



## **VPO Meeting Minutes** **Thursday, March 25, 2021**

### **OPENING REMARKS:** Marybeth Warner & Diane Laughlin

*Thank you to all that attended in-person or online. We wish this school year could have been differently. We have missed many of the fun traditions of SJCP. We wish we could have planned more for our students – and adults. Unfortunately, due to COVID, we simply were very limited. We are looking forward to closing out the year with a few fun community events and could really use your help. As parents of seniors, we are really looking to pass the torch. Marybeth will create a binder of historical traditions and details to forward on to the VPO.*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS NEEDING VOLUNTEERS:** **CHECK OUT SIGN UP GENIUS TO VOLUNTEER**

#### **PROM: Thursday, April 22, 2021**

*This year due to Covid to keep the numbers down, it was decided we would only be able to offer prom to our seniors. There are 63 students in the senior class. If they are allowed to bring a date, with chaperones, we are nearly at capacity. The school has rented Dulany's Overlook in Frederick which has an outdoor barn with open doors to host the event. The venue is beautiful and needs fewer decorations. We will need assistance on the day of for decorations, set up, and after the event for clean-up. The event will be organized more like a wedding reception than as previous years of just an evening of dancing. This is to reduce the amount of time they will huddle together and help create times small groups can dance together, help to avoid students going to restaurants or someone's home and keeps them together as a class and make it extra special for these seniors that have had a very difficult year. The hope is to have a s'more bar around a fire, games, entertainment and dinner. We are also organizing the students to gather at Baker Park for pictures prior to the prom as a large group.*

#### **REQUEST:**

**DAY OF SET UP & CLEAN UP:** Volunteers for set up the morning for decorating & Clean up that evening after the event. A sign-up genius will have time slots.

**DECORATION PLANNING COMMITTEE:** If you have a flare for decorating, or are you willing to shop and pick up Under the Star theme items, you have a talent for creating centerpieces join this planning team for a few meetings to prepare for the prom!

#### **GRADUATION DINNER: Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 6pm**

*Following the Baccalaureate Mass held at 4pm at Holy Family. Seniors and 2 parents/guest will gather at Ceresville Mansion outdoors, at 6pm, on their lower sheltered covered area for dinner and Senior Award ceremony.*

#### **REQUEST:**

**DAY OF SET UP & CLEAN UP:** Volunteers for set up the morning/afternoon for decorating & Clean up that evening after the event. A sign-up genius will have time slots.

**DECORATION PLANNING COMMITTEE:** If you have a flare for decorating, or are you willing to shop and pick up Graduation theme items, you have a talent for creating centerpieces, senior keepsake ideas, join this planning team for a few meetings to prepare to send off well the Class of 2021!

## **GRADUATION: Friday, May 28, 2021 at 4pm**

*The Class of 2021 graduation will be held at NYMEO Field, Harry Grove Stadium at 4pm on Friday. We can't access the stadium until 8am on the day of the event. We are asking for volunteers to help decorate and set up. We really are in need of underclassman parents for this. The current VPO leaders did this last year and have guidelines and suggestions to share but will not be able to set up as parent of seniors.*

### **REQUEST:**

**DAY OF SET UP & CLEAN UP:** Volunteers for set up the morning/afternoon for decorating & Clean up that evening after the event. A sign-up genius will have time slots.

**DECORATION LEADERSHIP TEAM:** If you are willing to help lead the volunteers and possible students earning community service hours to help decorate during the day. SJCP employees will also be on hand for set up but due to current VPO leaders being parent seniors we need a few parents to step forward at 'go to' with the planning decided for set up and clean up.

## **END OF YEAR CELEBRATION: The Finish Line Fair, Friday, June 4, 2021**

*For the past 40 years, the parents of SJCP are incredibly active helping to plan the largest fundraising event of the year – our annual soiree. In order to keep the community safe, with just a few days before we break for summer, the school is planning an outdoor celebration and fundraiser. Tuition payments simply don't provide the needed funds for operating cost. Annually the parents have raised nearly \$100,000 between a couple of events. Those have not been able to take place this year. More details will be coming from the school within the next couple of days. This will be a great opportunity for us to finally gather together as a community OUTDOORS and celebrate making it to the finish line!*

### **REQUEST:**

**DAY OF SET UP & CLEAN UP:** Volunteers for set up the morning/afternoon for decorating & Clean up that evening after the event. A sign-up genius will have time slots.

**PLANNING TEAM:** If you are interested in volunteering to help finalize plans for create games and decorations for the event.

**ASK FOR DONATIONS:** We are need of parents that like to ask for donations for prizes and incentives for us to use for the event.

**VOLUNTEER FOR THE EVENT:** If you are willing to help out the evening of the event at a game, sell tickets, guide guest, or volunteer for a time slot.

## **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: May 3- May 7, 2021**

*The first week of May we celebrate our teachers with a luncheon and special treats throughout the week. Discussion and brainstorming started with ways to also have the students participate this year. Making posters, signs or sending messages to teachers thanking them. This would be great in addition to the traditional breakfast/luncheon. More details and planning coming soon. Are you willing to help with this?*

## **GIFT CARDS: Remainder of the year**

### **REQUEST:**

**SEND IN GIFTCARDS:** Throughout the remainder of the year for teacher appreciation, incentives for the students, and many different times the school is looking for small prizes for drawings. We can ALWAYS use gift cards! Simply send into the office anytime, any amount big or small labeled VPO! These are always helpful!

## **CLOSING REMARKS:**

*Thank you to so many of you for attending. Watch for emails and we will be in touch with more details on all of these things. Let's work together to close of this year with FUN! Don't hesitate to reach out anytime with questions or suggestions!*