

Parent Support Organization
Divine Child High School 1001 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128

Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2016

- I Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by PSO President Karla Schock
- II Opening Prayer
- III Review of minutes from April 2016 PSO meeting:
Motion to approve - Kirste Moline, seconded by Tom Colborn
Approved as written - No correspondence to address
- IV President Karla Schock
 - A. Upcoming Events:
 - 1) Events I: Staff Luncheon to be held on May 24, 2016
 - 2) Senior Lock-In: May 22, 2016 (begins at 9:30p)
 - B. Senior Lock-In
 - 1) Senior parents met after PSO meeting
 - 2) Volunteers still needed for Lock-In; Junior parents asked to volunteer from 6p-9p
 - 3) Mr. Courage will send out e-mail requesting volunteers;
contact person is Sue Harter
 - 4) Parents noted that there is/was an issue regarding e-mail addresses; some parents have not been apprised of information due to incorrect addresses on file
 - 5) Parents advised to contact Mr. Courage re: updated information: President Schock stated she will be in contact with Mr. Courage re: e-mail address issue
 - 6) Volunteer parents advised to take pictures of Lock-In set ups for future reference
 - 7) Suggestion to obtain e-mail addresses from PlusPortals as the list/information will be accurate
- V. Calendar-Faculty Liaison- Mrs. Jares (absent)
 - A) Spring Concert: Sunday, May 15, 2016; 50th Anniversary celebration
 - B) Senior Trip to Cedar Point: Thursday, May 19, 2016
 - C) Senior Breakfast: Friday, May 20, 2016
 - D) No School-Friday, May 27, 2016 through Monday May 30, 2016
(Memorial Day)
 - E) Spring Sports Banquet: Sunday, June 5, 2016
- VI: Vice President Kim Martin -
 - A) She was contacted by PSE (Private School Exchange) asking for volunteer parents for upcoming school year (2016-17)
 - B) 2 female students (ages 16/17) are expected from China
 - C) Two more students are expected for upcoming school year
 - D) Students will arrive in mid-August
 - E) Students will have his/her own health insurance;
 - F) spending money
 - G) Host parents will provide three meals daily; transportation; living quarters
 - H) Host families are paid \$600 per month stipend
- VII: Treasurer Lisa Korte (absent)
 - A.) Financial Report
 - 1) Current balance in bank: \$4,932.00
 - 2) Roll over: \$1,000.00 for 2016-2017 school year
 - 3) Note: sound system upgrade would be beneficial especially for events like Coffee House
 - 4) Monies may be appropriated for (another) speaker for students
- VIII: Business at Hand - President Karla Schock
 - A) President Schock stated she spoke with Mr. Hermann re: hard copy of 4th Quarter Report cards/will be mailed out
 - B) A senior parent noted that monies spent on speaker may need review with regard to parent/student interest in topic/speaker; noted that few parents attended last speaker forum however noted that students responded positively to last speaker
 - C) Noted that parent presentation differed from student presentation; President Schock indicated that monies are allotted for speaker and purpose is to get information out to students and to bring parents together

- D) Noted by President Schock “how much Senior parents have done this year with a lot less” with regard to funds available/great job!
- E) President Schock noted that Events Committee(s) have brought their own supplies to events in past (i.e. coffee/equipment); stated that monies should be allotted to help defray costs
 - 1.) PSO Board is attempting to get more parental involvement/help parents feel more welcome
 - 2.) PSO Board’s goal is to help incoming parents (especially Class of 2020) feel included
 - a.) ideas included name tags for parents; pot-luck dinner(s) tied to established event, e.g.: Frosh Slosh; establish a later start time for events to accommodate working parents
 - b.) goal to make incoming parents feel welcome
 - c.) one parent noted that if family is a non-parish member and does not live in Dearborn then this adds to feeling of exclusion; to counteract this: suggested a welcome Spaghetti Dinner
 - d.) another suggestion: parent volunteers to team up with new parents; beginning with grade school contact with parents/families – do this at end of (prior) school year - too late by Fall??
 - e.) Parking Lot Jam suggested as good way to meet new parents/families; also additional ways to welcome need to be put into place
 - f.) Proposed idea: Coffee with the Principal; proposed once per month before start of school day
 - g.) suggestion: Sign Up Genius-asking for volunteers beginning in mid-summer; this may be helpful with regard to chaperone sign up for events/dances
- F.) Mr. Hermann has asked for suggestions to make first football game in new athletic field special
 - a.) PSO tent was suggested
 - b.) PSO could donate water to attendees at game
 - c.) Tailgating will be allowed at Levagood Park prior to game
 - d.) Parking will be limited for games; no parking between high school and church; parking in south lot; Levagood; security (volunteer parents) will direct patrons/vehicles
- G.) President Schock thanked all class reps and indicated she hopes they will move up with their class
 - a.) President Schock thanked PSO Board; Board will remain (intact) for school year 2016-17
- H.) Mr. Hermann spoke at end of meeting and thanked parents for their work throughout the school year especially parents of graduating Seniors; asked if parents had any questions; he indicated that the best way to communicate with him is through e-mail

IX. Give-aways

XI. Closing Prayer

- 1.) Meeting ended at 7:46p
- 2.) Next PSO meeting, August 2016