

St. John Vianney School
Home & School
GENERAL MEETING
March 27, 2019

Meeting began at 9:15am

Members in attendance: Tanya Baynes, Mary Culligan, Megan Fenlon, Heather Ferber, Janet Fisher, Elizabeth Lange, Monica O'Brien, Laura Russell, Brian Shimon, Jenni Schmus, Jen Schultz, Sarah Schulz, Ann Stith, Shannon Wessing, Ann Zitzer

1. **Welcome & Opening Prayer:** Shannon Wessing
2. **Secretary's Minutes (Jen Schultz):** General Meeting minutes can be found on the parish website and in the Shamrock Weekly, along with Home and School General Meeting agendas.
3. **Treasurer's Report (Mary Culligan):**
 - a. Income updates: \$262 Box Tops, \$300 Chipotle.. Totals for Portillo's and Culver's were not yet available. In total, Dine Out events have raised roughly \$1,000 so far.
 - b. Home and School's budget proposal for 2019-20 has been submitted to Mr. Shimon and the Parish Finance Council.
4. **Committee and Events Reports:**
 - a. **High Interest Day (Jen Schultz):** High Interest Day is scheduled for the afternoon of May 10th. Twenty nine presentations have been scheduled and student sign ups have been completed. The committee may seek help from a few parent helpers for the event in the coming weeks. The 6th graders will be assisting classrooms again this year, so the need for parent volunteers will be minimal.
 - b. **Chess Tournament (Shannon Wessing):** SJV will host a chess tournament on Saturday, May 11th, from 9:30-2:30, in the school and gym. Approximately 300 students are expected to participate. Chess Scholars will run the event. The only assistance SJV will provide is in setup/cleanup, providing a few volunteers to be on-site. Shannon noted that SJV has the opportunity sell concessions and/or have a bake sale at the event. Girl Scouts will likely do the bake sale and Tanya Baynes will sell boy scout chocolate bars. The Athletic Board is purchasing a slushie machine, which can also be used at the event. Shannon suggested that bake sale proceeds could be used to purchase items needed for SJV's STEM Robotics program and there was no objection.
 - c. **Dine Out (Shannon Wessing):** A Chuck E Cheese fundraiser will take place April 5th. Blaze Pizza/DQ and Yo Mama are the remaining events scheduled for this year.

- d. **Musical/Fine Arts (Laura Russell):** Preparations for the musical are underway and things are coming together. "Tech week" is starting April 7th. The musical is scheduled for April 11th and 12th, with performances at 1:00pm and 7:00pm both days.
 - e. **Book Fair (Jenni Schmus):** The next book fair will take place May 22nd during the Spring Concert/Fine Arts Night. Jenni noted that this fall's book fair earned "Scholastic dollars" which enabled her to order \$450 worth of Scholastic book for the library.
 - i. Jenni could use help with barcoding and shelving all the new books. She will create instructions for volunteers and leave them in the library, along with the new books. It was suggested that parents who supervise "eat and go" in the library could help.
 - f. **Trivia Night:** Sarah Schulz has volunteered to chair the Trivia Night committee, which also includes Katie Nova, Matt Fricker and Francis Dempsey. Mary Bruggeman, who has served on the committee the past few years, has offered to mentor.
 - g. **Battle of the Books:** Shannon said a concern had been raised from a parent about discontinuing BOB. A discussion followed:
 - i. Laura Russell, who has overseen BOB with Clare Lange, provided an overview of what BOB entails. She said there are benefits to the program: kids are encouraged to read more and are exposed to books that they might not otherwise read. She noted that BOB culminates in a competition, which kids enjoy. However, Laura and Clare are uncertain about whether BOB is the best way to spark critical thinking and understanding of the material, since participants are reading different books at any given time, and because there isn't a process for discussion.
 - ii. Ann Stith said that she and her kids have enjoyed the books and program. She noted that the book selections can have "heavy" themes that may not necessarily appeal to all.
 - iii. A new chair would be needed for next year if BOB continues, as Laura is stepping aside from that role.
- 5. Teacher Appreciation Week (Ann Stith):** Ann Stith and Barb Corby are chairing. The theme is "You Lift Us Up." Events are planned for each day of the week, beginning May 6th, which reflect that theme. Ann discussed specifics (many of which are surprises, and will not be detailed here) and noted that all details regarding what students and parents are asked to contribute will be included in emails to parents.
- 6. Carnival (Anne Zitzer):** Anne, along with Keri Webber and Marie Schloemer, (SJV alumni) will chair. Anne noted that this was a favorite activity for them when they were SJV students.
- a. The carnival will take place Friday of Catholic Schools Week from 1-2:30. (Staff vs. 8th grade volleyball game will be moved to Thursday.)

