

## **SSPJ School Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 1, 2021 at 7pm**

**Members Present:** Ms. Diane Anderson, Ms. Jennifer Wos, Mr. Matthew Carey, Mrs. Jennine Cullen, Dr. Denice Franco, Dr. Gus Mantia, Mrs. Tracy McAlvin, Ms. Kelly McGovern, Mrs. Tania Willman

Excused: Mrs. Christina Hughes, Dr. Lisa Stephens

I. **Opening Prayer-** Fr. Tom opened the meeting with a prayer

### **II. Principal's Report- Ms. Diane Anderson**

1. Ms. Anderson reported that enrollment is going well for the upcoming school year
2. We are still awaiting guidelines for next year, in regard to class sizes, etc.
3. The second iReady diagnostic started today and went very well, the new WIFI extenders were a big help
4. The students will be doing Stations of the Cross for Lent on two Fridays in March, through a pre-recorded session
5. Catholic middle school sports are able to start again, and SSPJ already has enough interest to form a Volleyball team
6. The Tomorrows Hope Virtual Fun Run is Saturday March 27.

### **III. Pastor's Report- Fr. Tom Haggerty**

1. Fr. Tom reported attending the Morning Star Initiative meetings, as a very positive experience, with a continued emphasis on Catholic identity, for continued development in religious education. Between now and May the meetings will continue as they are working on the 5-year model for Catholic Schools, to ensure that they continue to grow and thrive.
2. The Archdiocese of NY is presenting through FEMA for reimbursement for the added expenses accrued due to adding cleaning services and supplies, that are required to ensure safety throughout the pandemic.
3. The dates for Confirmation have been confirmed, and we are resuming practices leading up to and in preparation for the sacraments, including the Creed Mass, and an online retreat for students.

4. The Second Graders completed the Sacrament of Reconciliation
5. The dates for First Holy Communion have been confirmed
6. Our Parish Lenten Theme this year is, "Jesus is the Key".

#### **IV. Guild Report-** Mrs. Jennine Cullen

1. The Guild has already raised \$60k to date, and that is without the Read a Thon, which just wrapped up, and will add approximately an additional \$9k in fundraising.
2. The Sqaure1Art project fundraiser is coming up next
3. The Clothing Drive is scheduled for March 27, 2021, 9 am -11am, drop off at the Soul Brew parking lot in St. James, thank you Mrs. Carey for organizing.
4. Soul Brew will also be donating part of their proceeds from that morning to SSPJ. Thank you Petrocellis.
5. The Car Raffle will be coming in the Spring.

#### **V. Public Relations Committee-** Mr. Carey and Dr. Franco

1. Dr. Franco and Mr. Carey reported that the Facebook page for SSPJ is going well, continuing to highlight alumni, and they continue to expand and grow the audience.

#### **VI. President's Report-** Mrs. Jennifer Wos

1. Mrs. Wos provided an update for the Foundation, now known as the Catholic Academic Promise Foundation, along with its own logo, email address and tax id#. Next steps are to establish the website and hopefully be able to start planning events.

2. Mrs. Wos and the school board will send out a letter to school families inviting anyone who would like to write a testimonial regarding their experience at SSPJ to be shared on the website.

**Meeting adjourned at: 7:40 pm**

**Next Meeting: April 12 at 7:00 pm**