



PTO MEETING MINUTES  
School PTO Monthly Meeting – In person and virtual  
December 13, 2022 at 7:45 AM

Attendees:

- *In-person*: Kellye O'Brien, Bryan Belton, Ashley Quates, Christine Farley, Tom Cronin
- *Virtual*: Andrea Belton, Jennifer Tracy, Bridget Arrow

Secretary – *Christine Farley*

- Motion to approve minutes from November 2022 PTO meeting – Bryan Belton approved and Ashley Quates seconded the motion.

**Monthly Reports**

President's Updates - *Kellye O'Brien*

- Christmas Gifting- Room parents putting it together for the teachers. Ashley & Kellye are taking care of the rest of the staff at SJS.
  - Over 15 hours/week received \$300 (\$200 gift card/\$100 personal)
  - Under 15 hours/week received \$150 (\$100-\$150 gift card/\$50 personal)
  - Gift cards were either from Amazon or Visa. We should build into the budget next year the fee for purchasing the VISA gift cards. Make arrangements in November.
- Hot Lunch – Last day to sign up for the next session of hot lunches is 12/16/2022.
  - All of the hot lunch items are provided by **Comella's**.
  - This next session of hot lunch will be offered from 1/3/2023 - 4/14/2023.
  - Volunteers Needed to help with Hot Lunch Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30 – 12:30. Sign Up Genius updated through the beginning of April
  - Sign Up Here: [Hot Lunch Volunteers](#)
- Mom's Night Out – A Save the Date will go out for a Sip & Paint. It will be at 6:30pm on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at The Painting Place in Wellesley. More details coming soon.

Treasurer's Report – *Bryan Belton*

- Most of November's net income comes from Trees & Trimmings. Overall, Trees & Trimmings generated a net income of \$50,000 with 70% of that income coming from our online activity (silent auction/calendar raffle).

**Committee Reports**

Hospitality Committee – *Nothing to report*

### Recycled Uniforms – *Jennifer Tracy*

- Sitting on \$200 to deposit from sales. If you have any donations and/or needs please reach out to Jennifer Tracy via email [jetracy1213@gmail.com](mailto:jetracy1213@gmail.com).

### Trees & Trimmings - *Andrea Belton*

- Huge financial success! Of equal importance to the financial results, Trees & Trimmings proved to be a phenomenal community builder. It was great to see veteran and new families alike bond together in support of the Saint John School. Would love to see even more family participation.
- A heartfelt thank you to our Saint John School Community, parishioners, and local neighbors. Thank you to our faculty, administration, and clergy. Thank you to all of our SJS parent volunteers and families. Thank you for donating your time, talent and treasure. Trees & Trimmings would not have been possible without your support.
- A new Chair will be needed for next year's Trees & Trimmings.

### Spirit Wear – *Nothing to report*

### Community Service – *(Kellye O'Brien reporting notes from Lori Kane)*

- Spirit of Sharing, founded over two decades ago within our Saint John Saint Paul Collaborative, helps brighten Christmas for approximately 350 children who are living in the City of Lawrence. Lawrence is the most financially impoverished city in New England, with many families at severe risk of hunger. Spirit of Sharing provides cheerful gifts that parents, despite working two to three jobs a week, cannot afford to give their children at Christmastime. Three options to donate or volunteer for Spirit of Sharing.
- **ORDER ONLINE: Deadline 12/12** order online at on Amazon
- **DROP OFF DONATION: 12/5-12/15** drop off a donation in Saint John School's parking lot entrance.
- **DONATE ONLINE: Deadline 12/12** *contribute funds* by clicking provided link or contact Stephanie Morgan & Kelly Jacobs at the emails below.
- **VOLUNTEER: 12/17** family members and friends (teen or adult) are invited to volunteer in Lawrence. Contact Stephanie Morgan & Kelly Jacobs at the emails below to sign up.
- Stephanie Morgan ([smorgan1220@verizon.net](mailto:smorgan1220@verizon.net))
- Kelly Jacobs ([kleejacobs@comcast.net](mailto:kleejacobs@comcast.net))
- **Fridge Friday** - SJS will be collecting non-perishable items every Friday for local community fridges! With the cold winter months, donations are needed now more than ever. Please bring your food and care items to the Ledyard Street door. Lori Kane has been delivering most Fridays and there hasn't been a need for additional car loads but more food and care items are needed as the weather gets colder.

### Faith Enrichment – *(Kellye O'Brien reporting notes from Lori Kane and Susan Sparks)*

- The December SJS Family Mass was a success with every role being filled by an SJS student.
- There is no SJS-led family Mass in January but it will resume in February.

- Family Mass is typically the first Sunday of the Month (next one is Feb 5 at 9am). Sign-ups to be involved is available on the SJS website and on the SJSP Collaborative website. A link to sign-up for a role is here: [Family Mass Volunteer](#)
- Students who have made their First Communion and would like to participate at school liturgies or Collaborative Masses are able to serve as altar servers! Sign-ups to be an altar server is on the SJSP Collaborative website and can also be found here: [Altar Server Sign-Ups](#).

Athletics – Tom Cronin

Basketball

- SJS JAMBOREE is scheduled for February 5, 2023 at Warren Recreation Center.
- We need Volunteers to help plan this event. Please Email [pto@saintjohnschool.net](mailto:pto@saintjohnschool.net) to join the Jamboree Committee.
- Full day of basketball games, performances by choir and Irish Step Troop, a faculty-student shootout, blessing by Father Jim, post game celebrations, bake sale, face painting and more at Warren.
- Students are encouraged to wear their Basketball Uniforms at the Family Mass

Meeting adjourned: 8:49 AM

Minutes taken by: Christine Farley