**PTO Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, April 9th

McDonough Hall

*Present: Jennifer Fox, Amy Crilly, Marguerite Roza, Kelly Richard, Julia Harmon Bell, Stacy Senechalle, Karl Reineke, Rebecca Mongiat, Karen Pauwels, Susan Donahue, Laura Milder, Heather Kroll, Jennifer Sabatino, Susan Povilaitis, R.J. McMahon, Joanne Biemer, Meg Bigane, Kenna MacKinnon, Stacy McEnery*

**Presidents’ Report (Fox/Crilly)**

* Opening for two VPs Communication – positions are split to cover enews and website. Please contact Kristen Reale if you are interested.
* Incoming Co-Presidents Amy Crilly and Kristen Reale announced. Co-Treasurers Maggie Roza and Joanne Biemer will remain on board.
* Heart of the School - if there is a teacher or staff member that has made a difference in your child’s life, please consider submitting a nomination for Heart of the School. Submissions are due this Friday, April 12th. Submission information is in enews.

**Principal’s Report (Bigane)**

* Teachers have been working hard to get through the Aspire testing and final week of classes before spring break.
* [NCEA Conference](https://www.ncea.org/ncea2019) (National Catholic Educational Association) will be hosted in Chicago on the Tuesday and Wednesday after Easter. 9,000 people from the archdiocese will be attending, including St. Giles teachers.
	+ Teachers will share testimonials about experience in enews
* Mrs. Ferrara heading up outdoor classroom clean up – scheduled for May 11th from 10am – 12pm. A sign up will be released in upcoming enews.
* Wrapping up last week of Fenwick partnership –7th graders have been doing science and technology education at Fenwick once a week. Thank you to the parents who organized carpool.
* Tentative 2019-20 calendar was released in last week’s enews and can be found on St. Giles website.
* Playground Build: Sign up has been released and parents are asked to participate. Special email was sent using Kaboom’s sign up system.
	+ Prep Day: Thursday, May 16th -- 8am – 5pm – 40 volunteers
	+ Prep Day: Friday, May 17th – 20 volunteers (if needed)
	+ Build Day: Saturday, Mary 18th – 8am--2pm -- 250 volunteers

**Communications (Reale)**

Kristen will be contacting room parents about planning end-of-year picnics.

Picnic dates are as follows:

* May 24th – 7th/8th Grade Picnic
* June 3rd – PreK 3 Picnic
* June 4th – PreK 4 Picnic
* June 5th – 4th/5th/6th (Lindberg)
* June 6th – 1st/2nd/3rd (Taylor), Kindergarten (Giles playground)

**Treasurer’s Report (Biemer)**

* Hot Lunch and other income are on track

**Committee Reports**

*Variety Show*

* Will be in end of day announcements for kids to pick up registration form
* 4/26 is the showcase for kids
* Will promote in enews, facebook, in-school announcements
* Dates picked for practices
* Show day is May 17th – daytime and evening performances (1:30pm and 7pm)
* Will recruit 8th graders to be MCs for the event

*Wellness*

* Joey FineRhyme speaker – was very well received at all grade levels
* Plant sale pickup May 9th – need a small group of volunteers
* Seeds donated by Brendan and Amanda Daly’s parents will be available to teachers for use in the garden and for sale at plant sale pick up

*March Madness*

* Proceeds will be used for water fountain in the Frawley cafeteria
* Winnings will be distributed in the coming weeks

*Diversity and Inclusion*

* Meeting scheduled for this Thursday, April 11th at 7:30 in McDonough Hall

*Faith and Family*

* Committee heads Sarah Valaika and Margaret Murphy are stepping down
* Mary Ann Weicher will be stepping in as committee head
* May 17th – Faith on the Go walk to the grotto at Dominican University at 8:30

An important note was shared from Sarah Valaika:  I highly encourage every PTO member to attend at least one 8:30 mass on a Monday before your kids graduate from SGS and to participate in the 9 minute novena that is prayed every Monday immediately following the mass. It’s truly beautiful and perfect for our stage of life in the thick of parenting young children.

**Recap of Important May /June Dates**

May 1st– Fine Arts Fest

May 6th– May Crowning (1pm)

May 7th– Birthday Book Club

May 9th– Plant Sale Pick Up

May 10th– Grandparents Day

May 11th– Outdoor Classroom clean up (10am -12pm)

May 14th– Smoothie Day

May 15th– Spring Band Concert

May 16th-- Kaboom! Playground Prep Day

May 17th– 8:30 am; Faith on the Go Walk to the Dominican University Grotto

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Variety Shows (1:30 and 7:00)

May 18th– Kaboom! Playground Build Day

May 23rd– Infinity Arts Play “Aladdin”

May 24th– 7th/8thGrade Picnic

May 29th- Great Grade mass 7/8, breakfast and clapout

May 31st- 8th grade graduation

June 3rd– PreK 3 Picnic

June 4th– PreK 4 Picnic

June 5th– 4th/5th/6th(Lindberg) Kindergarten Graduation

June 6th– 1st/2nd/3rd(Taylor), Kindergarten (Giles playground)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us!

President – Jennifer Fox

President – Amy Crilly

VP, Finance – Joanne Biemer

VP, Finance – Maggie Roza

VP, Communications – Grisel Robles-Shrader

VP, Communications – Kristen Reale

The PTO end-of-year party is scheduled for Monday, June 3rd at Jennifer Fox’s home at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Reale