

Meeting Minutes 10/13/23

13 OCT 2023 / 12:30 PM / Library

BOARD ATTENDEES

President: Christine Uribe

Secretary: Clancy Patty (Recording)

Parliamentarian: Ern Martinez

AGENDA

I. Welcome/Opening Prayer: Christine Uribe

God of Love, we give you thanks for this day! We know that you are with us always, help us as we meet to never lose sight of your guiding hand as we work to help St. Pius X Build leaders for you. Guide us in your ways and continually teach us to trust in YOU! Our world needs young people of faith, help us in all that we do to never lose sight of our true mission, building leaders for Christ.

II. Principal's Report: Dr. Genese Bell

- A. Parent/ Teacher Conferences begin next week. If you haven't already made your appointment with your homeroom teacher please do so. This is very important and is a great opportunity to ask questions and receive clarification regarding standardized testing scores.
- B. Based on the information taken from the standardized testing, the school is beginning a "high achieving student" program. This is for students who achieved at the 90th percentile or higher. These students received a permission slip to send home to participate in enrichment activities. Angie Garcia - the new Spanish teacher- has worked in other gifted and talented programs and will be taking on the enrichment program. They will meet one time a week for 30 minutes to work on special projects.
- C. Read the newsletter! Pay close attention to the dates on the left hand side. It will keep you up to date on all the events happening around school - which is a lot.

- D. Dodgeball tournament tonight (10/13/23)
- E. Next Talk was last week and we had about 50 adults in attendance. Slips for attendance will be going out next week.
- F. Book Fair kicks off on Sunday 10/15/23
- G. School Mass on Sunday 10/15/23 at 10:15- this is a great opportunity to support the parish who supports us (the school) in many ways.
- H. Special notice: if you are enrolled in the text alerts, once you unenroll you are out - so they are being sent sparingly.

III. President's Report: Christine Uribe

- A. Recent expenditures include new stools for the art room to better fit the older middle school students, and our guest speaker Mandy Majors from Next Talk.

IV. Raise Right Updates: Jill Fuller

- A. Be on the lookout for October/ Fall bonuses. Some are doubling their value. Be sure to check out the app as well as social media for new specials.

V. Gala Update/Report: Tonja Brandt

- A. Tickets and Tables available for sale- 29 tables sold! We max out at 34 tables - purchase tickets now!
- B. Gala Committee Meeting 10/19 at 6pm room 115/116 - we are finishing up ticket sales and we need to finalize auction items
- C. Knights Of Columbus /Gala Committee Pancake Breakfast after 8am and 10:15am masses on 10/22 - this will help raise funds to help support gala

VI. CAAC Report: Tonja Brandt

- A. First event is 11/18 - Cheer for Christ - We have two teams. 3rd and 4th grade are competing together and 5th and 6th grade are competing together in their respective categories.
- B. Spelling bee words are all on the website - classroom bees will be before Xmas break and school bee to determine who continues to compete will be once we return - teachers are aware of what the theme is - students are working on poems to submit into the literature category -

Most events are not until the spring - we have plenty of time to prepare.

VII. Fiesta Medals: Tonja Brandt

A. We have five submissions for the fiesta medal design contest. We will have teachers and staff vote on the winners. Winner will be announced sooner rather than later.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Fundraising- Terri Neubeck

- a. Box Tops for Education- Currently at \$367.30
- b. September Spirit night at EZ- \$319
- c. October Spirit night- 10/17 4pm-8pm at Order Up in Lincoln Heights (on Basse from 4-8) just mention you are from spx - school gets 20% - for order in or pick up - just add spx in the note
- d. Nov looking at jersey mikes
- e. Dec is papa johns - these are actually spirit days!
- f. Jan and Feb - shake shack maybe? Round table? - if you have suggestions send to Jojo/ Terri Neubeck
- g. Thanks for organizing the gift for guest speaker
- h. Spirit Items Available for sale- reach out to PTC email or Mindy
- i. We have bucket hats available - reach out for purchasing

B. School Spirit - Crystal Rosales (Not Present)

- a. Thanks for organizing the gift for the guest speaker. We try to provide a small gift for important guests.
- b. Spirit Items Available for sale- reach out to PTC email or Mindy Hughes in the front office.
- c. We have bucket hats available - reach out to PTC for purchasing.

