

Wednesday, November 9, 2022
ICGS Parents' Club Meeting Agenda
7:00 PM Costello Hall

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Introductions
- IV. Monthly Reports – Voting members
 - a. President's Report: Shauna Brueggen
 - i. Thank you to book fair committee
 - ii. Content calendar – input for upcoming events please to make sure we don't send too many emails and can prioritize key things
 - iii. Security guard – school needs help paying for the security program. Special project funds may go toward the security initiative (school asking \$20-25k range)
 - iv. Canva training – hosted by Millie Carter
 - b. First VP's Report: Becky Bucolo
 - c. Second VPs' Report: Julia Loftus, Christina Kanno
 - d. Secretary's Report: Betsy Bruen
 - i. Motion to approve last month's minutes: Claire Sayers, Becky Bucolo
 - e. Treasurer's Report: Val Kontos
 - i. Current account \$86,500 – very similar to last year
 - f. Room Parent Coordinators' Report: Betsy Fahey, Megan Phillips, Nichole Putz
 - i. No complaints with Halloween parties
 - g. Raffle Chairs' Report: Millie Carter, Mica Zgutowicz
 - i. Permits submitted in Addison and Elmhurst for raffle
 - ii. Talking to GiveSmart for digital options for this year
 - iii. Meeting with Mrs. Linley to go over prices
 - h. Dinner Dance Chairs' Report: Christina Witt, Erica Landas, Jen Peterson
 - i. Empress booked, DJ booked, casino night
 - ii. \$27,000 raised from buy in parties and dress down days
 - iii. Mom/Son Prom alternative?
 - iv. A lot of buy in parties in the works
 - i. Directors' Reports:
 - i. Pre-K and Kindergarten (Grandparents' Day): Liz Kruml
 - 1. Grandparent/ VIP Day was a success! We had close to 150 very grateful attendees. What a fun day to be a part of.
 - 2. Thank you to Shauna, Marcie and Elizabeth for their guidance! And, of course the teachers and room parent volunteers that helped keep the afternoon running smoothly.
 - ii. Grades 1 and 2 (Reconciliation Reception): Bridget Le
 - iii. Grades 3 and 4 (Bread Breaking): Nikki Pines
 - iv. Grades 5 and 6 (Confirmation): Megan Howrigan
 - 1. Sunday April 30 Confirmation date

- v. Grades 7 and 8 (Graduation Brunch & Ceremony): Catey Cohen
 - j. 1900 Club Report: Pat Ahern
 - i. Yard tree pre-sales are well underway with the block captains. If anyone has a block without a captain and wants to join in, we can provide the flyer. We're going to move up the process next year as D205 keeps moving their dates up to try to steal our sales in addition to our tax dollars
 - ii. Tree costs increased this year and availability was down. We've adjusted sales prices to compensate and expect a similar profit.
 - iii. Key dates for the lot:
 1. Trees arrive Saturday 11/19. The unload is scheduled to start at 7 am.
 2. Yard trees are delivered at 7 am on Saturday 11/26.
 3. Tree lot opens 10 am on Saturday 11/26 and closed upon sell out.
 4. Hours are Saturdays 10 am - 8 pm, Sundays 10 am - 5:30 pm, weekdays 6 - 9 pm.
 - iv. Please push for sign-ups for anyone around on opening day (11/26)...that is the busiest and hardest to get volunteers due to holiday travel.
- V. Committee Reports
- a. Newcomer Mentoring: Anna Nehs, Claire Sayers, Liz Kruml
 - i. School Board has reached out to all new families this year to check in on how things are going and the responses have all been positive. We also held a prospective parents night open house about two weeks ago that was well attended by many interested families for next year. We continue to try to accept as many new students, as our space allows, who also meet our other requirements for admission. Our preschool programs are very popular and fill quickly. This is great as we hope many who start in preK levels will stay at ICGS through 8th grade.
 - b. Sponsorship and Solicitation Team: Tim Schiller, Coco Beneos
 - i. Increased prices, bundled events, may need to rethink
 - c. Marcia May Fun Run/Back to School Bash: Erin Fratella, Ann Hall, Lindsey Alandia
 - d. Flower Sales: Mary Mindak, Jessica Newell, Betsy Cello, Catherine Bartindale
 - i. No updates for the flower committee. We have decided to not do poinsettia and lily sales to reduce the the number of fundraisers since these would likely not bring in very much money.
 - e. Gift Wrap: Susan Skarda, Angela Wold, Carrie Tobin
 - f. Cardio Club: Kaitlin Steele, Catherine Bartindale, Karlee Hauert
 - i. Overall success – great volunteers and great turnout
 - g. DI: Ali Cahill, Kim Knable
 - i. Teams are currently being put together
 - h. Halloween Trunk or Treat: Elizabeth Bulthuis, Sandra Grani, Angela Wold
 - i. The Halloween Trunk or Treat this year was a success! We had perfect weather which helped. It was wonderful to see Father Tom, Father Cerna and Deacon Jeremy handing out candy. They were very happy to participate. We had 16 trunks this year and they looked awesome. There were some great themes and lots of creativity. James Kruml once again did a wonderful job being our DJ. The kids loved dancing to the music. The hot dogs were a hit too! We sold approximately 172 single tickets, 40 family tickets and about 12 tickets at the door. The single tickets were \$10/each, Family tickets were \$30 and door tickets

