and instruction until April 2.
- D. The group discussed how wonderful the daily morning and afternoon announcements and prayers are for the children and staff and how very proud all are of our school, administration, faculty, staff, and families as we navigate these unprecedented times, without missing a beat.
- E. Ms. Anderson reported that students are receiving online instruction in all subjects, not just their homeroom classroom, they are receiving instruction and support from Art, Technology, Music, Physical Education, Chorus, Spanish and our Guidance Counselor.

4. Pastor's Report- Fr. Tom Haggerty

- A. SSPJ is streaming daily mass and prayer services, to continue to support the parish and stay connected to one another; as well as prayers and reflections on the SSPJ Website.
- B. The parish continues to support our community and those in need, through prayer and social ministry, the food pantry, prayer over the phone and support to the elderly and isolated.

5. Guild Report- Mrs. Cullen

- A. Mrs. Cullen reported that all events are on hold at this time, until further notice, as per the Governor's order for social distancing.
- B. The School Guild will continue to provide updates to the school, through the Go To Parents with information.

Round Table:

All of the members of the board shared positive experiences they have had during these challenging times.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next Meeting Date: TBA