



SPA Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2016

Terri Allman

Joanie Butler

Megan DiTeresa

Lara Morgan

Julie Zimmerman

Cristina Almanza

Roberta Buchanan

Marguerite Hudson

Jayne Saucedo

Gina Barone

Michelle Callas

Kimberly Juarez

Lisa Salas

Alpa Brannam

Mr. Morgan Daniels

Gloria Lenis

Dr. Joan Wagner

Opening Prayer: Julie Zimmerman

Introductions: All board members introduced themselves. Several parents were in attendance: Esther Fuentes, Crystal Dietrich, Mary Morales & Annette Raggette

Approval of the Minutes: August 16, 2016

Due to lack of quorum, August minutes will be approved at the October board meeting.

Principal's Update: Mr. Morgan Daniels (absent, but provided written report, attached)

President's Update: Dr. Joan Wagner (absent)

Communications: Ms. Cristina Almanza

- Have been busy with advertising this fall in various publications & mediums.
- Austin Business Journal presents a Giving Guide and Savio is highlighted.
- Alumni outreach for Homecoming. A small tailgate will be provided.

Development: Ms. Alpa Brannam

- Build a Nest Appeal is underway. Mailings have gone out. Parent socials have been planned. Development will only require about 5 minutes and the rest will be socializing.
- Phone a thons will take this fall.
- Clergy Day is scheduled for September 20th and lunch will be provided. All clergy associated with St. Dominic Savio will be invited; approximately 24 parishes.
- Alpa thanked us for the welcoming emails from the class reps.

SPA President: Julie Zimmerman

BTS night – we had 9 parents sign up!! Committee chairs – please follow up. Done in a day in the library was successful. Class reps – great job setting socials up so quickly (use our yard signs) & thanks for sending out welcome emails. Retreat budgets have been verified by Mr. Ochoa and the class reps. Middle School Night at Football game has been postponed from the homecoming game.

Treasurer's Report: Joanie Butler (absent)

Historian Report: Gina Barone

- She thanked all committee chairs for completing event summaries.

Committee Updates & Upcoming Events

- 1 Closet Keeper – Marguerite Hudson – Inventory has been taken and all cabinets and drawers have been cleaned out. Staff/ faculty have been reminded that SPA cabinets are not to be used, but if something is needed to please ask. Class reps can use paper goods for parent socials, just let Marguerite know.
2. Social Committee – Jayne Saucedo: absent, report provided – attached.
3. Spirituality Committee – Lisa Salas – Thank you to guest, Crystal Dietrich, for her help. Adoration had a parent sign up which was great. The tabs on the sign up genius have been

helpful. She has been in touch via email with parents who have expressed interest in helping Spirituality.

4. Teacher Appreciation – Marguerite Hudson – She delivered treats for September faculty/ staff birthdays. Thanks to BTS night, Marguerite has several interested parents who she is trying to get involved. October 27 is the teacher lunch – boxed lunches provided by Schlotsky’s. volunteers will help with extra food, set up and take down. Tailgate theme.
5. Volunteer Committee – Megan DiTeresa (absent)
6. Senior Class Rep – Class Breakfast went well & parent social is this Sunday at Third Base.
7. Junior Class Rep – Jayne Saucedo (absent but report attached)
8. Freshman Class Rep - Next freshman activity will be the class breakfast on October 25th. A Sign Up Genius will go out as date nears.

Items for Discussion

Julie to contact boosters about highlighting yard signs for sale (for both athletics and not)

Next Meeting: October 11, 2016 at St. Vincent de Paul portable at 8:30 AM

Closing Prayer: Julie Zimmerman

Principal's Report to the Savio Parent Association September 2016

Dear SPA representatives,

I am sorry I am unable to join you at your meeting today. Thank you for all of your work and congratulations to our new incoming officers!

Here are a few updates and important topics coming up in the next month.

- 1) We have had a great start to the school year thus far. We had great attendance at Back to School Night and the program ran quite smoothly.
- 2) The students have chosen Casino Night as the theme for the homecoming dance this year. Student council is busy planning a week-long series of events and dress up days leading up to the football game and the dance. Nominations for the homecoming court are taking place this week.
- 3) The Director of Formation and Ministry has started to organize the SEEK conference for January 2017 for current Savio seniors. About 30 students thus far have expressed interest in attending this four day event.
- 4) The Class of 2016 Eagle head and the St. Teresa of Calcutta artwork have both been hung in the school building.
- 5) Savio will be hosting a Clergy Day on Tuesday, September 20th, in the morning.
- 6) The guidance department will be announcing the National Merit honorees for the class of 2017 at Mass on Wednesday, September 14th.
- 7) Several seniors have received college acceptances. The guidance department has created a new college acceptances tab on the school webpage where people can view the acceptances and matriculations by each class year.
- 8) Progress reports are being sent out Tuesday afternoon for students and parents to review.
- 9) All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be taking the PSAT on October 19th. Dr. Kohutek will be visiting classes in the coming weeks to provide PSAT test booklets and discuss how to best prepare for the exam with the students. Students can practice on their own by going to the PSAT section of the College Board website.

Blessings,
Mr. Daniels

From Jayne Saucedo, Junior Class Rep & Social Committee Chair:
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Social Committee

We had our first Coffee w/Principal on Tuesday Sept. 3rd, and we had a record number of attendees = 13!!! So that was fantastic. Thank you to all SPA members who came out that morning, and were able to mingle with other parents and answer questions of some of our newer families.

*Next Coffee w/Principal is Thursday, October 13th – hope to see you all there!

Junior Class Retreat

I met with Mr. Ochoa last week and finalized the food needs for the upcoming Fall retreat scheduled for tomorrow Wednesday, Sept. 14th – 15th. I have ordered box lunches and have made the other necessary purchases and will pass everything off to Terri Allman, who will be the Runner in my place (due to the fact that I may be in SA for funeral services). Thank you Terri Allman for stepping up to help me, I really appreciate it!

Junior Class Social will be held on Sunday, October 2nd, from 5pm to 7pm at my home. I will be putting together an Evite to send out to the Junior class parents by the end of this week.

Junior Class Breakfast

Our first Junior class breakfast is coming up on Thursday, Sept. 29th. I will be in touch with Megan DiTeresa to send her the link for my signup for breakfast food donations. I will probably have it go out in the Sunday, Sept 25th Eagle Weekly, because if I do it too far in advance, the parents will forget about it. I will also send a followup email on Wednesday morning to remind them all.