Saint's APA Board Meeting

November 7, 2018 Vasey Hall

Call to order - Laura Walsh

Approval of September 26, 2018 meeting minutes

Prayer - Laura Walsh

Principal's Report - Jim Horne

<u>Open House</u> was awesome with over 157 families attending (500 guests). Since tracking Open House data back to 2004, we are +- 4 and feeling good about our numbers. Catholic schools as a whole are down 19% year-over-year. Saints is finding new interest coming from non-typical schools (Charters, Warren-Walker, Francis Parker).

<u>Day of Service</u> will see all Saintsmen including staff supporting 7 sites. Oak Oasis will see our boys plant 2,000 trees and is the largest planting in the region's history. The emphasis is on serving the community with a broad reach. The day of service is not optional as it's about service.

<u>Halo Joe's Spirit Shop</u> is now open with a new larger and prominent location in Vasey Hall. Come by and get all your school spirit wear.

<u>Football Playoffs</u> will see our boys in the Quarterfinals against Steal Canyon and is the last home game of the year. (Update - Saints are 2018 Division I CIF Champions!)

Homecoming Week saw a reinvention with festivities throughout the course of a week. It was a good beginning to bring our Alumni together and we look forward to ideating. One idea is to use this week as a prelude to homecoming week.

President's Report - Laura Walsh

<u>Giving thanks</u> to Janet Colucci for all her wonderful hospitality at "meet the teacher night" and the college topic night. Thanks to Denise Vedder for setting up the volunteer lists as it filled up quickly. Thanks goes out to Elsa Bremmer as the family mass is always a nice way to start the school year and create beautiful and lasting memories. Thanks also goes out to the APA Executive members for coming out to the Freshman Parent gathering on September 8th and 9th to help welcome our newest families. Lots of thanks for the parent volunteers during Homecoming and to Ernesto. Becki and Annie for the volunteer work for 8th grade visitation and open house. We are looking for a parent to come on board and help Ernesto next year.

<u>Padre Tickets</u> have been purchased in the past as a way of showing appreciation for our hard working custodial crew and special parent volunteers. In the past we have spent \$2300 on Padre tickets, which equates to about 20 games worth to be used for summer games. We have found not all tickets have been used in the past. We are looking for ideas on alternative ways to thank our volunteers and grounds crew/custodians for help during special events. Ideas presented were restaurants/movies, Pit Passes, Saints plays and ways to leverage Costco for gift cards. The APA Executive Team will meet to present a few final ideas during our next meeting.

<u>Treasury Report</u> shared for hospitality we spent \$130 on college topic night, \$336 on family mass, \$236 on meet the teacher, and \$275 on Monica's prayer group for prayer cards.

Reminder that Grandparent's day March 15th.

<u>Communication</u> is going will with class representatives sending out a variety of information in a timely manner.

Hospitality is excited about the December 5th is Christmas party for the APA and to look for more information coming along with digital invitations.

<u>Senior Class Representative</u> reminded parents of senior students to turn in photo adds with a due date of 11th of November. There was nothing to report from Juniors, Sophomores or Freshman representatives.

St. Monica's Prayer Group shared the idea of "surrender" and let God do his thing. When we trust in God, great things happen. We are reminded that we are not in the numbers game of getting more participants, we are in the hospitality game and it is God's job to get them there. We are blessed to share that with this trust, our number of participants are way up. A welcome back breakfast was hosted with the purpose of seeing new people. 1,000 new prayer cards have been ordered and will be given to all freshman families have with all seniors getting one at the end of the year.

Entrance Exam is in need of 10 or 11 volunteers to shadow and support in coming years.

The First Ever Play in the new theatre opens for the show "You Can't Take It With You" (see attached). Tickets are on sale and 8 volunteers are needed. The concession stand will be open and credit card payment can be taken at the door.

Freshman Retreat was a huge success with new volunteers. There were 147 parents that came together to make this event what it is. The volunteers helped with lunch, supervision, overnight, treats, breakfast, 50 parent drivers, with over 90 dozen cookies, watermelon, bananas, and an army of hungry boys. This is such an amazing feat with a tiny budget of \$732. All leftovers went feed charity and homeless. (Big thanks co-

chair Kathleen Haliburton). Some of the lessons learned were to figure out transportation needs early.

A Shoutout for the band with a Spooktacular band event filled with music. Look for the next event on November 29th with a joint concert with University of San Diego form 7-8:30 and and Christmas Concert on December 13th. Enjoy music, good cheer, egg nog and hot apple cider.

Next Meeting - February 6, 2019

Attachement

