

SPA Meeting Minutes

October 11th, 2024

Evan Psencik	Tim Cullen	Holly Bologna	Gina Kerley	Susan Laielli
Ana Boecking	Jeff Ridgeway	Tini Nguyen	Michael Crowley	Jennifer Leasure
Jennifer Machann	Kathy Hidajat	Katya Kasyanova	Chantele Cisneros	Holly Huval
Alma Lansang-Knight	Carol David-Rosen	Renee Irion	Ellen Miri	Haley Nguyen
Veronica Perez Anaya		Brianna Hodge	Anna Meadows	Jen Halter
Megan DiTeresa	Julie McDonald	Moya Griffin	May Mitchell	Miriam Fraga

***=Voting Members**

Opening Prayer: The Our Father as a group

Principal's Update: Mr. Psencik congratulated the students who decided to participate in his challenge to donate to the Eagle Fund. Students who donated anywhere from \$5, \$10, to \$20 received a dress down pass for their donation. 50% of the student body donated! Mr. P also encouraged faculty and staff to donate to the Eagle Fund, offering to match each donation. As of today, 70% of faculty/staff has donated. Most participation ever!

Fall Sports are off to a great start: Football has had a rough year in the new division but Mr. P explained that when he was in high school, St. Thomas had a football team like ours and now, they are a prosperous and successful team! Luckily, the team is still in good spirits due partially to their family dinners before games. Ana suggested copying those for soccer and other sports! Volleyball has done well and only has one more home game. XCountry won District and is headed to State. Rolling into winter sports with Basketball and Soccer tryouts.

President's Update: Absent. No report sent

Advancement: Gina Kerley "survived" week of Giving in both schools. She mentioned that only 23% of parents have donated up until now and she explained the connection between participation and \$\$ amount. If only 23% have given so far, we will definitely hit our \$ goal. She applauded this year's faculty/staff participation. This is a testament to how much they believe in the mission of the school. Gina's next "move" is to approach alumni and grandparents. She will start contacting grandparents and will invite them to celebrate grandparents' day in November. She is also working alongside one of her assistants on the alumni database so that they can start to appeal to them. Gina mentioned Casino night and Soiree as well as a way to raise money for this year. Ana mentioned that SPA will no longer donate \$100 per grade level for a class basket as in the last two years, these baskets have not sold for more than they were worth. Instead, SPA will donate \$1,000 for a LIVE AUCTION item. Historically, in school auctions, these live auction items bring in 3xs their worth.

Admissions: Absent. No report sent

Communications: Absent. No report sent.

***SPA Co-Chairs:** Ana Boecking/Jeff Ridgeway

-First SPA Community Session 9/27-Speaker: Mr. Psencik. I counted 28 people present. Excellent slides/presentation. Can we forward the presentation to the entire school? This will help us advertise for our next Community Coffee and make noise during our Giving week. Ana will also ask Susan to post the video of the presentation in our SPA site so that parents can access it easily.

-Next SPA Community Session 10/25-Speaker: **Gina Kerley**. She will provide the list of topics she will cover and Ana will email to parents a week in advance to encourage them to show up.

-SPA Parent Social @ Tony Cs on THURSDAY, Oct. 17th, 6-7:30 pm -Please add to your calendars, attend and bring 1 or 2 friends with you. NO TAX that night. Gina will be present as well to keep meeting parents and build a connection between families and the need to donate to our Eagle Fund.

-Communication plan: SPA Chair email has been changed to Savio Parent Association Chair to avoid confusion

-Ana made a motion to approve the August's Minutes as well as the September's Minutes. APPROVED!

***Vice-Chair:** Tini Nguyen - No Update other than a few 8th grade visits in the next couple of weeks.

***Treasurer:** Michael Crowley once again explained why we had not been able to vote on this year's budget and reminded people to please turn in receipts directly to him and NOT the business office as we need to keep up with expenses as well as designate account numbers from which to pay these reimbursements.

***Historian:** Ana Boecking-We have found our historian! Woohooo! But....she hasn't heard back from her, booooo! Brianna will forward the lady's info. again and Ana will reach back out to her to make sure she is still interested.

***Secretary:** Ana Boecking took down the minutes and mentioned that she will type them up and will send them to Jenn Leasure for circulation prior to our November 1st meeting.

Committee Updates & Upcoming Events

***Freshman Class Reps** Jennifer Machann/Kathy Hidajat – Kathy is preparing for the Freshman class breakfast on November 7th and will email parents directly so that they know to bring their children in a bit earlier

***Sophomore Class Reps** Katya Kasyanova/Celeste Cisneros – ABSENT. No report

***Junior Class Reps** Holly Huval/Alma Lansang-Knight – Alma is getting ready for the first Junior retreat. She and Ana are coordinating the date and food needs with Mr. Gamboa.

***Senior Class Reps** Carol David-Rosen/Renee Irion– Seniors had their overnight retreat at Eagle's Wings and Carol coordinated all of their meals with Chef Paul. We will get a bill in the mail.

Social Committee Brianna Hodge – Beatriz has left SPA due to a promotion at work and having to spend more time at the office. Please let us know if you know of someone who likes to plan lunches/festivals, etc. The International Food Fest went well and had plenty of volunteers. Dr. Derbez is the new contact for these events. Ana brought up the variety of dishes while we had asked only for desserts. Kathy brought up that the Freshmen parents received no communication about the event and were only going on what the children were saying. Ana suggested we type up instructions for Dr. Derbez to send to students while copying parents. This should cut down on questions from new parents and those who have not participated in the past. Brianna said that May took tongs and serving spoons home to wash since we do not have hot water in the teacher's lounge. Brianna spoke to maintenance so see if we can at least have hot water in the sink and possibly install a dishwasher one day. Ana will type up instructions for Friendsgiving as well.

Uniform Resale – Julie McDonald/Moya Griffin – ABSENT- Ana discussed how good the last uniform sale had been compared to last year's this time of year sale. Ana suggested to type up rules for what to donate and what to purchase during these to cut down on the confusion of people trying to "trade or size up" at the sales.

Teacher Appreciation Ellen Miri – Birthday treats for the month have been distributed and lunch during conferences will be served.

Rosary Committee Anna Meadows/Jen Halter - Jen mentioned that in order to incorporate the International week at Rosary, they also had parents come pray the Rosary in multiple languages such as Latin, Polish, German, Italian, French and Nahuatl. Anna also mentioned that they upgraded the zoom membership to allow for more time during Rosary every morning so that those who log on do not get disconnected due to time while praying for their child. They have had a great number of parents and grandparents participate for Freshmen. Anna is wondering if SPA can pay for stamps when mailing individual cards to parents letting them know what date we will pray for their son/daughter. She also mentioned that Consecration will be Dec. 8th and 9th.

Spirituality Committee Haley Nguyen/Veronica Perez Anaya - Anna Meadows for Haley and Veronica asked about in-kind donation forms for Altar linens. Gina said to send all in-kind donations to her and she will copy Michael as well so that we know what all has been donated to the Spirituality Comm.

Supplies Coordinator Ana Boecking for Megan DiTeresa - please email her directly if you need any supplies that we do not already have. She has already ordered the supplies we used during Int'l fest.

Volunteer Coordinator May Mitchell – No Update

Next Meetings: SPA Parent Social: Tony Cs on THURSDAY, Oct. 17th, 6-7:30 pm

SPA Community Session: October 25th @8:30 am-SSSC (Library) GINA KERLEY

SPA Board Meeting: 1st Friday of the month, November 1st @ 8:30am-SSSC(Library)

ST. DOMINIC SAVIO...PRAY FOR US!

Opening prayer for November's meeting: