

St. John Vianney School
Home & School
GENERAL MEETING
September 19, 2018

Meeting begins at 9:15

Members in attendance: Halligan Czarnecki, Barb Corby, Ann Stith, Monica O'Brien, Melissa Kharitou, Sarah Schulz, Elizabeth Matzke, Anne Zitzer, Heather Ferber, Tanya Baynes, Martha Connelly, Janet Fischer, Megan Fenlon, Laura Russell, Mary Culligan, Brian Shimon, Shannon Wessing, Jenni Schmus, Angela Bravata, Jen Schultz

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer: Shannon Wessing
2. Introductions of Exec Board and members in attendance
3. Angela Bravata was introduced and discussed her new role as SJV's Director of Stewardship and Communications
4. Treasurer Report-Mary Culligan
 - a. Mary presented highlights of income/expenses to date. She also noted changes to teacher/staff gifts for the current school year. Since there are fewer students this year, there are fewer dollars available for gifts and amounts have been adjusted. Room parents are organizing donations for birthday lunches to supplement gifts.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Dine Out - Shanon Wessing presented updates on upcoming Dine Out events and highlighted plans for the Culver's Dine Out set for Sept 24th. Fr. Ed, Mr. Shimon and several teachers and staff will be servers that evening.
 - b. Trivia Night - planning is underway for Oct. 20th event
 - c. Box Tops - Mary Culligan noted that Box Tops bring in \$.10 per top collected. She will coordinate a Box Top drive for the week of Sept 24th. If goal of 3,500 box tops is reached, students will have out of uniform day. A suggestion was made that future Box Top drives could be run by middle school students as a Servant Leadership project. Middle school students can also get service hours helping to trim and count tops.
 - d. Book Fair - Jenni Schmus will coordinate the book fair scheduled for the week of Oct 24-28th. The fair will coincide with Fall Fest events and Grandparent's Day, also scheduled for that week. A penny collection drive will also take place this year; profits used to purchase new books for the library and "points" earned will also be used for obtaining library books.
 - e. Grandparents/Grandfriends Day - Megan Fenlon will coordinate the event scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th.

- f. Fall Fest - Anne Zitzer reported on plans underway for Fall Fest, Wednesday, October 24th. There will be games/crafts/prizes at 6pm in the cafeteria prior to the 7pm concert.
- g. Vianney Varieties - Laura Russell provided updates on the Nov. 6th event. She noted that there will not be an evening show this year. 4th grade will also be allowed to participate if they do so as a class. (No individual/group 4th grade acts.)
- h. BIDS - Melissa Kharitou and Heather Ferber provided updates. Goal this year is \$175K. Venue and auctioneer are secured, theme/logo has been designed, and committees are actively soliciting sponsors and donations. Several BIDS class parties have been held to raise funds to offset BIDS expenses. Co-chairs request ideas for auction items/packages.
- i. Robotics - Shannon Wessing discussed the benefits of the program and how it operates currently at SJV, as well as how other schools have enjoyed and benefited from the program. A discussion followed about ways to expand robotics as well as STEM offerings at SJV.
- j. SCRIP- Martha Connelly, Janet Fischer and Tanya Baynes said that "live" Panera and Starbucks SCRIP cards will now be available for purchase Monday morning in the library office and before/after Wednesday morning mass. They noted that SCRIP raised \$8,000 last year, and that there is considerable potential for improvement. They said SCRIP is simple to use and does not cost the consumer any extra money. Some vendors, such as Lands End, provide significant percentages of funds back to the school. The challenge is getting parents/parishoners in the habit of using them for their regular purchases, such as gas, grocery, clothing shopping, etc.

6. Principal's Report -

- a. Mr. Shimon discussed the upcoming Virtue Family Night.
- b. He noted that a team from SJV attended an inservice in St. Louis focussed on Virtue Based Restorative Discipline that was very informative.
- c. School staff are now participating in staff Virtue Families and will be watching Bishop Baron's DVD series on The Mass.
- d. He noted that current attendance is 326. He has given several tours to prospective families recently. He added that he is extremely enthusiastic about what SJV has to offer in terms of academics and faith formation and shares this with prospective families visiting the school.
- e. Search for 7th grade ELA and 8th grade religion teacher is on-going with outreach to area graduate programs for candidates.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30

Next meeting date: Wednesday, November 14 at 9:15am in P210