

St. Joseph School Parent's Group (SJPG)
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 19th, 2024
6:30 pm
St. Joseph's School Gym

Parents' Group

The Board members volunteer their services and were approved by Sister Mary Patrick. The SJPG board includes Angela Fournier as President, Darlene FitzGerald as Vice President, Amy Garganese as Treasurer, and Mary-Frances Stockwell as the Recording Secretary. We are a group organized and comprised of parents, with assistance from Sister Mary Loreto as our teacher Advisor, and the blessing of Dr. Gail Kingston. We welcome everyone to attend the meetings, provide insights and ideas, and participate in events throughout the year. No participation or volunteerism is too small.

In Attendance: Darlene Fitzgerald, Mary-Frances Stockwell, Sister Mary Loreto, Rian Wilkinson, Cindy McMahon, Christina Ereshena, Tricky Tanksley

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

2. Financial Update

- a. Current balance is \$10,961.93.
- b. The Craft Vendor Fair on November 2nd made approximately \$400.
- c. Approximately \$2,095 is expected to come out of account to pay for the bus from the recent field trip.
- d. Approximately \$300 was used to purchase additional prizes for the upcoming calendar raffle.

2. Event Updates

- a. Christmas Calendar Raffle envelopes went home 11/19 with the youngest student in each family. Each envelope contained 10 raffle tickets to sell and 5 calendars. All ticket sales are due by next Wednesday, November 27th. Each day in December a student will draw a ticket to determine the winner of the day! Mary-Frances and Darlene will be checking for additional ticket requests and logging/passing them out.
- b. Craft Vendor Fair Update: Christmas table made \$175 which has been communicated to be going back towards the SJPG. 8th Grade Bake Sale made \$239. As previously stated, approximately \$400 dollars were made for SJPG. Improvement ideas for next year were more signage and advertising in local Parish Bulletins.

c. Odetah Mini Golf family fun afternoon will officially be Sunday, May 4th, 2025!

3. Other

a. Sunshine Club update: A donation in Mrs. Angela Landolphi's memory was made to the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate in Griswold. In addition, a meal train to support Landolphi Family starts in December.

c. Mother's Craft Club: Next meeting will be in January 2025 at the Windham French Club. Date TBD.

d. "Look Down to Us, St. Joseph" is the school song and Sister Mary Loreto would like to reintroduce it to students especially in preparation for 150th Anniversary Events but needs help with getting a recording. Cindy McMahon to check with her parish choir if they can help with this. St. Joseph's School years ago used to have this song incorporated into various events and it would be nice to bring back. All agreed.

e. Discussion of possible Spice Bottle Fundraiser. Idea received from parent Joyce Barnes who has shared the flyer with group. The school logo would go on bottles of various spices or sundae toppings. Discussion of possibly replacing Spring Chocolate fundraiser with this Spices fundraiser. Will request more details.

f. Bingo Update: They continue to have enough players to play but are trying to get more. Next Bingo is on Wednesday 11/20.

g. Students of attendees of this meeting will have a Dress Down day on Thursday, November 21st 2024.

4. Next Meeting to be on Tuesday, January 21st, 2025. Meeting adjourned 7:15 pm.