- b. All middle school students will participate in planning and executing the event, with two representatives from each homeroom coordinating. Meetings will take place during recess/eat-and-go times, and no instructional/class time will be used.
- c. Games will also run by middle school students in shifts, so they may enjoy the carnival too. Older students will “buddy up” with younger students on the day of the event.
- d. Funds needed for the carnival will be redirected from Fall Fest, which is not scheduled to take place next year.

7. BIDS recap (Heather Ferber):

- a. 315 tickets were sold
- b. There was positive feedback about the location, food, overall attractiveness of the venue.
- c. There was confusion and problems with drink ticket sales. Heather said they recommend going back to a cash bar for future auctions.
- d. Approx \$140,000 was raised; \$38,000 was raised for SMART boards.
 - i. Mr Shimon mentioned that the option of purchasing Smart TVs instead of Smart boards is being explored. He noted that they may have equivalent functionality, with fewer maintenance problems. (Attendees were in support of exploring and pursuing this option.) Brian also noted that he’s submitting a grant proposal to the archdiocese for faculty technology training funds.
- e. Class parties, which were held last year, were extremely successful, raising \$7,000 used to offset auction expenses.

9. Principal’s Report - Brian Shimon

- a. Home and School’s request to change orientation to an evening timeframe has been approved. It will probably be scheduled from 4-6pm. The day has not yet been determined.
 - i. There was discussion about the event ending with a dinner and ice cream social. It was suggested that dinner options be provided. Cousins Subs and/or food trucks could be brought in for purchase. Ice cream would be provided.
- b. The Parish Council has approved SJV host a fish fry next Lent. No further details were yet determined or available.
- c. This May, the SJV School Committee will host a panel discussion with principals from Catholic Memorial High School, Marquette University HS, and Divine Savior Holy Angels HS. SJV parents and prospective families will be highly encouraged to attend. The idea for this came about because feedback from from these schools has been extremely positive about the preparedness of about SJV students. The School Committee would like an opportunity for

parents to hear this feedback and ask questions. Mr. Shimon requested ideas for specific questions or topics to be covered for the event.

10. New Business (Shannon Wessing):

- a. Exec Committee Guidelines.** The Executive Committee has reviewed guidelines and made minimal changes. The revised guidelines will be posted on SJV's website under "Home and School Association."
- b. Home and School Committee Chairs for Next Year.** Executive Committee positions open for next year are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Advisor. These positions will be posted in upcoming Shamrock Weekly. Some people have already expressed interest. If multiple people step forward for any given spot, a vote will be held at the next General Meeting. Any questions can be addressed to Shannon at sswessing33@gmail.com.
- c.** There are several committees that need chairs for next year. A full listing is attached.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00am.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, May 15, th at 9:15am.

Location: P210

2019-2010 Committee Chairs

Birthday Board: Monica O'Brien, Jenni Schmus

Catholic Schools Week: Open

New Family Mentors: Open

Orientation Day: Open

Public Relations: Sarah Schulz

Room Parents: Jenni Schmus

Battle of the Books: Open

Fine Arts: Laura Russell

High Interest Day: Jen Schultz, Megan Fenlon, Kelli Melzer, and Laura Clark

Literary Parent Helpers: Marya Melby

Playground Supply: Allison Rusch

Robotics Club: Open

STEM Fridays (Chess, Lego, Mad science, and Coding): Open

Strings & Band Supporters: Sarah Schulz and Jen Van Kirk

Back to School Social: Ann Marie Hess and Heather Ferber

Grandparent's Day: Megan Fenlon, Monica O'Brien, Ann Stith and Elizabeth Matzke

Grills & Guitars: Open

Teacher/Staff luncheons: Amy Mineau and Heather Ferber

Trivia Night: Sarah Schulz

Heath Room Coordinator: Mary Thorpe

Hot Lunch Volunteers: Laura Russell

Lost and Found: Open

Scholastic Book Fair: Jenni Schmus

School Pak: Ann Marie Hoyme

Secret Santa Shoppe: Stephanie Honkamp and Allison Rusch

Spirit Wear: Allison Rusch

Uniform Resale: Amy Mineau

Sunshine: Genny Jones

Teacher Appreciation Week: Open

Bids for Kids Auction 2021: Open

Dine Out with SJV: Open

Box Tops: Open

SCRIP: Janet Fisher, Martha Connelly, Tanya Baynes, Maria Schloemer

Veteran's Day: Open

Breakfast with Santa: Open

Coffee & Bagels: Open

Mother and Son: Heather Ferber

Daddy Daughter Dance: Katie Nova