were \$12/each. We made approximately \$3,000 in sales. Overall, it was a very fun event.

- i. Book Fair: Kerry Doucet, Courtney Alfaro, Nikki Pines, Jenny Goel, Kristen Spiering
 - i. Record-breaking book sales.
 - ii. Reconsidering PreK and kindergarten being allowed to shop
 - iii. Teachers maybe not aware when/how to sign up for slots
 - iv. Maybe too close to Halloween?
- j. Dance Class: Jess White, Jayme McConnell, Daisy Shadid
 - i. Spring in the gym – no flexibility with timing due to calendar process
 - ii. Instructor locked in
- k. Enrichment: Kaitlin Steele, Mica Zgutowicz
 - i. Trying to bring in a speaker for 4-8 grades – cyber safety presentation
 - ii. Speaker on how to present yourself
- l. Fine Arts: Kristina D’Onofrio, Andrea Mostardi
- m. Hot Food Days: Lori Teruel, Tess Hill, Alexis Bartucci, Jen Geiger
 - i. Working on ordering once for the entire semester to make paperwork more seamless
 - ii. HARD deadline for hot food lunch ordering (maybe do a fake deadline to give people a grace period)
- n. ICGS Scrip: Mary Abrahamsen, Maggie Sokolowska
 - i. I would love to update you on the status of our Scrip program, but when I reached out to Kathy Hilgart with ICCP who has access to all of the stats/numbers, she never responded to me to let me know how the program is doing this year. Based upon my role in the program, there is not much participation with regard to people buying the physical gift cards. However, there are also e-cards that are done through the app, and I have no idea whether or not people are utilizing this, again, because no one has informed me about the current numbers. I posted a reminder to families on the parents club Facebook page several weeks ago to remind them of the program, and I will also submit something into the Knightly News within the next few weeks in case people will be interested in participating near the holidays.
- o. Membership and Hospitality: Jen Geiger, Liz Kruml
- p. Parents Club Locker Administration: Jess White
- q. Prayer Group: Elizabeth Bulthuis
- r. School Play: Stephanie DiMarco, Fran Denekas, Maura Duckworth, Sarah Bedinghaus
 - i. We announced the play, Willy Wonka, Jr today at the school. Materials for parents will go out tomorrow. We will also include in next week’s Knightly News. Auditions for middle school students 6-8 grade will be held Nov. 30 and Dec 1. The show will be directed by Emily Leonard, who has partnered with IC for many years and helped assemble last year’s musical revue. Performances will be in the Gym on March 3, 4 and 5th.
- s. School Supplies: Alicia Orr, Megan Faust, Maura Duckworth
- t. Spirit Wear: Myra Leynes, Blair Telford, Megan Howrigan, Michelle Harken

- i. Shipments of hats and kids' shirts and fleeces came in (fleeces were printed incorrectly)
 - ii. Want to sell the stuff we already have first and then push Squad Locker
 - u. Teacher Appreciation: Allie Kline, Bridget Le, Karrie Urso
 - v. Uniform Exchange: Bertha Golem, Megan Howrigan
 - w. Vendor Fundraising: Rachel Murphy, Betsy Bruen
 - i. Point person in each grade to promote things?
 - x. Website Coordinator: Varun Parekh
 - y. Community Meals: Courtney Alfaro, Claire Sayers
 - i. Pydo Family meal train filled!
 - ii. People are more apt to sign up if they see people they know on the meal train
 - z. Walkathon: Valerie Steik, Catherine Bartindale
- VI. School Board Liaison – Matt Severs
 - a. Reinventing the Empower Program
 - b. Annual Appeal – raised \$104, Endowment - \$41k? raised
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Voting Business
- IX. Closing Comments and Adjournment: Shauna Brueggen

Members in Attendance:

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 Megan Howrigan
 Nikki Pines
 Christina Kanno
 Christina Witt
 Becky Bucolo
 Matt Severs
 Bridget Le
 Kaitlin Steele
 Allie Kline
 Millie Carter
 Catherine Bartindale
 Catey Cohen
 Lyndsey Lytle
 Myrna Leynes
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