

**Our Lady of Grace Catholic School**  
**Parent School Organization (PSO)**  
**Meeting Minutes of Thursday, Jan 10, 2023**  
**9:30 AM - Library**

<b>Attendees:</b> Liz Reeves Jackie Walter Amanda Fritz Natalie Davidson - on phone	Julie Moran Stevie Sislo Andrea Schwarz Renee Rasmussen Gloria Santori Meghan Worthington	Shannon Anderson Erica Hamilton Taylor Mahoney Candace Williams Katie Moeller Kristin Robinson Heather Wells	Jess Gessner Melissa Medina Palomo Abigale Piprude Meghan Dolejsi Emily Doherty Katie Bonjean
<b>Prayer Minutes Approved</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Led by Liz Reeves</li> </ul>		
<b>Leadership Report</b> Julie Moran	<u>Head of School Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everything has been going great!!</li> <li>Thank you to the PSO parents for your help in making all of the OLG events so successful.</li> </ul>		
Treasurer's Report Amanda Fritz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little higher than normal but all good</li> <li>SSS shop revenue and Student Christmas lunch expenses</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Recent Events</u></b>			
Santa's Secret Shop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone showed up!!</li> <li>It was so Fun!</li> <li>Great feedback from everyone- teachers, parents, preschool and Administration - appeared seamless</li> <li>So satisfying to give the check to JPll and \$15 gift cards to each family there too</li> <li>Shopping for next year</li> <li>Such Joy in the kids shopping</li> </ul>		
Staff Christmas Gift	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is school wide but just collected by PSO</li> <li>Mrs. C came in to thank the parents personally</li> <li>Received many thank you notes - Father Kevin</li> <li>Said they really appreciated the checks</li> <li>Thanks to Katy Ramme for letting us use Group Hug</li> <li>Gift basket to the Parish office</li> <li>Collect messages separately next year to keep truly anonymously</li> </ul>		
Student Christmas Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pizza for Preschool - 4<sup>th</sup></li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> had Chick-fil-A</li> <li>Went over very well</li> <li>Older groups got to eat in the new lunchroom</li> <li>Just had the younger kids do the placements</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Went over budget and more expensive than pizza but we feel it's worth it</li> </ul>
Staff Christmas Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Went very well on Dec 15 - snowy day</li> <li>• Getting lunch in early for first lunch is tough</li> <li>• Did D'Amicos and Olive Garden</li> <li>• They liked that it was a warm meal</li> <li>• Leftover wine from Mom's of Grace was raffled off to the teachers</li> </ul>
<u>Upcoming Events</u>	
Staff CSW Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/31</li> <li>• CSW is handled by the school and not PSO</li> <li>• Info to go out next week</li> </ul>
Barnes and Noble Book Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2/26</li> <li>• Reserved the date and reviewing the contract</li> <li>• Will they have the same budget for the gift cards?</li> <li>• Will get a coupon code to shop online</li> <li>• We get a portion of the sales back to OLG</li> </ul>
Read-A-Thon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2/27 - 3/10</li> <li>• 10 school days to read</li> <li>• "Together We Read OLG" is the theme</li> <li>• Figuring out how to incorporate both preschool and middle school as they have not been involved in the past</li> <li>• Funding will go to Groves program and library initiatives</li> <li>• Using 99 Pledges again this year for dollars and minutes</li> <li>• Looking for a local author for elementary age students</li> </ul>
Used Uniform Sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3/10 - conference day</li> <li>• Will have the sale earlier in August rather than at Orientation so parents will have more time to go to Educational Outfitters</li> <li>• Need Co-Chair help as Jamie is rolling off</li> </ul>
Family Mass and Breakfast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4/11- Father/Daughter</li> <li>• 4/12 - Mother/Son</li> <li>• We will be looking for new co-chairs for next year</li> </ul>
Carnival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4/28</li> <li>• Don't want to give away any of the theme and excitement but we had a meeting last week</li> <li>• It's the best 3 hours of the year</li> <li>• Need lots of volunteers - reach out to Katy Ramme</li> <li>• Looking to have a Preschool co-chair to have more age appropriate games</li> <li>• Trying to find a balance between having the little kids and the bigger kids all together</li> </ul>
Teacher Appreciation Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5/1-5</li> <li>• Room Parents coordinate to bring the teachers all their favorite things - drinks, lunch, etc on each day</li> <li>• TA's getting assigned to certain classes</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next year have the room parents share the information of the teacher birthdays, likes, etc - also ask the things the teachers don't like</li> </ul>
Snowbusters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 days a week for 4 weeks but skip MLK</li> <li>• Bussing to Hylands</li> <li>• It's grown to be very large - 120 participants grades 3-8</li> <li>• We may need to change a few things to the program being this is the first year post Covid</li> <li>• Parents love that you can do ala carte but it's hard to manage</li> <li>• Let Kristin know if your kids can't make it</li> <li>• Everything is paid in advance except for snacks</li> <li>• Parents not following the directions - maybe have a meeting prior to it start of the session</li> <li>• Need more volunteers - making sure kids get picked up and let the volunteers know - need the parent volunteers to be identified</li> </ul>
Moms Nights Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates in the Weekender and Evites went out</li> </ul>
Grade Level Masses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> Grade is Feb 11 - 5pm mass</li> <li>• Serve pizza after mass for community building</li> </ul>
<b><u>Ongoing/Discussion Topics / Open Floor</u></b>	
PSO Engagement and Relationship Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you for coming to the meeting and getting involved!!</li> </ul>
Preschool Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need room parents so they can help with events</li> </ul>
Art Adventures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul>
Room Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul>
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul>
Resource Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul>
Social Shopping Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul>
MSSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul>
New Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul>
Uniforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul>
Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated on a new form and process to put news in the Weekender or other marketing needs</li> <li>• Used for SSS and it worked out very well</li> <li>• No more foam board posters allowed</li> <li>• Use the two rotating TV screens</li> </ul>

**December Meeting was cancelled**

**Next Meeting Date: Feb 14, 2023 at 9:30am, Library**