



## **Meeting Called to Order**

Ms. Melanie Lucero called the meeting to order.

## **Teachers**

Teacher Appreciation Committee (formerly Hospitality Committee): Ms. Lucero said that the ASPA-sponsored Breakfast for Science Fair Judges (January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025) was successful. Additionally, the ASPA-sponsored "We Love Our Teachers A Latte Coffee Cart" was well-received by the teachers on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Teacher and Nurse Appreciation Week is May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. ASPA is sponsoring a Teacher/Staff lunch in McSherry Hall on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The meal will be from Chef by Request. Additionally, Bellyful Boards (owned by ASCA parent Nataly Flores) is donating individual charcuterie board boxes for teachers and staff. There will also be a SignUp Genius so parents can sign up to donate snacks, drinks, and desserts for the Teacher's Lounge. There will also be a SignUp Genius for parents/guardians to volunteer for lunch and recess duty during the week. Each Room Parent will coordinate teacher gifts for two teachers (the classroom teacher and a teacher's aide/specials teacher/resource teacher/OR school nurse). Teacher Appreciation Week gifts for Junior High Teachers will be coordinated by Heidi Sawko and Michelle Ling. The suggested schedule for teacher gifts (Preschool – Grade 8) is below:

Monday: Flowers, Scents, or Sports Teams

Tuesday: Restaurant Gift Cards

Wednesday: Favorite Candy or Snack

Thursday: Favorite School Supply

Friday: Favorite Place to Receive a Gift Card From

## **Community**

Community Outreach Committee: Ms. Therese Berger said MLK Day of Service Weekend went very well. ASCA families made 767 total cards at the Card-Making Event (January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025).

ASCA families made different types of cards, including Valentine's Day cards, Birthday cards, Spring cards, and Thinking of You cards. Cards were donated to three different organizations, including St. Elizabeth Seton's Caring Cards Ministry, St. Patrick's Residence, and Advocate Hospice. Ms. Kendele Hickombottom organized the three Feed My Starving Children volunteer shifts (Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025). Many ASCA families volunteered at Feed My Starving Children over the MLK Service Day Weekend.

Ms. Berger said the Lenten Collection and Service Project went well but that some changes will be made for next year. Some possible changes include a different day/time; different location; and different community organization. She said ASCA families donated many toiletry items and assembled about 400 "toiletry kits" to donate to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana.

Uniform Resale Committee: Ms. Laura King and Ms. Melisa Zeunert said the Spring Resale Event was very successful. The event raised about \$767.00. They said they could use additional tables to better organize the merchandise at the next event.

## **Students**

Catholic Schools Week: Ms. Michele Ling planned Catholic Schools Week this year. ASPA provided snacks and a hot dog lunch during the week for students. Additionally, ASPA sponsored the All-School Assembly ("The Juggler in the Yellow Shoes"). Parents also volunteered as lunch and recess helpers during the week.

Daddy/Daughter Dance: Ms. Lucero said 133 families attended. The total amount of money collected in ticket sales was \$6970 and total expenses was \$6330, so there was \$640 in revenue left over. The photobooths were well-received at the event. Regarding changes for next year, ASPA may only provide dessert and drinks (no dinner food).

Book Fair Update: The Spring Book Fair went very well and had \$13,200 in gross sales. The coordinators want to express many thanks to those who volunteered.

Mother/Son Event: Ms. Berger said there were 196 total tickets sold (90 moms, 106 sons). Total income was \$5,020.00 and expenses were \$4,689.86 (Left Over: \$330.14). Regarding changes for next year, ASPA may need to increase ticket prices to account for gratuity depending on the venue. ASPA is looking for a new committee chair and co-chair for this committee.

Eighth Grade Graduation: Eighth Grade Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. ASPA will be providing the "Card My Yard" sign.

Field Day and Lunch for Students: ASPA will help plan Field Day and provide a pizza lunch for the students. It is scheduled for Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a volunteer SignUp Genius coming soon for the activities and the pizza lunch.

## **Other Committee Updates**

Art Awareness: Ms. Melanie Lucero will be assisting Ms. Terri Hannemann with the committee next year. They are looking for additional volunteers to help with the committee.

Grandparents Day: Grandparents Day was a success. There were almost 450 attendees. ASPA will order additional boxes of donuts and cases of water next year.

Holiday Shop: No updates

New Family Welcoming Committee: Ms. Lucero said the next event is a Happy Hour at Meson Sabika on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Ms. Lucero said that the committee will discuss changing the calendar of events for next year, as event attendance decreased in the second half of the year.

Scrip Gift Card Program: No updates needed and no significant changes

Rainbow/Sunshine Committee: No updates

Trunk or Treat: No updates

### **Treasurer Recap**

Ms. Deanna Duncan gave an update on the ASPA budget. She said there will be a budget increase for Teacher Appreciation Week. Additionally, there will be budget increases in the 2025-2026 school year for the Author Visit and Teacher Appreciation Committee.

### **Open Committee Chair Positions for 2025-2026**

ASPA is looking to fill open committee chair positions for the next school year, including Community Outreach Co-Chair; Mother & Son Event Chair; and Art Awareness Co-Chair.

### **Next Meeting**

This is the last ASPA meeting of this school year. The next meeting will be in the 2025-2026 school year.