

St. Joseph School Parent's Group (SJPG)
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 20th, 2025
6:30 pm
St. Joseph's School Gym

Parents' Group

The Board members volunteer their services and were approved by Dr. Kingston. 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. 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: Angela Fournier, Darlene Fitzgerald, Amy Garganese, Mary-Frances Stockwell, Joyce Barnes, Christina Ereshena, Rian Wilkinson

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

2. Event Updates

a. Odetah Family Mini-golf day was a success! 57 attendees enjoyed unlimited mini golf for 2 hours for \$3 each. Pavillion rental was \$150 and total cost to Odetah was \$321. School recieved \$156 in payment from families.

b. Field Day: The weather forecast is showing colder temperatures therefore water related activites will be taken out i.e. slip and slide and water balloon fight. Water balloons may be used if thrown at targets. Students can bring change of clothes and towel just in case.

- Lunch for students, staff and volunteers will be Illiano's Pizza! Illiano's has offered us a discount of \$2 off every pizza and buy 4, get 1 free. Large Cheese pizza's will cost \$17, large pepperoni pizza will be \$19 and Gluten free will be \$18.

- Pizza pick up is schedule for 10:30am and will arrive at Field Day approximately 10:45am. Idea to have younger kids get theirs first, and to have a pizza slicer to make their slices smaller if need be.

-Ice Cream Truck will be coming! Ice creams will be \$2.89 and bought by Parent Group for staff, volunteers, and students. Idea for ticket system for students to ensure each student gets just 1.

-Idea to check with school on Homework Thursday night, as students will have to carry their backpacks then to the field Friday morning.

-Approximately 6 tables to kindly requested brought to field by Mr Tom

- 110 bags of chips to be purchased. A box of 40 chips and 40 waters will already be coming from leftovers from Odetah.

- Rob Landolphi supplying coolers for water!

- 10 watermelons to be purchased by PG for snack station

c. Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week: Very successful and Thank You cards from faculty read out to everyone at meeting!!

d. Sea Unicorns: Saint Joseph School choir and any students who want to join in will be singing the national anthem at the June 1st Sunday game at 1pm, however tickets purchased can be used at any game! 75 tickets available currently, but can get more. \$10/each.

d. Planning for Next Year:

- Idea to possibly make Walk-A-Thon a food drive for the SCMC Motherhouse Foodpantry.

- Idea to have "Money Calendar Raffle" in Oct/Nov

- Idea to have "Gift Card Calendar Raffle" start after Jan 1st.

- Fundraisers that were loved: Bingo Night, Illiano's Breaking Bread, Square Dancing

- Ideas for new ones included Comedy Night at Windham French Club or Mystery Dinner held at SJS

3. Financial Update

a. Current Balance: \$11,557.12

a. Recent expenses: Cookies & Canvas \$247, Odetah Mini Golf \$144

b. Recent fundraisers: Illiano's Breaking Bread brought in \$550 and Knights of Columbus Family Bingo Night brought in \$218!

c. Estimated cost of upcoming 3rd/4th transportation for field trip \$300, and field day \$900.

d. Amount to go to Father Tito for SJS Fund to be \$5,000 or 50% of whatever is left after Field Day, whichever is higher.

4. Other

a. Sunshine Club: idea for club to be more centered around students and opportunities for activities they can do such as card making for school birthdays, elderly Sisters or Saint Joseph Living Center residents. Idea raised if any teachers would be interested in being more involved. Meetings would be 1x/month!

b. Question from parents about how Field Trips are planned each year/how many/is there a budget or system for planning, to be asked to the school for more guidance.