

## **SSPJ School Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 12, 2021 at 7pm**

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

Excused: Mrs. Tracy McAlvin, Dr. Lisa Stephens

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

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

- Ms. Anderson reported that enrollment for the 2021-22 school year is going well, and she continues to provide tours to families on the weekends.
- Still awaiting guidance from the CDC, DOH and the Diocese regarding guidelines for next academic year, for social distancing and precautions.
- The students are using the computer lab again, and are enjoying it very much.
- Thanks to a grant through Tomorrow's Hope Foundation, SSPJ School received 25 Chromebooks and 17 iPads, bringing us even closer to our 1:1 device goal.
- A thank you has gone out thanking all of the generous donors who contributed to SSPJ The Day of Giving.
- A letter from the school board was sent out to all families, in response to the recent closing of Catholic Schools on Long Island, to assure families that SSPJ is presently in good standing, however that will only sustain through the continued support and participation in the parish and the school.
- The Morning Star Initiative continues, with a goal of building community again, through participating in church, mass and ministries, and continuing to support Catholic Identity.

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

- Fr. Tom reported a continued emphasis as well on creating community again, and establishing a Dream Team, and encouraging participation and involvement in the sacraments, ministries, parish events. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of outdoor community building as we approach warmer months.
- All of the sacraments are scheduled and happening, both Communion and Confirmations!
- Reservations are no longer needed for Mass, we are still adhering to social distancing and precautions.

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

- Mrs. Cullen reported we are presently on track to meet our fundraising goal of \$75,000, for the current academic school year, as we are over the \$70,000 mark!
- Our clothes drive was a great success, raising over \$1200.
- The Spring Raffle will soon be underway.
- The monthly raffles have been going very well, the March prizes were for Camps R Us, and the April raffle is coming soon with more great prizes.
- Mrs. Cotter will be taking on the role of President of the Guild for the upcoming school year, as we move more towards a committee approach to the guild. Thank you to Mrs. Cullen for all of her hard work, commitment and dedication to the guild and our school over the past 3 years, serving as President for the School Guild.
- Planning is ongoing for the school's 100-year celebration.

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

- Mr. Carey and Dr. Franco continue to work on and develop posts to continue to increase the audience and exposure of SSPJ and all the great things about SSPJ past and present.

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

- Mrs. Wos reported that development of the Foundation continues to move forward and all is going well, working closely with the board members to establish terms and expectations.
- The next school board meeting will be an Open School Board Meeting, scheduled for May 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm, expected to be in person in the school auditorium, adhering to social distancing and precautions. Surveys will be going out to the school families to establish discussion points and address any questions or concerns.

**Roundtable:**

Board members shared positive feedback received from the school community about how well the school year has been going for the kids and families, as we are coming to the final trimester and end of the school year.