



# Our Lady of the Rosary PTO

## Meeting Agenda

January 4, 2024 8:15 AM Guadalupe Hall

**Attendance:** Mary Sloka, Kelly O'Donnell, Michele Hoff, Susan Reese, Elisa Ciulis, Gary Kieffer, Jim Teixeira, Amanda Lechowicz, Adriane Bevis, Amie Grayson, Jenna Doherty, Mandy Golob, Sabrina VonClef, Khrystyna Kurus, Emily Brown, Kasey DePasquale, Danajah Covedale, Nazzareth Jones, Kristi Lopez, Janet Grado

- **Welcome & Opening Prayer**
- **Upper School Winter Dance – January 13<sup>th</sup>**
  - Mary will be in contact with John Lesley to coordinate chaperones and all that is needed for the dance
  - May need parents to chaperone, but may reschedule due to OLR Family Epiphany Dance the weekend prior
- **Catholic Schools Week – January 27<sup>th</sup>**
  - Mary Sloka and Janet Murphy have been working with Mr. Curtin to come up with the activities and what will happen that week
  - The need for there to be more things for the kids this year was discussed (last year, the focus was mostly on the teachers). Teachers were looking to have less distractions in the classroom.
  - We want to tie to our Catholic Identity, but not have major distractions
  - Possibilities (but not set in stone):
    - Mon: All school pancake breakfast
    - Tue: Writing letters to the homebound and sick
    - Wed: Writing letters to our priests and deacons; also Upper School off campus community service work
    - Thu: Teacher Appreciation
    - Fri: Pep rally; Upper School vocations talk
    - Other ideas:
      - Bringing in speakers from the Catholic community (local, statewide, or national. Politicians, athletes, business professionals, etc). Focus on people who are living in the world and standing up for their faith. One suggestion was to bring in the parishioner who gave a talk last year on how our country was founded on faith.
      - Canned Goods drive

- “Pennies for Babies”
  - Make a House Competition out of these
  - Outreach week – help the community and visit people in the neighborhood.
- On January 28<sup>th</sup>, students should wear their Mass uniform to Sunday’s Masses.
- Family Potluck: Possibly Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> in Guadalupe Hall
- **Shrove Tuesday – February 13th**
  - Donuts will be served
  - Need 30 dozen donuts
    - Amie Grayson will ask for donations or discounts
    - Will also look to use SCRIP cards for purchasing at Krispy Kreme, Dunkin’ Donuts, and/or Walmart
- **Gala– April 20<sup>th</sup>**
  - Still awaiting a few answers from the Hyatt. The Gala team will get together with the Hyatt to go over the outstanding questions
  - Save the Date will be going out
  - Donna Craft: Elisa has been in contact with Donna to establish good communication to promote the Gala to our parishioners ... for sponsorships, donations, and attendance. Elisa sent the sponsorship flyer and will also send a 1 page info sheet with general info about the Gala.
  - Credit Card reader is ordered
  - We need:
    - Donations and Solicitations! We need everyone’s help with this: See the Gala email with sample letters, info, and Google Sheet to fill out with business that we contact.
      - Nazareth will speak with a friend who owns a men’s apparel shop for possible Boardwalk or Park Place donations.
    - Subcommittees are forming and meeting:
      - Decorations: Sabrina VonCleff
      - Classroom Art Projects and Baskets: Sabrina VonCleff and Reese Misenheimer
      - Invitation Team
      - Soliciting Team (still trying to recruit people) – will look at the At Home list from B2S night – perfect opportunity to have them fill out donation requests online.
- **Reminder to please log your volunteer hours**
  - A reminder email will be sent from the front office if your family has < 20 hours
- **Next Meeting will be on February 1<sup>st</sup>**
- **Adjournment & Closing Prayer**