

Kingston Catholic School Family Organization

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Monday September 17, 2018

A regular meeting of the Kingston Catholic School Family Organization (KCSFO) was held on Monday, September 17th at 6:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Wall Street campus, with Ms. Zimmer presiding.

In attendance: Melissa Zimmer (President), Stacey Schuon (Vice-President) Mike Creeden (Treasurer), Christine Creeden (Secretary), Jodi Vines (Vice-Principal) Marie Dilulio (Faculty Representative) Laura Geskie (Faculty representative)
*Additional committee chairs and parents also in attendance

Excused: Bridget Lasecki (past president) Jill Albert (Principal)

Call to Order: Melissa Zimmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes: Since this is the first meeting of the school year there are no past minutes to review.

Administration update: Mrs. Vines stated that Mrs. Menendez began her position teaching 6th grade and the students seem happy. Mrs. Menendez is integrating math and science and the STEM program into her teaching. Chromebooks are being updated and students will begin using them more.

Treasurer's Report: Our 2018-2019 fundraising goal will likely be \$57,000 as mentioned by Marie, and this should be confirmed by our next meeting. Mike explained to the parents present that this money is raised to offset the expenses incurred within Kingston Catholic School. Any funds raised in excess will go toward projects discussed by KCSFO. The current balance in our account is \$8,105.62, however there are outstanding checks that still need to clear, bringing the balance to \$7,158.03. Of that amount \$5,000 was raised in previous years and is slated for playground upgrades. \$3,700 has already been spent on the playgrounds. We are waiting on approval from Father at St. Mary's campus for playground equipment already purchased.

Old Business:

- a) **Back to School Picnic:** Food was plentiful but the sun was hot! The excessive heat may have kept some from attending but we had a nice showing of families that enjoyed dinner and participated in the uniform swap.
- b) **Boo Hoo/Yahoo Breakfast:** Coffee and a quick bite to eat were enjoyed before the first mass of the year. The group discussed how we could increase attendance at this event next year. Setting up in the parking lot so parents can grab a cup of coffee and say a quick hello is a possibility.
- c) **Back to School Night:** It seemed like there was an increase in family attendance this year. It was discussed to have volunteer sign-up sheets at the assembly before parents go to the classroom but due to the busy nature of the night we are looking for alternatives. It was mentioned by a parent to send sheets for specific events home in the classroom folders. Mrs. Geskie seemed supportive of the idea.

New Business/Upcoming Events:

- a) **Family Fun Night 9/21:** The first family event for the year will be held at The Sports Cone at 5pm. The cost is \$10 per family for unlimited mini golf. Batting cages, go carts and food are additional. A reminder will go out on Wednesday, and Mary Tarza will post on the schools facebook page. Stacey will call to obtain a certificate of insurance from The Sports Cone, and Mike will write a check for \$70 for payment.
- b) **Yankee Candle:** Bridget is chairing this event which is currently underway. We receive 40% back from this fundraiser.

- d) Auction: The 15th annual auction will be held on 10/13 at The Best Western in Kingston. Peg Dingman and Corinne Schultis are the committee chairs, and are requesting a flyer to be sent out soliciting wine for the wine pull event.
- e) Trunk or Treat: This family event is scheduled for 10/23 with a rain date of 10/25. Bridget is the current chair and new parent Maggie Corbin expressed interest in being a co-chair this year with the intention of taking it over next year. Parents expressed interest in adding a haunted house or other event for the middle school students.
- f) Pancake Breakfast: 12/2- Co-Chair is needed to help Ali Derrenbacher. Jen Eighmy is looking for someone to help with the class baskets this year and take over next year.
- g) Santa's Secret Workshop: 12/5-12/7 Alyson Reidy has contacted the company she used in the past, and they will supply the merchandise, cash register and everything else we need. We will set up at Broadway and the elementary students can shop Wednesday and Thursday. The middle school can shop first Friday. Volunteers will be needed to assist students with shopping. The contract is due by September 30th, which Alyson will handle and send copy to Melissa.
- h) Field Day: Doug will pick 3 dates in May and Mrs. Vines and Mrs. Albert will confirm.
- i) Mother Son Event: A snow tubing event at Hunter Mountain was not approved by the Archdiocese. Bowling was discussed, and Melissa will reach out to Patel Lanes. Tentative date is 3/2
- j) Pasta Dinner: Melissa will reach out to Danny Savona to see if he is available.
- k) Dinners & Community outreach:
 - i) Chipotle: Stacey will reach out to schedule during Catholic Schools week
 - ii) Five Guys: This is scheduled for 12/5 with the Barnes and Noble Book Fair
 - iii) Blue and Gold Pediatric Cancer: 9/28 Christie will check mailbox for ribbons. Students will receive a dress down day with a donation.

New Ideas/Concerns:

- a) Melissa requested Coffee hour to be offered once a quarter
- b) Jen Eighmy discussed doing a super raffle similar to that of Lourdes. Mike spoke about this last year as well. A lengthy discussion ensued, and the topic was tabled until we have further information on how to execute.
- c) Alternative fundraising ideas and community ideas were discussed:
 - Storybird- Students make a book or artwork which can then be purchased with a profit of possibly 50% Might do well around Mothers Day.
 - Cake walk
 - Building competition similar to that of St. Joseph School which would be open to the community

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 18th, 2018 at 6:30pm, at the Wall Street Campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
The KCSFO