

Communion of Saints PTO
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2021

- I. Welcome: (J. Gordon)
- II. Opening Prayer (J. Gordon)
- III. Approval of December Minutes (Mrs. Whitely motioned, C. Skok seconded; all in favor).
- IV. Approval of January Minutes (C. Skok motioned, Mrs. Whitely seconded; all in favor).
- V. Principal's Report (Mrs. Whitely):
 - Working on Catholic Schools Week
 - She submitted the schedule for CSW in the Chronicle
 - She and Faculty have looked at past CSW's, at what was popular with kids. Dress Down Days that align with themes seem to be very popular, so there will be several of those this year.
 - No new Covid cases to date
- VI. Notes from the Treasurer (M. Shively):
 - Not a lot to update. Meg reached out to Tom about confirming our budget numbers.
 - So far, no word back from Tom. Meg will reach out again.
 - Once she hears back from Tom, she'll separate the 2020 and 2021 budgets.
- VII. Review of Recent Events:
 - A. Teacher Gifts (J. Gordon and C. Harrigan)
 - The teachers all appreciated the PTO gifts, and all wrote very nice Thank You notes.
 - B. Support for Smith/Onwuzulike Families (J. Gordon)
 - Gavin Smith was active in COS After Care, Athletics, School Advisory Committee, and Lunch Room Helper, and died unexpectedly from a heart attack a few days after Christmas.
 - A close family friend to the Smith' have set up a GoFundMe Account and a Meal Train, and 7th/8th Grade Families raised over \$700 for a Cleaning Service. Many COS families have contributed.
 - However, PTO has not contributed yet, and J. Gordon suggests it should
 - All agree.
 - Dr. Onwuzulike passed away shortly after the New Year from cancer. He was a pediatric and adult neurosurgeon at the Cleveland Clinic
 - In lieu of flowers, the Onwuzulike Family has highlighted two charities they're requesting donations be given in Dr. Onwuzulike's name
 - One charity is for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
 - It was suggested that PTO donate to the JDRF, given that several COS students live with Juvenile Diabetes
 - \$100 each was the suggested amount to be donated by the PTO to the Smith GoFundMe and JDRF, respectively.
 - All agree it's a good idea.
- VIII. Upcoming Events:
 - A: Catholic Schools Week-PTO involvement

- PTO is working on a video in place of an Open House
 - Vic Gideon has agreed to narrate
 - J. Gordon is still requesting old pics from alums (COS/St. Ann's, St. Phil's, St. Louis and Christ the King)
 - A few have come in, need more
 - J. Gordon is requesting short videos of COS kids giving brief reasons for why they like COS
 - kids should be in uniform.
 - send clips to J. Gordon, jgordon@jvgordonlaw.com

- Student Testimonials at Sunday Mass during CSW
 - Mrs. Whitely will ask Fr. John at their upcoming meeting
 - Many also like the idea of students in uniform as Greeters
 - Students would have to sign up
 - Mrs. Whitely will get back to us after speaking with Fr. John

- CSW Schedule
 - Sunday-Celebrating Parish (PTO involvement listed above)
 - Monday-Celebrating Community
 - PTO asked to help with cost of Mystery Boxes going to classrooms with STEM projects for kids to work on during the week
 - Tuesday-Celebrating Students
 - Wednesday-Celebrating Vocations
 - Thursday-Celebrating the Nation
 - Friday-Celebrating Faculty, Staff, Volunteers, and Families
 - PTO will order Boxed Lunches from Panera or likewise, which will be put in Faculty Lounge. PTO has approved money for this
 - C. Skok has volunteered to organize the Boxed Lunches

- Envelope Fundraiser
 - Launch Planned for January 31
 - Info and Link will go out in Chronicle, Digital Academy, emails, Bulletin
 - J. Gordon will ask if S. Onwuzulike needs any help with launch or event
 - J. Gordon also asked how Mrs. Whitely feels about making the Envelope Fundraiser a classroom competition.
 - Whichever class has the highest percentage of participation wins, and gets a dress down day (or something similar).
 - Mrs. Whitely approves the idea and would like to start advertising competition this week
 - Winning class will be announced on February 5, and can dress down the following week, TBD.

- Plant Sale
 - K. James usually runs this event. Jeanne will reach out to Kathleen to if she'll still run this event.
 - All agree it's a very doable event, due to outdoors, delivery options, and we could also establish a digital order form in addition to hard copies.

- Sabre Run:
 - K. Dennert reached out to C. Harrigan re: the Sabre Run
 - Hermes has not reached out to date

- Jeanne Gordon mentioned the Nature Center's Run this fall, and how successful it was with staggered, 10 minute starts
 - A discussion about options should be had with Hermes and Fr. John
- Kath Dennert mentioned she's hesitant to hold the event this spring
 - Doesn't think asking sponsors is a good idea because of the Pandemic
 - suggested possibly doing it in the fall
 - Most agree Fall is too busy a time
- C. Skok mentioned it's a very expensive event, and is concerned that without sponsors, it would be very hard for us to hold the event
- Several questioned if a scaled down Fun Run could take place, kids raising money for each mile, or something along those lines
 - In the past, we haven't had much success with kids raising pledged donations
 - We don't want to lose the serious runners who come to our race for the timed chip
- Hermes does offer Virtual Races. While we'd prefer to hold the race as an in-person community event, perhaps having a virtual option is something we can look into.
 - M. Shively will call Hermes to discuss options
- C. Harrigan said PTO might have paid a deposit last year to Hermes, which Hermes held on to during Covid cancellation.
 - M. Shively will look into this.

-Mother/Son Event

- Father/Daughter Event was cancelled. Is there any way to still hold a combined Mother/Son and Father/Daughter event, outdoors, in early May?
 - E. Ewen suggested a Family Scavenger Hunt
 - Ideas seems like a good one, and she will further explore the idea
 - Assuming idea moves forward, E. Ewen has offered to chair the event, and would like a co-chair.

-8th Grade Graduation Breakfast

- Last year's breakfast was cancelled. However, this year we could think about holding it outdoors.
- Still need a Chair for this event
 - There is some confusion on who the Room Parent is for 7th Grade
 - Might have to dip into the 6th grade class to chair event.

-Water Bottles

- J. Gordon doesn't think it's a great fundraiser idea at this time. Better to think about rolling them out either in the fall, or having order forms available in the summer, with families getting the water bottles at start 2021 School Year.
 - If anyone is interested in ordering them now, Jeanne can give the Etsy contact.

-PTO Board Members

- PTO will be looking for a new President Co-Chair and Treasurer

-By mid-March, the full-court press will begin in looking for these new roles.

IX. Adjournment (J. Gordon motioned, M. Shively seconded; all in favor). Meeting adjourned.

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.