



SPA Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2017

Terri Allman	Cristina Almanza	Gina Barone	Ms. Alpa Brannam
Joanie Butler	Roberta Buchanan	Michelle Callas	Mr. Morgan Daniels
Megan DiTeresa	Marguerite Hudson	Kimberly Juarez	Gloria Lenis
Lara Morgan	Jayne Saucedo	Lisa Salas	Dr. Joan Wagner
Julie Zimmerman	Guest Crystal Dietrich		

Opening Prayer: Megan DiTeresa

Approval of the Minutes: January 10, 2017

Due to lack of quorum, January minutes will be approved at the March 2017 board meeting.

Principal's Update: Mr. Morgan Daniels

- Progress reports were sent last week. Process of moving forward for scheduling for next year, course guide out early March, there will be a time period to meet with teachers. All the PSAT results have been distributed, students should have brought home two page summary of their results and tips. Dr. Kohutek met with all of them. Julie – potential incoming parent Saturday asking do they meet with teachers or counselors to pick student's courses? The first time will be with either Mr. Daniels or Dr. Kohutek, and will meet late April to select courses.
- Had good sports news – boys and girls swimming won state! Boys basketball advanced, playing in Waco; soccer in playoffs; spring sports started.
- Started "Crush" week, purchase sodas, fundraiser by student council for prom. Had speaker yesterday, Chris Sperling - Healthy Relationships with Catholic perspective. Six students named National Merit Finalists. Did a lot of interviewing for next year's Freshmen class this past week and Saturday, well over 100 applicants, decision process, and will notify end of April.
- Next year's calendar approved, will have on website soon, next year's Christmas and New Year will have split week because of dates. Be sure to check the calendar.
- Speaking with head of house council, will do elections in April, choices for new boy and girl.
- Honors society induction on March 9th in the evening at school.
- That week is Brain Awareness week, Dr. Kohutek excited to present this, it's a national week, revolve around informing students of several things.
- Pi day is March 10th. Next week is engineering week, special for women in engineering.

President's Update: Dr. Joan Wagner – not present

Communications: Ms. Cristina Almanza

- Received 2 Advancing our Mission Grants from the Austin Diocese.
- CCS (Celebrating Catholic Schools) week was success, parish presence.
- Imago Christi was amazing; the work being done was amazing, having our students there to help.
- We have Austin Monthly ad for this month, it is the fourth for the school year, looking at renewing.
- We will participate in a Private School Fair – first of its kind, excited for the opportunity, held at Great Hills Baptist Church, all kinds of private schools of all faiths will be present. Cuts for Cancer, KXAN will be there, no details yet.
- Preparing alumni newsletter, getting in a lot of alumni stories, more to participate, continue this and see how this goes, accomplishments, etc. Julie – there was a telethon last year, Austin something all sorts of non-profits - Amplify. Are we participating? Not this year, was not profitable last year. Will explore for next year.

Development: Ms. Alpa Brannam

- Working on Soiree, will be at Reunion Ranch, April 22nd, will see in Eagle Weekly soon. Will work with class reps hands on, meet soon, notes will be provided for class baskets. We won't do anything until after spring break.
- Build the Nest goal \$175k, exceeded our goal, almost at \$200k. Four class chairs worked well this year.

SPA Chair: Julie Zimmerman - Nominations for St. John Bosco Service Award & 2017-18

SPA Board & Committee Chairs; Admissions Reception March 8; Last day of school events - need coordinator; Graduation coordinator: Soph. or Jr. parent

