

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer said by Karen Johnson

Catholic School Week Recap

- Virtual Music Workshop

Lindsay Hobart gave a recap on the virtual music presentation. Great feedback from staff, parents and kids. Multiple teachers sent emails thanking SPA for this entertainment. Kids were really engaged through all the grade levels.

- Pancake Breakfast

Tina and Dan Dulaski chaired our pancake breakfast. The catering went well and was a smooth process. Everyone was pleased that we were able to continue this yearly tradition.

Budget Overview

- Updated Budget

Changes from the last meeting include updated expenses for the virtual music entertainment, pancake breakfast, teacher requests approved last month, and the Valentine's Day ice cream social. At this time there is a remainder of about \$14,000.

Upcoming Events

- Valentine's Ice Cream Social and motivational notes

Ice cream social held on 2/12. Ice cream and toppings will be supplied to each classroom. In addition to the ice cream motivational notes will be provided. Thanks Kerri Handren for organizing this event.

- Book Fair-Teacher Wish Lists \$25/teacher

Each homeroom teacher was given a \$25 e-gift card. Parents did enjoy the availability of the virtual book fair and were hoping that in addition to an in-person book fair next year a virtual one could continue but that will be determined by Scholastic.

- Used Uniform Sale March

Sale planned for March 11 (3-5pm). It will be held in the Rose Garden. Donations of uniforms will be collected February 23 and 24. Drop off of donations to Gisela in front of the Rose Garden at morning and afternoon drop off on those days. More information to come as the sale approaches. Requested "warm weather" uniforms in a paper bag drop off.

- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Sarah Sherman provided a few additional ideas for the teacher's luncheon. Menus are being reviewed. We determined that there is enough space for everyone to eat in the Rose Garden. The luncheon is planned for April 5th. This date is a staff development day. Also, with the luncheon teachers will be provided gift cards. Thanks Sarah!

- Spring Events (Fun fitness Fridays and Field Day)

In the month of May, kids were able to be dropped off at 7:45 to participate in a fun fitness activity. Marianne suggests a limit of 30 participants. The activity would need to be held outside this year. SPA is looking for a chair for this event and any creative suggestions for ways to continue this in a safe manner.

Field day does remain on the calendar. Mr. Bourque will be in the dunk tank! The logistics of having field day will still need to be determined. June 9th is the date and the plan is still to have it with some changes based on the current environment and restrictions at the time. We would need volunteers and these volunteers would need to be Cori'd. More information to come.

- Parent Virtual Game Night

Lindsay presented an idea for a parent virtual game/trivia night as the parent social was not able to be held in the Fall. Parents in attendance in person and via zoom thought this was a fun idea.

General Overview

- Teacher Requests

- Document Camera for 1st grade

The cost is \$150-SPA voted yes

- Middle School House Cup

The cost is around \$150-SPA voted yes

- Night SPA meetings (Spring 2021 and more for 2021-2022 school year planned)

We plan on having a night SPA meeting in May (5/13 at 7pm). The calendar for next year will include two evening SPA meetings. We did talk about sending out a google form to see what night of the week parents would prefer and in general how best to accommodate all parent's schedules to maximize attendance going forward.

- Suggestions for SPA funds

Kim Greene presented ideas that 8th grade parents had brainstormed for additional SPA funds. These ideas and descriptions were sent in an email from the SPA account 2/11/2021 and included:

Awning for protection from the elements

Bathroom Decals

Parking Lot Banners

Outdoor Electronic Digital Signs

Mr. Bourque mentioned the logistics of the awning would be too difficult to consider. At the meeting we dec

ided to think about all of the above suggestions and revisit at the next meeting.

- Mr. Bourque announcements

The Parish Social does continue to be discussed between the school and the parish. Virtual ideas have been shared and more information to follow as decisions are made.

Dan Dulaski mentioned utilizing more outdoor space for the kids. This is something the parent advisory committee can assist with but Mr. Bourque and SPA would like to start to take the first steps in making this vision a reality. The town needs to be contacted to determine exact space owned by the parish. An engineer and architect need to be contacted as well.

- Marketing/Communication-how to best target new families (what would you have liked to know before starting at SMCS) and keep current families "in the loop"

Discussion was held regarding ways to improve communication with new families starting at the school as well as with families already at the school. In the past there have been both parent and student liaisons to welcome new families. We talked about what we would have liked to know more about prior to school starting. Some suggestions were more uniform specifics including the used uniform sale and spirit day attire, carline protocol, social media presence including school run Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages, parent community Facebook pages and classroom specific Facebook pages. The board plans to meet with Mr. Bourque after vacation to work on this project. If there is any information you wished you would have known prior to starting at St. Mary's please send an email to the SPA account.