

St. Alphonsa Parent Council

Meeting Minutes 10/23/2024

Participants Invited	Attended	Regrets		Participants Invited	Attended	Regrets
Melissa Pouw	x			Tania Picardo		X
Jacqueline Crowley	x			Lina Asfour	x	
Karen Rasmussen	x			Susie Dagraca	x	
Lauralee Schelborn	x			Kelly Raposo	x	
Claudia Biasutto	x			Lavina Viegas	x	
Sandra Isovski	x			Tracy Fernandes	x	
Marijana Neves	x			Sheldon Bernard		X
Amit Shenoy	x					
Gwyndeline Vishnu-Pink		X				
Simonne Konda	x					

Time: 6:00PM to 7:30PM (EST)

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Venue: In Person

1. *Record of Discussion*

A. Routine Matters

- **Call to Order and Attendance**
- **Opening Prayer:** Sandra Isovski for Tania Picardo
- **Land Acknowledgement:** Sandra Isovski for Tania Picardo
- **Approval of Agenda:** Approved by Sandra Isovski and Amit Shenoy
- 1. **Approval of May 29, 2024, council meeting minutes:** Approved by Susie Dagraca & Amit Shenoy

B. Standing Items

Chair's Report (Lauralee Schelborn)/Treasurer's Report (Amit Shenoy)

- Spreadsheet "St. Alphonsa Treasurer Report September 27" was reviewed by Amit Shenoy.
- Opening balance of \$4157.94, no revenue because we didn't run any fundraisers this month Tonino's deposit from last school year is expected, and also from the art auction are expected to be transferred from last year. This will put us just over \$5000 for next month.

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Principal's Report (Melissa Pouw)

- Picture Day – any feedback
- Oct 3 – Terry Fox Marathon of Hope - \$1315 donated
- Thanksgiving Food Drive – St. Louise Outreach – biggest collection they have seen in a long time
- Oct 11 – PD Day – Content – Math Curriculum – Power of Games in math teaching and learning, N-Word, Literacy Resources to support Right to Read – Primary classes – mandatory 30 min direct instruction in literacy (Heggerty, Sound Walls, UFLI, Bridging the Gap (Gr. 3)) K-2 teachers screeners for all students – if meet criteria then do not have to redo screener for T2. Will be reported on T1 report card.
- Cross-country – 13 students went to boards
- Chess – one team in the GA fall classic – Dec 4
- Junior volleyball – both went to family tournament; junior boys to board level tournament
- trying hotdogs/hamburgers for Friday lunches
- Grade 4 CCAT Testing – Oct 21-22
- Bus Driver Appreciation Day – Oct 23
- Wheelchair basketball – Oct 28-29
- Immunization Clinic – Grade 7/8 – Nov 6
- Nov 11 – 12 – Indigenous Games
- Nov 11 – Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 12 – Progress Reports Go Home
- Nov 14 – Interview Night – not mandatory – new appointment booking site School Interviews
- Nov 22 – PD Day
- December 6 Christmas Market
- Christmas concert will be December 18, with Santa Photos
- Operation Christmas Child collection will be in November

Parish Update (Tania Picardo – read by Sandra Isovski)

- Altar Server's Training – Saturday October 26 th at 2:00 p.m.

If your child is in Grade 5 or older and would like to serve the Lord at Sunday Mass, they are invited to attend the Altar Servers' training this coming Saturday. New and current altar servers are asked to attend. Parents will need to complete a Volunteer registration form for their child and let us know the Mass time your child will be able to serve.

- Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" fundraiser
- The Knights of Columbus will be offering their 4th Annual Fall Yard Clean Up in support of "Coats for Kids". Call Mike at 905-216-9022 to book or clean up or donate.
- All Soul's Day Mass – Saturday November 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

Catholic Cemeteries Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto wish to invite all families to participate in the All Souls Day Mass. All masses will be held indoors at the following:

Assumption Cemetery – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum

Christ the King Cemetery – Reception Centre

Holy Cross Cemetery – Holy Family Mausoleum

Queen of Heaven – St. Anthony's Mausoleum

Resurrection Cemetery – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

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Community Rep Report (Claudia Biasutto)

- Spooky at Illumi - in Mississauga from October 3 to November 1, enjoy the drive through lights display for Halloween. Located at 7174 Derrycrest drive, see www.toronto.illumi.com for tickets.
- Haunted Ghost Walks - join After Dark Tours, walking through haunted areas of Brampton downtown. October 24 from 7PM to 8:30pm, Meet in front of the Brampton library at 65 Queen St. in Brampton.
- Halloween Spooktacular event on October 26 from Noon to 3pm at Brampton Garden square. Fun activities for kids, pumpkin giveaway and live entertainment. See website for details see Event Website: <https://downtownbramptonbia.ca/event/save-the-date-spooktacular/>
- Residents are invited to celebrate Diwali at Brampton's annual Diwali Mela, organized fireworks display. Fireworks begin at 7:30PM. There will also be an international dance show. Event is at Sesquicentennial park on November 1
- Remembrance Day Ceremony at the city hall office, flag service and memorial at Gage Park in Brampton, starting at 10:45 am for the Remembrance day ceremony.
- Mississauga Evening of Hope Gala, benefitting youth mental health care services will be on November 16. For tickets please contact <https://trellis.org/evening-of-hope-gala>

C. Information Updates

OAPCE Reports (Simonne Konda)

- No updates for this month

Family Fun Night Carnival (Sandra Isovski)

- Discussion of when to have the full scale Family Fun night, decision to delay it to September 2025 with Open House
- At the Talent show/BBQ in June 2025, we will run a few carnival games in the school yard, will be called Family Game Night (small scale)
- Sandra Isovski and Kelly Raposo to lead the event
- Projected spending to build games and prizes will be \$1,000

Christmas Market (Sandra Isovski and Claudia Biasutto)

- Market will be held on December 6, 2024
- All items from last year were donated/sold
- Sandra Isovski will send flyer to Ms Pouw, for distribution to the community
- The November 20 council meeting will have further discussion on this topic

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D. Action Items

Review of the 2024-2025 Parent Council Budget (Amit Shenoy)

- Spreadsheet "Parent Council Budget 2024-2025" was reviewed by Amit Shenoy.
- Income is expected over 9 major events throughout the school year: Halloween Dance, Christmas Market, Dominos Pizza, Christmas Concert, Valentines Dance, Shrove Tuesday - proceeds to Sharelife, Cinnabon fundraiser, Ice Cream Sandwich, Family Fun Night.
- Decision to remove the Cinnabon fundraiser for now due to logistics
- Ice Cream Sandwich fundraiser to be run from May to end of June, for 8 weeks instead of 6 weeks
- Reviewing School Asks and Teacher Asks, totaling \$966

Voting in the 2024-2025 Parent Council Budget (Lauralee Schelborn)

- Approved by Unanimous Vote

Presentation of the Halloween Dance Plan

(Lavina Viegas, Susie Dagraca and Lina Asfour)

- Snack Shack will offer snacks and glow bracelets
- Set up will be the night before
- Two people will count the money the next day with Treasurer present

E. Future Meetings

Future Council Meetings

- Nov 20, 2024 (Virtual)
- Jan 29, 2025 (Virtual)
- April 9, 2025
- June 4, 2025 – final meeting

Important Dates:

- New To Council Role Training – TBD
- P.A. Day November 22

F. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned – Motion: Lauralee Schelborn Approved: Amit Shenoy