

Lourdes Home & School Meeting Minutes - December
(12/09/24)

Location: Mrs. Heck's Classroom

Attendees:

2024/2025 Home & School Board		Teachers/Staff	
President: Julie Rosales	x	Katie Selden	
President - Elect: Andrea Reilly	x	Danielle Behnke	x
Ex-Officio: Melissa Nelson			
Secretary: Stephanie Larson	x		
Treasurer: Marie Morlok	x		
Treasurer - Elect: Eric Norberg			
Room Parent Coordinator: Cassandra Berneking	x		
Newsletter: Alison Meier			
Volunteer Co-Chairs: Kristina Katherman		Community/Committee Chairs	
Volunteer Co-Chairs: TBD/OPEN POSITION			
Hospitality Coordinators: Ashley Ramos			
Hospitality Coordinators: Erin Crigger			
Hospitality Coordinators: Mercedes Nelson	x		
Hospitality Coordinators: Melissa Zumdom			
Hospitality Coordinators: Emily Bintz			
Hospitality Coordinators: Chloe Castle	x		
New Family Ambassadors: Bronya Conner	x		
New Family Ambassadors: Becky Burke			
New Family Ambassadors: Conor Flaherty			
Starry Night: Jen Foley	x		
Starry Night Elect: Betsy Flaherty			

Meeting called to order: 6:10 pm

[December 2024 Agenda](#)

Approval for the December meeting minutes can be found here:

[+ December 9th, 2024 -- Approval of Minutes \(Responses\)](#)

1. Opening Prayer and Welcome. Discussion about the previously ended Starry Nights Meeting.
2. Committee Reports

New Family Ambassadors

- Not much new to report, as new events come up just the ask that we all do our part to invite and welcome new families to keep them involved.
- Discussion about a potential 1-2 hr wine and cheese gathering for all ages as a means to engage new families and check in later in the school year but it would require reaching out personally to do so.

Hospitality

- Looking ahead lots coming up after break:
- Qtr 2 treats
- Catholic Schools week buddy lunch. We'll need volunteers. The current plan is for Friday, Jan 31st. It's a quick turnaround, need to find the butcher paper and crayons or acquire new if need be.
- TV Loop w/ projector on the wall with a box and envelopes with pledge cards placement closest to doors so it's not missed.
- Potential bake sale or dessert sale?

Newsletter

- As previously encouraged, please keep funneling information in for the newsletter! It really is such a great means of communicating as community.

Room Parents

- Teacher and Staff scrip as the recommended gift was promoted.
- Christmas parties Friday, December 20th at 2:15, Halloween ones were a success Christmas parties should go smoothly as well!

Volunteer Coordinator

- As mentioned above Hospitality may need to partner with Kristina for Buddy lunches.
- If you need a volunteer for something don't hesitate, Kristina has a list of interested parents.

Treasurer Report

- Trivia Night through One Cause is a bit of a nightmare to unravel between fees covered being paid by supporters, tables and mulligans and matching sales on tickets and processing fees on other items. We net around \$1600.
- \$400 on the Moe's dinners.
- 1st day supplies came in \$150 more than LY.
- Scrip - more questions have come up with for example inventory adjustments and \$2200 rebate... might take a sit down with SCCS to

figure out what's what. We are sitting under budget in scrip postage, shipping, and bank fees.

- St Nick's Shoppe - approx. \$5500 this year!
- Looking pretty good

Starry Nights Fundraiser

- Saturday, March 1st, 2024
@ the Stardust - 218 Iowa St Davenport again.
- Website up and running, tickets to be added.
- Sponsor letter has been approved.
- Recommended we reach out to the list of businesses that support our parish festivals, sponsor our bulletins, and are involved with Parish Neighbor.
- Andrea is leading the charge to get student raffle tickets out before Christmas. Thanks Andrea and family!
- Gathering that night at Last Picture House.
- Room decoration and theme around celebrating decades at Lourdes, history items are still being requested.
- Next Meeting 1/15 at 6pm at Jen's house.

3. School Report

- St Nick's Shoppe was a great hit this year, big thank you to everyone that made that possible and special thanks for the wide variety of great gifting choices.
- Thankful that our teachers worked so hard, for the Christmas program to still be a success this year!

Looking Ahead to SJA

- Lots of details for SJA to consider right now especially when you think of the individual rooms and spaces... typically we do teacher wishlists with some of the Starry Night Funds with the new rooms and needs being potentially different we may want to consider and check if we can give "room funds" vs specific items.

4. Upcoming Events & Activities Recap

- Trivia Night raised about \$1600.
- Cookies and Dreams orders came in another successful year, orders can be picked up 12/17.
- Solid response for holiday Script so far and teacher gifting forms went out and are coming back in.
- Community Family Movie night was a success for being a first ever event, not many families really watched movies but lots of families had fun and got to connect and the middle school families did some concession sales.

5. Discussion

- We would like to give more thought and consideration on ways to execute a first look event for SJA sometime in August probably, more discussion hopefully to come as we get closer.
- Commemorative Brick fundraising is on a temporary halt while SJA Foundation launches their phase 2, once we're given the green light to revisit the bricks we will.
- SJA Foundation is needing volunteers especially in the following categories:
 - Social Media Marketing
 - Print
 - Legacy gifts
 - Business Outreach
 - Grants Writer

6. Upcoming Meetings at 6pm

- Jan. 13
- Feb. 10
- Mar. 10
- Apr. 7
- May 12

Meeting ended at 7:24pm

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Larson
Secretary