



Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Melanie Lucero and Ms. Katherine Preze (Co-Presidents) called the meeting to order.

Teachers

Ms. Preze discussed the Faculty Christmas Bonus coordinated by ASPA. The collection continues until December 5, 2024. Families can contribute online or via check or cash. There was a group discussion about possibly adding a suggested donation amount per family or an overall goal for the school. Ms. Lucero and Ms. Preze also discussed the "Teacher and Staff Favorite Things List." ASPA compiles this list to give parents ideas for teacher Christmas gifts. As always, gifts are never required, but ASPA provides this list to help guide parents who are interested. The list is included in the weekly school newsletter, as well as posted on the ASPA Facebook page.

Community

Grandparents Day: Grandparents Day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2024. The event is led by the teachers and supported by ASPA. There was a group discussion about additional ways to help grandparents into the building, such as increasing the number of handicapped parking spaces. It was also discussed that there could be additional parent volunteers and/or junior high students escorting people inside.

Community Outreach Committee: Ms. Therese Berger discussed the Community Outreach Committee, including the candy drive that was just completed for Operation Support Our Troops. The next collection is for Cradles to Crayons and will run from November 11-15. There will be bins at Door 1 to collect new or gently-used coats, shoes, boots, sneakers, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves. The Hesed House Advent Collection will run from December 2-6. The list of items needed will be sent out soon.

Uniform Resale Committee: Ms. Laura King and Ms. Melisa Zeunert discussed the Uniform Resale Committee. They will no longer be accepting Halloween costumes since only a few sold at the resale events. The costumes that didn't sell were donated to a non-profit organization called Mutual Ground in Aurora, IL. Ms. King and Ms. Zeunert also discussed what additional

ASCA items would be beneficial to collect and resell. They said there have been more requests for long-sleeve shirts and sweatshirts. They discussed possibly doing a winter sale on a Saturday in December.

Rainbow/Sunshine Committee: Ms. Therese Berger discussed the Rainbow/Sunshine Committee and the New Baby cards and bibs that have been sent out. ASPA will be donating 5-7 poinsettias for lost loved ones. She said the weekly school newsletter now has a link to a new Google Form for people to submit information to the committee.

Students

Room Parent Update: Ms. Preze discussed the upcoming Christmas class parties and that planning will begin soon. She also said that there is a maximum volunteer limit per class party. All volunteers must have all of the Volunteer Compliance Requirements completed before volunteering at the school.

Book Fair Update: Ms. Carolina Zavala discussed the recent fall book fair. She said it was the largest book fair to date and had \$14,000 in total sales. \$3,500 in cash went to the school library and STEAM laboratory.

Daddy/Daughter Dance: Ms. Lucero and Ms. Preze discussed the upcoming Daddy/Daughter Dance. The group decided on March 22, 2025 as the date for this school year's dance.

Mother/Son Event: Ms. Berger discussed the upcoming Mother/Son Event. The group discussed different ideas for where to have the event, including a dance with a DJ; Main Event; Astro Fun World; Slick City Action Park; Naperville Yard; Kane County Cougars Game; and bowling. Event planning will continue and volunteers will be needed.

Catholic Schools Week: Ms. Preze discussed Catholic Schools Week. The group discussed possible ideas for assemblies or all-school activities, such as bouncy houses; concerts; plays; and guest speakers.

Treasurer Recap

Ms. Lucero and Ms. Preze reviewed the Tax-Exempt Form that parents (such as room parents) can use to purchase items for school events. The form can only be used in-person at stores. Ms. Lucero currently has the Tax-Exempt Costco membership card. If someone needs to purchase items at Costco for large school events, please contact Ms. Lucero.

Next Meeting

The next ASPA meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2025 at 6:30PM.