

SPA Meeting Minutes

Nov 1st, 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: Julie led us in the opening prayer.

Principal's Update: Mr. Psencik

Thanked all those who volunteered in October with the many events. Updated us on the fall sports which are coming to an end soon and winter sports beginning soon. Talked about the Booster club golf tournament and encouraged all to sign up and participate. Fall play is this weekend with a special guest appearance. Ana asked about the National Arts society arts and crafts market on Nov 9th.

President's Update: Mr. Cullen- no update

Advancement: Gina Kerley

Gina thanked SPA for allowing her to speak at the Community Session. Week of Giving went well and discussed final numbers and percentages. Discussion about participation of students, faculty, and parents. Working on Grandparents event which is Nov 20th. Also working on corporate sponsorship outreach. Several questions asked about outreach for corporate sponsors and parent participation. Suggestions shared about reaching out to businesses we do business with already and sharing importance of parent participation in fundraisers to get more grants. Also asked to share percentages of parents, faculty, and students in the Eagle Update.

Stephanie shared info about the Casino night in Jan. Several questions about the event led to a discussion on how to get more people involved and building community at the event. Suggestions given to advertise about the meal and drinks included and possibly including board games.

Admissions: Holly Bologna

Requested volunteers to help welcome new parents at the Open house next week. Shared positive feedback about how well some of our Savio students (who were alum of St Theresa) did speaking at an event at St Therese's where several Catholic schools were present.

Communications: Susan Laielli

Working on Dec magazine and requested suggestions for inspiring stories.

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

-SPA October's Community Session with Gina K. went well. There were about 12 attendees. Suggested that she should have added in her email that we were not going to ask for money at the event, that it was just an informational session. Asked about posting the video on the SPA site, but it was not recorded. Will record next time. Asked to post Gina's presentation on the SPA website since there is no video available

-Next SPA Community Session is 11/8 with Mr. Cullen as the speaker. She will touch base with Tim and come up with a list of topics he can cover and we will email to parents a week in advance in hopes for better attendance.

-SPA Parent Social back @ Summer Moon -11/15 @ 8:15 am. Evening event was not well attended so it will return to coffee socials. Asked all to attend and bring 1 or 2 friends with you.

-Friendsgiving Best Practices List will be sent to Dr. Derbez next week so that she can send it out to students and parents. We are hoping to improve efficiency of set up and clean up.

-No Eagle Update on 11/25 due to Thanksgiving. May be able to send one out on Dec. 4th

-Communication plan: SPA has continued to email parents directly about SPA events. Great feedback from those who email back.

-Social Committee lost Beatriz due to a promotion at work and not having free time anymore. Kristen (who was thinking about being our historian) is now our Social Committee addition with Brianna. Back to looking for a Historian. If you know of anyone, please let us know.

Jeff asked all to start thinking about new members for next year as we have several parents with Seniors who are on the board this year.

-October 11th's SPA Minutes approved.

***Vice-Chair:** Tini Nguyen - no update

***Treasurer:** Michael Crowley -

Updated budget was emailed to all board members. Plan to spend surplus money down to \$6700 this year based on the budget. Plan to increase donation to Project Graduation to \$1500 for this year due to events that were cancelled last year for the Class of 2025 and extra money from the class that was not used.

***Historian:** Looking for a new Historian

***Secretary:** Jenn Leasure - reminded all about the upcoming Eagle updates. Will follow up with Danna about the holiday schedule.

Committee Updates & Upcoming Events

***Freshman Class Reps** Jennifer Machann/Kathy Hidajat – Freshman breakfast is all set. Jennifer shared concerns from the freshman class parents about lack of communication. Discussion

about how information is communicated to students and parents. Requested more information be shared with parents. Mr Psencik shared that students receive communication in family time.

***Sophomore Class Reps** Katya Kasyanova/Celeste Cisneros – no update

***Junior Class Reps** Holly Huval/Alma Lansang-Knight –Lunch from Cane's went well. Requesting a date for the spring retreat date.

***Senior Class Reps** Carol David-Rosen/Renee Irion– Senior retreat went well.

Social Committee Brianna Hodge – Ana said they are working on Friendsgiving, the list of best practices and the next Community session.

Uniform Resale – Julie McDonald/Moya Griffin – Next uniform resale is in Jan. Requested ties if anyone has extras. Reminded all to put names on all items.

Teacher Appreciation Ellen Miri –Faculty cash drive for Christmas will be starting soon on Nov. 25th and will end early in December.

Rosary Committee Anna Meadows/Jen Halter -

More than half way through praying for Freshmen. We've still had a lot of representation from parents coming to pray. Will work on setting up google meets here soon to hopefully transition to that, instead of zoom, once we begin praying for the Seniors soon. Jen made a homecoming mum for Mary last week. You should walk by the bulletin board next to the Chapel and check it out. The priest at the Schoenstatt Shrine has extended an invitation to us all to come out monthly (first Friday of every month) for the Mary/Martha talks that will be ongoing. He has also expressed an interest in coming to our Savio campus and giving a talk/talks about marriage. One of our SPA Rosary members has put the priest and Mr. Cullen in touch with each other.

Spirituality Committee Haley Nguyen/Veronica Perez Anaya -

Behold Books proposal from Mr. Williams, e-mail was sent to SPA Chair and SPA Treasurer with details. Discussion about how many books will be needed. Will verify number needed. SPA Spirituality has also asked James Goertz (Marynia's husband) to make a box to help us more carefully transport linens used at both Masses during consecration. There is great care taken in cleaning these linens by SPA volunteers because of the possibility of particles of the blessed sacrament being present in the linens and Veronica has mentioned she would like a better way of more reverently transporting them back and forth between mass/school/homes where they're cleaned. James has agreed to make a box to their specifications and we've been quoted \$75. They are currently being transported in a linen small pillow case cover type of garment ... Veronica doesn't feel it is as reverent nor secure, we agreed. We'd like to ask if SPA can help cover part or all of this cost. We're happy to cover it between us personally and turn in but thought it was worth asking. Combined Mass today Nov. 1 but HFCS is hosting so there is

nothing for SPA Spirituality to do. The next combined Mass will be in Dec. and will be one where we might have a presentation of flowers again to Mary like last year. We'll follow up with Mr. Gamboa to see what he has in mind for this year and how SPA can help. Consecration should begin soon. The celebration of this will be either Dec. 8th or Dec. 12th.

Supplies Coordinator Megan DiTeresa - no update

Volunteer Coordinator May Mitchell –Ana stated all the sign up genius sites are updated and May took down a sign up for Holly as Holly has a pretty good pull of volunteers already.

Next Meetings:

SPA Community Session: Nov. 8th @8:30 am-SSSC (Library)

SPA Parent Social: Summer Moon Nov. 15th @ 8:15 am

SPA Board Meeting: 1st Friday of the month, December 6th @ 8:30am-SSSC(Library)