



Parents Association Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, January 9th, 2025

Location: UCG

Meeting Start: 7:00 pm

***** Details of mtg and discussion added to the published Agenda Outline in bold italics**

Opening Prayer

Board Updates:

1. President Update

- Review of Key Upcoming Dates ***Catholic Schools Week is Sunday, January 26th! The overall theme is "Bee United in Catholic Schools Week." 10 AM Mass will kick it off on Sunday, January 26th. There is a sign up link for children to sign up to volunteer for Mass. Parent coffees will be offered throughout the week, details on the weeks events will be going out to parents soon!***

2. Treasurer Update: Meredith Leggitt

- a. ***A Treasurer/Crusader fund update will be sent out once Meredith receives the December financials. As of November, there hasn't been much progress towards the \$330k goal (only \$7k) but we may have received some corporate sponsorships last month. PA fundraising income as of Jan 1, 2024 was \$18k.***
- b. ***Crusader Annual Fund has been used in the past several months to purchase the following:***
 - i. ***Significantly increase teacher bonuses (end of 2023-2024 school year)***
 - ii. ***Install new flooring and paint walls in UGC locker rooms***
 - iii. ***Purchase needed technology at both campuses, including Viewsonics for all classrooms, new laptops for teachers, and more iPads for PGC students***
 - iv. ***Purchase new risers to use at the PGC***

3. Corporate Sponsorship: Melissa Haak/Maeve Curran/Diana Hand/Brooke Hall: **31k from donations to the Crusader Fund. The new packet has been sent out to our potential sponsors, but response has been slow, may have gone to spam folders. Hoping to get some new sponsorships in. Working on "Cause Initiatives", portion of the proceeds would benefit the Crusader Fund. Thinking of a monthly initiative to shop or dine for St. Mary's. This has been a great Building year, content and material has been created this year to be prepared for next year.**
4. Catholic Schools Week: Melissa Haak **All Week: As a community-wide service project, we will collect grocery bags, plastic, paper, and reusable bags for the Roberti Community House and Most Blessed Trinity Food Pantries. Detailed information on the weeks events will be going out to families soon.**
5. Committee Updates
 - a. Teacher/Staff Appreciation: Kelly Graham **Going really well! Stock the lounge is going great, everything is stocked! Coffee cart from Starbucks is going well. Bagels are being brought to the lounge, Once upon a Bagel thank you! Starbucks in Highwood, thank you!**
 - b. Parent Level Gatherings: Rose Hancir ***Touch base to see if we can get all the dates together on one calendar for families to plan.**
 - c. Gala Committee: Maria Vernon/Michelle Kijek **Solidifying Auction items. Outreach has been done, doubling back with people. Meeting with the auctioneer next week. Everything in Gala Bid Feb.1. Could use some more Count-Me in parties. Make sure teachers are not paying for Count-Me in parties if they are helping to host. Tix sold out in less than an hour, there is a short waitlist. Buy your tuition raffle tickets! Reminder in the Chronicle or email to remind people to raise their paddle! Possibly raise the tix price next year, or just do heavy apps not a seated dinner to cut costs, thoughts to discuss.**
 - d. Room Parents: Kim Danciu/Brianne Clatch **Everything going well, Gala news just went out via room parents. Valentines Day Parties are next up!**
 - e. Fish Fry: Molly Sweeney/Tessa Schenkel **April 11th! Thinking about possibilities for how to donate the wine and desserts. More adult volunteers needed, utilize the room parent coordinators. Possibly parishioners could volunteer, the Guilds!**
 - f. Crusader Chase: Ali Zeleniuch/ Linda Harmer **Plan in motion, May 16th!**
 - g. Book Fair - Carlotta Plotner/ Katie Villacis/Mila Sobinsky: **We grossed \$8,981 in sales and had a cash profit of \$1,948. If we went with the scholastic point profit, it would have been much higher, roughly 4k in scholastic points, but admin directs us to take the cash option. Door Fees equaled \$276 and we sold 20 ornaments at \$10 a piece (\$200 in profit).**

- h. Crusader Wear: Carlotta/Jeananne: ***Working with Kiddles to consider adding some new options/items to the store. Planning to open another window for online sales late Jan-early Feb time frame. Could we sell Crusader Wear at concessions or have a school store set up?***

Open Items?

St. Mary's reviews on the website, starting to look aged. Would like current families to write reviews on St. Marys. Encourage families to post reviews, spread the word!
SAC Meeting next Wednesday 16th 7-9pm.

Meeting End 8pm