

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

Saint James Parents Association

September 29, 2021

Board Minutes

(meeting held via zoom)

Present: Tom Starkoski, Deanna Starkoski, Ronnie Carter, Julie Zanetti, Ruwani Navaratne, Rachel Bakersmith, Steve Zumbrun, Terri Burdette, Marie Walker, Mansa Agyeman, DeLaura White, Beth Zumbrun, Brenda Green, Cindy Scott

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Tom Starkoski. Tom welcomed everyone to meeting and stated that there were a lot of accomplishments that have happened so far at Saint James during the pandemic. He stated even though the Parents Association hasn't been able to physically meet on campus there are still things happening on campus such as campus and chapel decorations and getting ready to have concessions again this year. He shared that he had recently spoken to Father Dunnan and Father asked that we promote the Annual Fund again as it had dipped last year in contributions during the pandemic.

Treasurer's Report: Marie shared information about the 2020-2021 school year stating that we ended the year with \$35,441.22 in the account. She shared when getting reimbursed for items that she can either take the paper receipt or picture of the receipt. She also shared that if there are "big ticket" requests from committees to let her know.

Campus Decorations: Deanna Starkoski shared that Lucia Avellaneda is working with her to do the Fall decorations on October 2nd and they have a full crew of volunteers to help that day. She shared there will be upcoming decoration days for Christmas and Easter as well.

Tom shared that the Cocktail Party/Parent Mixer and Raffle tickets that are usually held in the fall during Family Weekend have been suspended for now and the school is hoping to allow us to have these events in the spring.

Chapel Decorations: Tom shared that Tina Butcher has been in contact with Father Montgomery about decorating the chapel.

Faculty and Staff Appreciation: Ronnie Carter shared that the committee has had a tremendous response of volunteering both local and far away during the pandemic. Ronnie also thanked Terri Burdette for keeping up with all of the volunteer requests on IVolunteer.

Cookie Day: Tom shared that Lucia Avellenada is organizing these days this year and is working on a Cookie Day for October 27th. She is also hoping to organize donuts for finals and cookies for Valentine's Day.

Athletic Liaison: Tom shared for Todd McMahon. SJS Athletics is currently working on planning for Holloway Tournament for wrestling and SJIT for basketball. There will be a need for concessions help at these events.

Concessions: Terri and Jerry Burdette are no co chairs of concessions. Terri shared there is a nice group of volunteers helping now with events.

IVolunteer: Terri Burdette shared that if anyone needs any volunteer requests to please let her know and she will put it on IVolunteer.

PAC: Deanna Starkoski shared that Cindy Scott and herself are sixth form parents and are looking for other parents to take over as committee chairs for 22-23 school year. Deanna shared that they are working with admissions on getting Parent Ambassadors for the 22-23 school year. She shared the hope is to be able to have some type of welcome event for new families on campus in the Spring.

Annual Fund: Tom shared that we currently need a chair for this committee and that for now he has been the one who has chaired this.

Old Business: Tom shared that the updated grant request form has now been posted on Blackbaud.

New Business: Tom shared that there is a need to get more new families involved and volunteering since we have lost a lot of parent volunteers last year and have currently many 5th and 6th form parent volunteers. Father Dunnan has also asked for local families to volunteer to be host families during breaks.

Tom Starkoski made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Deanna Starkoski seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Scott