

Divine Savior Catholic School – PtA Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jill Casper, Miccah Nowak, Joslyn Huiras, Kati Dimmer, Leah Melichar, Melissa Doherty, Alexia Birenbaum, Jacob Birenbaum, Julie Johnson, Michele Steffen, Kim Buechler, Jen Stern, Shauna Laumann, Sarah Wahl, John Juhre, Jodi Juhre, Kim Mondloch for Dana Trotter, Angie Mueller, Cheya Bornhofen, Carla Schommer, Jon Schommer, Lindsay Diederich, Joanna Betry, Tara Biever, Logan Birchbauer, Chiree Andrus, Nichole Bishop, Alsex Sutinen, Holly Masengarb, Sarah Jante, Holly Del Pointe

A. Call meeting to order/Opening Prayer/DSCS Mission Statement – Janine Morano
a. Mission Statement: The mission of Divine Savior Catholic School is to provide an environment for children to excel personally, academically, and spiritually. Together we share in the mission of Divine Savior Parish to foster a faith-filled community where Catholic values are learned through prayer, service, and love. Our goal is to use these values to develop lifelong learners and compassionate leaders. *Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm*

B. Additions to Agenda -*none*

C. Introductions: everyone share their name, Kids/Grades and Favorite Summer Memory or Fall Activity

D. Approval of May 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes *Alex Sutinen and Jen Stern*

E. Principal's Report – Lynn Sauer
F. *New assessment program starting called i-Ready to replace AIMS testing. Per Arch Diocese, Iowa Basics no longer required with new program. Love One Another Grant was approved for new Bibles in the classrooms. DSCS has recently partnered with Hallow app and there is a promo code or families can use student's school email to use discount. The 1st food drive of the year is going on with the theme being breakfast food.*

F. Treasurer's Report – Amanda Watry

a. Balance in Checkbook \$38,881.98

1. Planned Expenses

a. Staff Appreciation \$1,800

b. Grandparents/Special Friends Day \$1,000

c. Parish Commitment \$60,000

d. Field trip contribution \$500

e. Teacher's wish list \$4,000

f. TOTAL EXPENSES: \$67,300

2. Profits to date

a. Fall Festival/Trivia Night:

b. Calendar of Cash:

c. SCRIP:

d. Fish Fries:

e. Bowl A Thon:

f. Flower Sale:

g. Music in the Park: \$4,056.25 *expected, waiting for matching funds donation from Catholic Financial*

G. President's Report – Janine Morano

- a. Welcome
- b. Lots of volunteer opportunities this year ❓❓
 - i. Watch for sign up genius tomorrow
 - ii. Pick 1-2 slots per family
- c. Mail
- d. Safeguarding Class 9/29
 - i. Contact office to register

H. Fundraiser / Committee Reports

a. **Fall Fundraiser:** Michele Steffen/Jodi Juhre:

- i. The Fall Trivia Event date: 10/18/2025
 - 1. Separate sign up coming soon- each family voluntold to do 1 slot
 - 2. Get your teams ready to register! Many volunteer slots still allow you to participate in the trivia games. *Noted they have lot of donations already but will accept any other donations gathered still*
- ii. Calendar of Cash is a mandatory fundraiser, but we will only have to sell raffle tickets once. Each family required to sell \$400 of raffle tickets (20 tickets at \$20 each)
 - 1. tickets will be sent home in Monday folder
Tickets have been ordered and will be ready to go out in Monday folders by Oct 13. Families will sell until Dec 12, encouraged to sell more than 20, but 20 is required

b. **Fish Fry:** Kim Knetter, Janine Morano and Nicole Bishop

- i. Dates all 3 during lent **Pick Dates**
 - 1. **Random Lake FD Fish Fry is Friday March 13**
 - 2. **2/20, 3/6, 3/20**
 - a. **There is no school 2/27 or 3/6- do we want to do 3/13 instead?**
Discussed change of date to 2/13, 2/20, and 3/20 pending Kim's approval
- ii. New chair people needed (4-5 families per fish fry)
8-10 families will be needed

c. **Scrip:** Jessi Eischen & Jen Stern

- i. UPDATE: Globe Lanes and Burmesch's added from OLL- can offer other local businesses too
Cedar Valley Cheese recently added with 10% back. There was a \$5,607.38 profit this year. Jen brought up idea of raising profit return for families from 25/75 to 50/50 to encourage engagement. Attendees voted in favor of this change.

d. **Flower Sale:** Amanda Watry and Joslyn Huiras- new chairpersons

- i. Date for pickup: May
- ii. Going through new greenhouse- Hamm's Farmstead Greenhouse
Prices are a little higher than Bemis, but they are local and flowers will be picked up directly onsite.

e. **Bowl-a-thon:** Scott Cavanaugh/Jodi Juhre

- i. Two day event on Saturday March 28 and Sunday March 29 2026

f. **Grandparent's Day:** Jen Stern & Amy Cavanaugh
Will be sometime in May

g. **Marketing and Retention:** Lynn Sauer / R&R Committee

- i. Movie Nights (We have a license to show through the Parish(s))
- ii. Pastries for Parents
- iii. Open Gym (during winter months)
- iiii. Committee members are needed

i. **Music in the Park in Random Lake:** Carli Reuteler

- i. Date: August 14
- ii. Update:
- iii. Repeat next year? *Attendees agree keeping this fund raiser and repeating next year. Jen Stern suggested seeing if we can do a 50/50 raffle at the event. Carli Reuteler will look into it for next year.*
Veteran's Day was missed on the agenda. New Chair is needed. It will be Nov 13th, slots available on sign up genius going out tomorrow 9/16/2025 to PTA Meeting attendees, and 9/17/25 to all other parents.

I. Old Business: *None*

J. New Business:

- a. President and Treasurer terms end this year, start thinking about nominations!
- b. New Committee Folders implemented
- c. Family Game Day Saturday Afternoon? *Attendees agrees a Saturday afternoon might be a better option for engagement*
- d. Consignment Spirit Wear Shop?
- e. Daddy Daughter Dance? *Attendees expressed interest in this event, Carli Reuteler volunteered to be chair. Potential winter date*
- f. Acts of Kindness- *Sarah Jante Students earn funds by doing acts of kindness they commit to, Sarah Jante will be looking to set this up.*

K. Ideas/discussions/concern/questions/reminders

- a. *Cheya Bornhofer inquired why the frozen pizza sale went away. Janine notes it was a fund raiser that was replaced by other fund raises, but we can look into bringing it back in the future if we can find a vendor/company that does it.*
Sign up genius expected to be sent out after 8:00 am tomorrow 9/16/25 to attendees, and sent out on 9/17/25 to all other parents in the school.

Adjournment/closing prayer.

Closed with a Hail Mary.