

St. Mary's Academy Parents' Guild Meeting Minutes

Date: November 14, 2023

Hosted in Durocher Library by Jennifer Tesoro

1. **Call to order**- 7:04

2. **Land Acknowledgment and Commitment to Reconciliation**

3. **Opening Prayer** – Jennifer Tesoro

4. **Approval of Agenda:**

1st : Nikki Louizos

2nd: Michelle S.

5. **Approval of Previous PG minutes:**

1st: Michelle Monin

2nd: Lisa Sigurdsin

6. **SMA President's Report** – Jennifer Tesoro

1. Gala update: SNJM send big thanks to the community

Exceeded funding goal: 108,000

335 seats including student volunteers

2. Volunteer Call out: Posters made for the open house on January 16th. Poster has group of "SMA Ambassadors" representing the school. Please take poster to distribute to your network.

- Dad call out for volunteer opportunities
- Female world sports Challenge: organizer has asked for volunteer support
- SNJM sister school conference happening next year. Looking for drivers and welcome committee
- Volunteer information hand out to be updated in the registration package

3. Bring your own device update: Communications update, new program for the students and school community coming January

- SAGE day AI info session: PD for teachers on how to incorporate AI in their teaching as well as awareness around it.

4. Memorial Day: celebration at SMA was presented by grade 11 and 12 drama students. Very impressive!

5. Student conferences: booking system opens this Saturday Nov 18, 2023

7. PG Executive Committee Reports:

President: Michelle Saltel

- Cash lottery launched last week
- Next event is the open house January 16, 6:30pm
- Staff appreciation in February
- New chair needed to chair Torch Talks next year
- Intl Day

Vice President: Jennifer Thiessen

- Corner store sign up is very healthy right now
- Criminal record check request for new volunteers
- **AI**: Call center for child protection to get advice on which check/protocol works best for our needs
- Parent concern around candy sales
- Bake sale was a huge success
- Next bake sale Nov 22, 2023

- **AI:** Rosalinda to come in a.m. to collect baking

Presentation of financial report: Rachel Hall

- Michelle presented financial report as prepared by Rachel for the month of October

Committee Updates – Christi Soni

Corner Store: winter sales launched and closed for Christmas Carburry merch.

Volunteers are strong, may look at adding another day after Christmas

Ask admin to consider letting girls wear SMA merch a few days a year

International Day: Jen Melo to Chair this year. She is seeking help and sub committees- marketing accounting, food handlers, entertainment etc.

AI: Jen Melo and Jen Thiessen to set up call out meeting

AI: Letter to go out to retailers

Staff Appreciation Day: need to get update staff count. Looking for new ideas for food/restaurant sources. Idea to include some students to volunteer that day.

Torch Talks: February 3rd, Homa Houshmand from Positive Perspectives has been approached

Golf Tournament: June 4, 1pm

Cash Lottery: Launched this week. AS of this evening sales are \$6750-on par with sales last year. Leader board results- grade 7's in the lead, grade 10's in last place. Price point has changed, lowest ticket price is now \$10. The number of ticket sales is lower, but the price point has kept the sales on par.

Adjournment: 8:41pm