C. Halloween Carnival- Katrina Ranes/Ari Daniels (Not Present)

- a. Carnival is on Friday 10/27
- b. Committee Meeting on 10/19 at 5pm in cafeteria
- c. See emails from room moms to sign up for class booths and links to prizes to donate - organized same as last year with alphabetizing who brings candy vs who donates prizes.
- d. Cake walk donations- Please send in the week of carnival.

- e. General Sign up will be coming out next week for additional volunteer opportunities
- f. Pre-Sale for wristbands and tickets will be out next week and close on 10/25 - preorders are discounted - great value.
- g. General sign up this year - aiming for more food options and we added a few games.
- h. This event is a great opportunity for service hours
- i. Question - If i am volunteering do I need to purchase a ticket? No -because it's not admission only to participate in games, ect.
- D. Parent Education - Amy Engallina (Not Present)
 - a. NextTalk- great success, thank you to all who came!!! (about 50 people - well attended)
 - b. Thank you for setting it up Amy !
- E. Uniform Closet - Julie Ann Vera and Sandra Garcia
 - a. We can only take clothing that is from a uniform store (Parker, School Yard) please do not send it outside purchased items.
- F. Social - Liz Ruiz and Yesenia Reyes (Not Present) - please let us know if you have any feedback but all reports say events have done well - in the future we will split up NJHS induction and Grandparents Day.
- G. Room Parent Coordinator - Clair Hicks
 - a. See emails for Halloween Carnival booth assignments and requests - will be posting info on social media
 - b. Let me know if you have issues with lack of volunteers or other issues.
 - c. Gala Baskets - this sneaks up - Please tie up loose ends and complete baskets - they can be turned in before november 3rd (the due date)

IX. Watch D.O.G.S.- Roland Rios

- A. Remember to sign up ! Check your calendar to see when you are available - kids love it - a great way to get a lot of service hours at one time.

X. Parental Choice

- A. Special legislative session in the Texas Legislature - specifically talking about parental choice in education. Txcatholic.org goes into detail about the topic of ESAs (Educational Savings Accounts) as well as the issue of parental choice. One bill just passed the senate the other day and will be moving to a vote. There is pertinent info to those who

currently have students in private school. Ultimately this initiative could help grow our school, support Catholic education and there could be more opportunities in the future for aid.

- B. This coming Sunday we will start praying for Saint Elizabeth Anne Seton for her intercession in regards to this important issue.
- C. It is important to contact your representatives. There are form letters available online, but a personal letter, email or phone call will be more effective.
- D. If you are available on this coming Monday (10/16/23) - There is a call for parents to be there and visibly be present in Austin - Tonja Brandt is coordinating a group to travel to the capital - it would be an early morning thing - maybe use the van - would leave between 6:45 and 7 AM - wear SPX stuff to show that you are a Catholic school parent. This is not a speaking opportunity but still important to display support.

XI. Questions/Open Discussion

2023-2024 Meeting Dates: All meetings at 12:30pm in the Library

November 10

December 8

January 19

February 16

March 8

April 19

Reminder: Solidarity Day - students can wear orange shirts and jeans 10/18 - 4-8th will be attending mass that day as well and it is an early release day. Tuesday 10/17 is a mass day for the entire school with the archbishop.

Suggestion: IHOP for spirit nights.

Gala basket question: Is anything given to the gala basket seen as a credit or a donation? Answer: anything given to the basket does not count to fundraising requirements but your ticket purchase does.

Reminder: You can drop off gala basket donations in the front office please make sure they are labeled - you can order off amazon and set school as your delivery address.

Closing Prayer