



## **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. She said it was very successful. Overall, 175 families contributed to the collection. The average contribution was \$91 per family.

Hospitality Committee: Ms. Preze said that the Annual Christmas Party for teachers and staff at Meson Sabika was very successful. This Annual Christmas Party is hosted by ASPA and planned by the Hospitality Committee (Chair: Vinita Ramnani). There are some upcoming Hospitality Committee events, including ASPA-sponsored Breakfast for Science Fair Judges on January 23; "We Love Our Teachers A Latte" Coffee Cart on February 13; and "Teacher Appreciation Week" from May 5-9.

## **Community**

Community Outreach Committee: Ms. Therese Berger discussed the Community Outreach Committee, including the upcoming MLK Day of Service. Ms. Kendele Hickombottom coordinated the "Feed My Starving Children" volunteer shifts and Ms. Berger planned the Card-Making Event. Cards from the card-making event will be given to the Caring Cards Ministry at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, St. Patrick's Residence, and Advocate Hospice. Next, Ms. Berger said they are planning the Lenten Service Project. One possible service project would be collecting items to make care packages for Ronald McDonald House. The students would be able to help assemble the care packages as a service project. The committee is accepting other ideas for the Lenten Service Project, as well.

Holiday Shop: Ms. Shannon Rosiak discussed the Holiday Shop. She said it was very successful and raised \$2,800.00 for ASPA. The Holiday Shop Committee is looking for two co-chairs to assist Ms. Rosiak next year.

Uniform Resale Committee: Ms. Laura King and Ms. Melisa Zeunert discussed the Uniform Resale Committee. The last resale event was very successful. The event raised about \$500.00 (about 105 items sold). Ms. King and Ms. Zeunert said that people are giving feedback about the next resale event and would like it to be after an “Early Dismissal” School Day. The next resale event will be in March.

Grandparents’ Day: Grandparents’ Day was very successful. Ms. Jackie Hasse (Chair) planned the event. Additional volunteers assisted on the day of the event. There were over 400 in attendance, which is the largest turnout ever. Next year, the committee will start preparing the coffee earlier in the morning, as well as purchase additional donuts. Additional volunteers are always welcome.

Rainbow/Sunshine Committee: Ms. Therese Berger discussed the Rainbow/Sunshine Committee and the New Baby cards and bibs that have been sent out. Poinsettias were distributed to five families who have lost loved ones over the past year.

## **Students**

Room Parent Update: Ms. Preze discussed the upcoming Valentine’s Day class parties and that planning will begin soon. 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: The Spring Book Fair is scheduled for April 8-11. The set-up will be on April 7. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the Spring Book Fair. Ms. Lisa Hajek and Ms. Carolina Zavala will be planning the Spring Book Fair.

Daddy/Daughter Dance: Ms. Lucero and Ms. Preze discussed the upcoming Daddy/Daughter Dance. The dance is scheduled on March 22 from 5:30-7:30PM. The tickets will be \$50 for one daughter/\$60 for two or more daughters. The theme is Disco.

Mother/Son Event: Ms. Berger discussed the upcoming Mother/Son Event. The event will be at Bowlero Naperville in April. Additional details will be coming soon.

Catholic Schools Week: Ms. Preze discussed Catholic Schools Week. ASPA is providing snacks/food during the week for students (Donuts on Monday; Rice Krispie Treats on Tuesday; Popsicles on Wednesday; Goldfish for Preschool/Kindergarten and Boom Chicka Pop for 1st-8<sup>th</sup> grades on Thursday; and Hot Dog Lunch with chips on Friday. ASPA is also sponsoring the All-School Assembly on Friday. It is “The Juggler in the Yellow Shoes.” ASPA will be looking for volunteers to assist with picking up the food on Friday and distributing it at lunchtime.

## **Treasurer Recap**

Ms. Deanna Duncan gave an update on the ASPA budget. She reminded everyone to submit their expenses on time.

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

ASPA is looking to fill open committee chair positions for the next school year, including the Fun Run Chair and Co-Chair; Catholic Schools Week Chair; Two Holiday Shop Co-Chairs; Art Awareness Co-Chair; and Trunk-or-Treat Co-Chair.

## **Next Meeting**

The next ASPA meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2025.