

Saint Patrick Parent Association

Meeting Agenda/Minutes October 11, 2022

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Agenda:

Feedback on PreK/K Movie Night & Neon Dance Party

MTG DISCUSSION: Movie night feedback thus far has been really positive, as has been the feedback on the glow dance party. It was fun watching the little ones learn how dances work and what to do! 😊 Should we consider having another party to give more opportunities for families to gather and kids to spend time together? For dance, consider hiring a DJ to run music AND encourage kids to participate and prompt them with what to do! For events during dinner timeframe, could there be heavier food options? 3hrs was probably a bit too long – possibly shorter next time. Tiffany Olson has said she might be willing to chair the glow dance night next year. For movie night, it would be extra helpful to have the teachers present for supervising and connecting with families.

Trunk or Treat:

- *Volunteer list is full – THANK YOU!
- *Sterino Farms has agreed to provide pumpkins for the event – hoping for approx. 150!
- *Candy Contest runs 10/17-10/19. Orange creamsicle party 10/21 for the class who collects the most candy by weight.
- *Event Games are in the SPPA closet. ASB can help run?
- *Costume Contest – food bank donation to be entered, ASB to judge & award prizes, two winners per grade K-5, three winners for middle school division.

MTG DISCUSSION: Clean-up only had two spots on the sign up so could use a bit of extra help there after the event, but otherwise we are set for help. Christy will ask the auction chairs about selling REACH raffle tickets that night since all families will be in attendance. There will also be an annual fund booth/trunk. ASB is going to be “processing” the candy that’s collected during the week before Trunk or Treat – weighing it and putting it in storage. Mrs. Gavino will help encourage teachers to distribute the flyers in their weekly newsletters to remind parents of the contest. SPPA has some games in the SPPA closet we can get down and ask ASB to help run. To show support for Sterino we can hang banners as advertising for them in return for their donations. Someone has a connection to a professional pumpkin carver – maybe they can come and do a carving during the event? Need to determine what the prizes will be for the grade levels. Olivia is going to work with Ms. Mayer on needs from ASB so they can prepare. ASB will also hope to use some of the SPPA items we have for Trunk or Treat for the Middle School Fright Night the following week. Gates are going to open at 2pm, all trunks should be parked by 3:15 for start time at 4pm.

Wreath Sales:

- *Sales run 10/24-11/14 @ same price as last year
- *Consider selling at mass?
- *Add a garland or gift box option?
- *Run a contest? Prize?
- *Need volunteers for pickup
- *Payment method options

MTG DISCUSSION: Heidi has agreed to chair this fundraiser again. Pricing from Cascade Floral went up a small amount, \$0.30/ea. We are going to keep the wreaths at the same price as last year even with the price increase. We plan to offer wreaths and crosses again this year. Garland can be added this year too; 25' for \$40! Gift box option comes with a wreath, a garland, (5) bows and a centerpiece with candle in a waxed box. There is no need to commit to a certain quantity to be ordered to offer the new items, but let’s confirm there isn’t a minimum final order for them to be filled. If not, giving more options is a win-win. Olivia spoke with Andy regarding using Venmo since it can now be used by non-profits, so need to circle back with him ASAP to try to give another payment option other than checks, especially for non-St. Pats families that would like to order (which is one reason why we don’t want to use tuition payment system and charge as an incidental for all of these items). Heidi is going to work with the office to determine how orders are being tracked, and her volunteer needs for distribution.

Spirit Wear Sales & Additions

- *Next sale dates
- *Adding beanie and scarf with embroidered logos
- *Add fleece vest too?

*Design change for next year?

MTG DISCUSSION: Many families missed or had trouble logging in for the flash sale, so we would like to add another one sooner than expected. If we added beanie or scarf they would have the school logo embroidered on, not the SPPA logo. We should target having orders DELIVER by 12/5 to allow for Christmas gifting, which means we'll ask the vendor if we could run the sale 11/1-11/14. Experience with our new supplier thus far has been awesome so we expect to be sticking with them and will consider expanding the offerings. Could we explore in the future having this supplier provide knit vests and sweaters with embroidered logos for mass uniform and choir use? Concern on these two items is the shade of forest green, especially for choir, to have visual continuity (it sounds like Dennis doesn't even have consistent colors right now!) Can we see samples of the vests or sweaters she might be able to offer? Also, we should evaluate the quality of the embroidery before we add any uniform styles.

School Lunch Pantry A request was put forth for SPPA to help in providing a supply of long-ish shelf life foods that can be used by the office when a student forgets their lunch and their parents are not able to bring in something or when it's not realized in time for lunch break. Need to consider what types of items are quick to grab, don't require a lot of prep, have some nutritional value and can be easily restocked. SPPA agrees this is good idea and will move forward with purchasing some food stores.

2022-2023 Remaining SPPA Events Schedule:

October 22 Trunk or Treat :: *NO CHAIR NEEDED*
October 24 November 14 - Wreath Sale :: *CHAIR Heide Mores*
January 29 February 4 - Catholic Schools Week :: *CHAIR _____*
Jan/Feb TBD Mother/Son Event :: *CHAIR Alicia Warner*
Feb/Mar/Apr Color Run :: *CHAIR _____*
April Flower Basket Sales :: *CHAIR Abigail (maybe)*
April 28 Grandparent's Day :: *CHAIR Rebecca Dashow*
May 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week :: *CHAIR Tiffany Bone*
May TBD Father/Daughter Dance :: *CHAIR Leah Peranzi-Wilder*