



St. Isidore School
PAPA Meeting Notes
14-Sep-26

Meeting:

1. Virtual Logins
 - a. 17 people logged in to attend the meeting virtually!
2. Introductions
 - a. Chris introduced the Board and we went around the room (and then virtually) introducing ourselves!
3. New Changes:
 - a. The Parent Board met over the summer to discuss and plan for the current school year
 - b. PAPA's new platform is Zeffy
 - i. Replacing OneCause
 - c. E4E – A traditionally spring event is now being moved to the Fall
 - d. Auction is being rebranded to “Party for a Purpose”
 - e. These changes along with others were done to meet the requests of parents and keep the communication flowing!
4. Treasury Report
 - a. Earned:
 - i. \$493.54 Red Robin
 - ii. \$236 Iron Pigs
 - b. Already have one donation for E4E!
 - c. Current PAPA Balance: \$4,105.68
5. E4E Update:
 - a. Lindsey gave the update
 - b. She has been navigating Zeffy – this will be our first event with it!
 - i. She mentions that it is a much better platform; specifically, the structure for the donations!
 1. N.B. Donations that come through – go to the PAPA email, which is extremely helpful for Crissy!
 - ii. She also mentioned that other parents have used it or other events and are eager to use it for ours going forward!
 - c. Approximately 325 labels went out!
 - i. Yielded about ~\$115 in donations so far!
 - ii. The labels DO work, so this year it a move back to the labels!
 - d. There is sign-up genius that is up and running today for E4E!
 - i. She is looking for a lot of volunteers!

- e. Parent Suggestion:
 - i. Create a flyer with the link to Zeffy
 - 1. Lindsey mentioned that there is already one online (N.B. “Facebook”) and offers the idea to use that and then personalize it for your student to distribute!
- f. Lindsey reiterates that if someone is donating, put in the comment section to show who the donation is for!
 - i. Zeffy end-users are also able to leave a message for the children; something that OneCause did not support.

6. Home Room Parent

- a. A communication tool for the parents of a given class
- b. Description of communication through Zeffy
 - i. Emails are returned to PAPA, not the home room parents’ private email
- c. Consent slips have been received back to PAPA
- d. Need a 5th Grade Parent and a 6-8 Grades Parent
- e. Teachers will be notified of the homeroom parent for communication as well!
- f. Early Childhood will be included next year!

7. Fundraising Goal:

- a. \$40,000 goes back to the Church
- b. After that is achieved the rest can be used on the new goal:
 - i. Computers for Teachers & Staff
 - ii. ChromeBooks for Students
- c. Question for Parents → Does anyone have an IT connection to help get the best price possible?
- d. PAPA will also email Teachers a survey to see what they need specifically for their classrooms!
- e. Dr. Conboy suggests that this will be a two year goal!

8. Craig Fraiser

- a. Asked if we could have him attend a PAPA meeting to answer questions from Board and Parents

9. Event Calendar Run-Down:

- a. Any suggestions or ideas for a Christmas event? Asked parents to brainstorm and email PAPA of any ideas!
- b. K-8 Thanksgiving Feast – Parent Question:
 - i. Can parents attend the event? Yes as volunteers – they will not be able to sit down with the kids but rather volunteer to work the event!
- c. Secret Santa Update from Lisa G. – relayed by Crissy
 - i. Everything is underway and in the process of coming together!
- d. Movie Night
 - i. Parent suggestions: Movie Tavern in Trexlertown, and theater in Souderton
- e. Bag Bingo
 - i. Theme not disclosed but everyone showed excitement for event!
 - ii. Co-chair needed!
- f. Sweetheart Dance

- i. Concern raised – worried about the children running around and that this is the only dance of the year
- g. Middle School Event
 - i. Activities not necessarily a dance
 - 1. Parents suggested asking the students in a survey at school what they would prefer?
 - ii. End of Year Dance
 - 1. Inviting the 5th grade to the last dance
 - 2. Need chairs
 - iii. Halloween Activity
 - iv. Susan Hughes volunteered to look into Sky Zone for a Fall Event
- h. Trunk-or-Treat
 - i. Parent Suggestions:
 - 1. Classes donate candy and each class weighs the candy
 - a. Class with the heaviest wins a pizza party!
 - 2. Reaching out to Fire Department and Police Department to see if they could come!
- i. Diner Fundraisers:
 - i. Red Robin?
 - ii. Parent suggested Chipotle
 - 1. Another local school (Faith) was able to stand outside and give people cards as they were walking in, to ask if they could turn the card in to raise money for their school!
 - iii. Texas Roadhouse suggestion
- j. Other fundraising ideas:
 - i. Josh Early – Chocolate
 - ii. Box Tops – Christine Pirring already signed up to be the ambassador for our school through Box Tops!
 - iii. Soda can tops? – Can that help with our school or Ronald McDonald?
 - iv. Fun Pasta Fundraising
- k. Teacher Tokens
 - i. Volunteers will receive an email to reach out and remind them about their month
 - 1. Total Needed: 40 (to date)

10. Parent Comments:

- a. Having the ability to show what we are actually fundraising towards!
 - i. N.B. It really helped with the donations last year!
- b. A lot of positive feedback about the Orientation and Back-to-School Night, along with the sign-ups!
- c. Parents really enjoyed the backdrop at Orientation!
- d. How can parents sign up for more events?
 - i. Email PAPA!