- St. John Bosco Award, parents, faculty member, service to Savio community in any capacity.
- Megan will head the committee – we need to email her ideas, present award on May 17th, need to vote at the April meeting, 4/11, if we can email her above and beyond, anonymous nominations. Kimberly will email the list of the past honorees.
- SPA Board Nominations opens on 2/19 to March 21st – nominations open (for boosters too), we would encourage new members to come together. Megan accepted to be nominated for Chair, Crystal Dietrich accepted for closet keeper (appointed by next SPA Chair), Jennifer Leasure for Secretary.
- Need Treasurer, Historian, Vice Chair and 4 class reps for the board; checked bi-laws. Holly gives some help with incoming freshmen parents, if you know any parents, please talk to represent their class; next year, sophomore open, Michelle and Roberta did a great job and will not be continuing; Gina Barone will be sophomore class rep if needed; junior parent Lara Morgan will continue; Terri Allman will continue as senior parent.
- Vice Chair position for next year – will have some more responsibility, can be development interface, need to go to development meetings, about 3-4 meetings per year, will also interface with admissions, Holly has different needs every year, interview day, new parent orientation, so will coordinate these events, last day of school, two SPA events: textbook buyback and uniform exchange, consolidated this year, same time in the gym, Vice Chair will head up.
- All other positions are appointed by Chair; haven't talked to Jill Spink or Jayne about Social; and also need Volunteer Coordinator.
- Thank you to parents for Saturday Admissions event help. Acceptance letters will go out late February and will have reception on March 8th, super casual, welcome reception, please try to attend to welcome new families.
- For this year, last day of school, 2 events uniform and textbook buyback, if there is a non-senior parent interested, please let Julie know, would like a coordinator to head up this year.
- Graduation coordinator needed – Baccalaureate mass and graduation ceremony at SVP Friday June 2nd, need sophomore or junior parent to work with Mr. Daniels, coordinating volunteers to man the doors, ticket takers, no reception this year, pretty straight forward.

Treasurer: Joanie Butler – not present

- Report provided, need person for treasurer for next year, basic excel, if you know she would be happy to let them start this year, she's over committed.
- Budget – great job of staying within budget, under budget, everything looks great.

Historian: Gina Barone – not present

- If you have any event summaries send asap.

Committee Updates & Upcoming Events

- Closet Keeper – Marguerite Hudson – not present
- Social Committee – Jayne Saucedo: Principal Coffee Jan. 24th & Feb. 28 – Jill will handle 2/28 coffee.
- Spirituality Committee – Lisa Salas: Imago Christi Day Feb. 2nd volunteers on Sign Up Genius; really should be by individual requests per family, next year will be from each family/house group, will request their own parents. SPA will create Sign Up Genius only if needed.
- Teacher Appreciation – Marguerite Hudson - TODAY! – Not present

- Volunteer Committee – Megan DiTeresa – no updates
- Class Reps
 - Freshman – Michelle Callas: Class Breakfast #2 is February 16 – sign up looks great, added items since last breakfast, may go over budget just a little for tacos, might not have enough, parents offered to buy tacos, budget more for next year, price increase, 7:30-8:15am, try new place in Georgetown for bigger tacos for same price, they gave a little deal with no tax. Will see how this new place works. Julie – great note for event summaries, kids on bus, coming from sports, late arrivals, pace the food and one taco per student until everyone goes thru the line.
 - Sophomore – Lara Morgan not present - Class Breakfast #2 was January 12; Sophomore retreat is March 3 (Mrs. Ubersax meeting with Lara Morgan for retreat)
 - Junior – Jayne Saucedo not present - retreat in April, class breakfast in March
 - Senior – Terri Allman not present – Senior project night April 12th, moved from April 19th, and now at SVP. SPA usually provides 1-2 volunteers to stand at cookie/lemonade table; ask Mrs. Cohen if needed this year.

Items for Discussion

- Julie – April is busy for SPA, look in calendar for upcoming events; after spring break is really busy with events. Idea came into Mr. Daniels for graduation – if church gets full, maybe having opportunity to watch closed circuit screen, AV expert needed – if you know anybody, let us know, donate services; the person filming in church, audio, Mr. Daniel will speak with Cristina and Mrs. Cohen, need volunteers to staff.
- Julie to Cristina – what about the grant just received? Are there some students that know how to do this? Cristina – service to set up link, live stream, you have to pay for the monthly service, post the link and people could view; needs to be live. Julie – is there a film class, a lot of other schools have departments, but we don't have. Megan – may know someone.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2017 at St. Vincent de Paul portable at 8:30 AM

Opening Prayer: Gloria Lenis

Closing Prayer: Kimberly Juarez

Closing Prayer: Gina Barone – not present – Julie