

St. John Vianney School  
Home & School  
GENERAL MEETING  
November 14, 2018

Meeting began at 9:15am

Members in attendance: Tanya Baynes, Mary Culligan, Megan Fenlon, Heather Ferber, Janet Fisher, Melissa Kharitou, Elizabeth Matzke, Allison Rusch, Laura Russell, Brian Shimon, Jenni Schmus, Jen Schultz, Sarah Schulz, Ann Stith, Shannon Wessing, Anne Zitzer

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer: Shannon Wessing
2. Secretary's Minutes: Jen Schultz informed the committee that meeting minutes are posted on SJV website under "Parent Resources." Shannon Wessing will ask Janelle Peterson to include a link to the minutes alongside future meeting agendas in the Shamrock Weekly.
3. Treasurer's Report: Mary Culligan provided net totals of funds raised to date:
  - a. Trivia Night: \$2,180
  - b. Dine Outs to date: \$980.02
  - c. Box Tops: \$713.90
  - d. Book Fair: approximately \$10,219. (45% of that amount comes to SJV in "Scholastic Dollars" for library/classroom book purchases.
4. Committee Reports:
  - a. Dine Out: Shannon reported that Blaze Pizza will be Tuesday, Nov 20th, all day. (Janet Fisher noted that live SCRIP cards for Blaze will be available at SJV starting Nov 14th.) Jake's Burger will be December 6th.
  - b. Teacher Christmas Luncheon: Shannon reported that Portillo's has offered to cater the event at no cost. (Traditionally, Home and School has funded it.)
  - c. Secret Santa Shoppe (Dec 7th): Allison Rusch reported that planning is underway and going well. The committee will send out a Sign Up Genius for event helpers. Allison encouraged parents to purchase items under \$5 for the event. (Note: tax exempt form should be used. The Business Office will not reimburse for sales tax).
  - d. Breakfast with Santa (Dec 1st): Laura Russell reported that 80 people are signed up so far, and discussed event details.
  - e. Catholic Schools Week: Nothing reported at this time.
  - f. Daddy Daughter Dance (Feb 9th): Nothing reported at this time.
  - g. Grandparents Day: Megan Fenlon reported that over 300 grandparents/friends attended and that the event seemed to be very well received. Megan said there were

logistical hiccups that can be easily mitigated next year. Some suggestions for next year include: order extra food as many people came that had not RSVP'd; provide special activity for kids who do not have a guest; recruit additional volunteers; enter the cafeteria via the second door to avoid congestion in hallway; modify dismissal from mass by last name, so that half visit classrooms first and half visit cafeteria first.

- h. Book Fair: Jenni Schmus reported that the event was very successful this fall. The total raised, including coin challenge, was over \$10,200. She noted that about half of this total comes to SJV in credits to purchase Scholastic books.
- i. Bids For Kids (March 2): Heather Ferber and Melissa Kharitou provided updates, including:
  - i. \$6,500 has been raised from class parties and \$20,000 committed for sponsorships (with goal of \$30,000).
  - ii. There are many opportunities for sponsoring the auction; creative ideas will be considered as well.
  - iii. Some items will be available early and there will be early ticket sales this year.
  - iv. There will not be a printed catalog this year, as there is not a sponsor for the substantial printing costs of \$5,000. Auction catalog will be available on BidPal and via PDF on SJV's website.
- j. Fall Fest: Anne Zitzer reported that the event went well overall. Attendance was good and the kids seemed to enjoy the event. Anne noted that the middle schoolers did a great job creating and executing games for the event, although there were some issues with kids having to cancel last minute or leave early due to scheduling conflicts.
  - i. Anne proposed changing the format for next year. Her request is to reinstitute the SJV Carnival, which was regularly held at SJV in the past. Anne is an SJV alum and suggested that it was a beloved tradition by students in the past. Anne volunteered to chair the event next year. Possible activities include a cake walk, games and haunted house. Eighth graders could also plan and execute events, which they would plan during their resource and after school time, NOT class time.
  - ii. A decision to proceed with an SJV Carnival for next year will need to be made and budgeted for in the spring of 2019.
- k. Vianney Varieties- Laura Russell reported that the event went well. Not having an evening show seemed to work well. There were some challenges with sound that they will try and address in the future.
  - i. A request was made that children younger than 4th grade be allowed to perform with older siblings.

- I. Trivia Night - The event was great this year, with high attendance despite Brewer's game scheduled at same time. \$2180 was raised in net proceeds. Shannon reported that a new committee will be needed for next year. Mr. Dempsey has agreed to chair the new committee and 10-12 additional volunteers are needed.

#### 5. Principal's Report - Mr. Shimon

- a. Veteran's Day was observed at school with moment of silence. Mr Shimon played "Taps" for the students. Next year he will consider inviting veterans and/or an Honor Guard to mark the holiday.
- b. A presentation regarding an SJV K-3 program will be made to Parish Council. If approved, there will be 1-2 classrooms for the 2019-20 school year, depending on enrollment. Mr. Shimon noted that most area parishes/schools already offer K-3. The program itself won't be a "money maker" for SJV, it will likely help with marketing and retention.
  - i. It was suggested that a discount be offered to parents whose K-3 child is enrolled half day.
- c. The cafeteria floor will be resurfaced during break, starting the last day of school.
- d. Playground Repair: Repairing the drainage issue on the back playground is estimated at \$30-\$50,000 and would need to take place during the summer due to the machinery that will be needed.

#### 6. New Business

- a. Battle of the Books (BOB): Laura Russell said that year (March 19, 6-9pm) will be SJV's turn to host a sectional BOB competition. Parents' help will be needed to sell concessions to participants.
- b. SCRIP: Janet Fisher announced that a SCRIP participation competition will take place from November 26-Dec 17th. Classrooms that have at least 50% participation will have an-out-of-uniform day in January. For families with more than student, orders will count for each classroom.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, January 23, at 9:15am in P210