

PSO Meeting Minutes

1/24/25

In attendance: Catherine Barber, Tracey Ledoux, Nicole Luijer, Candace McCaddon, Mary Tysor, Devin Weiss, Kelley Bruso, Adam Bayer, Edith Napoleon, Kelly Cheng, Karine Schepers-Cheng, Lyndsey Ray

- Welcome - Karine (8:20)
- Prayer - Mary
- PSO mission - Karine
- Treasurer's report - Candace
 - Budget for the year: \$4000
 - Expenditures to date: \$1163.69
 - Reminders: If items are donated, please submit receipts for in-kind donations (both for tax purposes and for tracking the PSO's typical expenses)
 - Request by Mary to transfer the balance of other committees' budgets (if not being used) to increase the Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon budget by 200.
 - Motion made by Tracey.
 - Seconded by Devin.
 - Unanimously voted in favor.
- Upcoming events
 - See SCM calendar for events, including sports events and Sociables.
 - Bootlegger bash kickoff for the gala at Spec's on 2/1.
 - Events are also listed on the PSO website.
- Old business
 - Gala - Nicole: Please spread the word about the gala.
 - Now is the time to purchase a table!
 - Be on the lookout for information from room parents about donations to the class basket (for the silent auction).
 - Tentative plan for breakfast meet-up with gala chairs; possible focus on some activity (e.g., brainstorm outfits) and recruiting volunteers.
 - Known volunteer needs: people to set up the silent auction and to clean up the day after!
 - Globe: Next issue goes out on 2/5; send items to Jocelyn by 2/3.
- PSO Committee reports
 - Friends of the Garden - Kelley B., Devin
 - Science day (1/31) "field trip" to JCC on 1/31 (in lieu of the regular work day).
 - Prairie work day rescheduled for 2/15.
 - Friends of the Atrium - Mary, Catherine
 - Dominican Study Group on 1/27 after drop-off.
 - Catholic vocations evening on 1/28; volunteers needed.
 - Faculty and Staff Appreciation - Mary

- Teacher appreciation week is 5/5-5/9. Mary will do something special for faculty and staff.
 - This year, we will combine the dessert soiree with the luncheon on 5/30; contact Mary (or be on the lookout for the signup genius) if you would like to volunteer.
 - Childcare will be available for children of the faculty, staff, and luncheon volunteers (limited for the latter to LE and older).
- Book club - Edith
 - Next meeting is 2/28; focused on *Parenting: The Complex and Beautiful Vocation of Raising Children* by Holly Coolman.
- Friends of the Library - Karine
 - \$8200+ in sales!
 - Scholastic's selection was better and customer service was excellent.
 - The Christmas concert was well-attended.
- Friends of the Arts - Candace
 - Singing valentines are coming up.
 - The end-of-year concert date is TBD.
- Works of Mercy - Mary
 - Possible opportunity to support Casa Juan Diego's food pantry.
 - Details TBD.
- SCM on a Whim - new chairs are Molly Martin and Jason Karwacki.
- New business
 - Kelly C. raised concerns about the safety and security of the community in light of the recent lockdown.
 - Lyndsey reminded that Lina handles all parent concerns, so she is the best person to speak to about concerns.
 - Kelly C. asked whether we should have a school safety committee.
 - The Board's building and grounds committee (which includes Board members, staff members, and community members) has input on the school's physical environment and security. The Board and Administration have active conversations about this issue and conduct an annual review of the safety and crisis management plans.
 - Candace suggested that it might be beneficial to have a more formal meeting of the community about this topic. Karine will talk with Lina about this.
- Adjournment - Karine (9:45)

Minutes submitted by Catherine Barber, PSO Secretary