



March 11, 2025 6:30 PM

Meeting Agenda and Notes

1. Call to order (Cristin Joy) Meeting called to order 6:32 PM
2. Opening prayer (Mr. Turk) Done
3. Introductions (Cristin Joy) Done
4. Principal's Report (Mr. Turk) - Re enrollment has gone very well, K very close 1st grade closed 2nd grade very close 3rd closed.

Update on security incident, Mr. Turk reiterated information that was shared in the email sent after the incident and updated the group that they have already completed installing Stop Signs on the doors on Monday. Tomorrow Mr. Turk will take the class to the signs and educate the kids again. Update on vetting volunteers: Protecting God's Children is required every 3 years, Vertis will send an email to you when you are due to take the training again. If your training is incomplete you will be unable to volunteer. Additionally Background checks are run annually and the office keeps them on file. If there is anything flagged - it is sent to the AOD and a recommendation is made to GA on any volunteer restrictions that should be in place. Mr. Turk discusses that directly with the parent. Mr. Turk expressed his expectations of parent behavior and that we are a Catholic Christian community and we should be building each other up. Mean talk and bad parent behavior will not be tolerated. Please make an appointment with Mr. Turk with any concerns you have.

Parent Question - Can we implement a Parent Code of Conduct? Mr. Turk mentioned "Family Mentoring" and they will prioritize and work on it over the summer for next year.

Parent Question - Are the church doors open during mass?

Parent Question - Should we bring in an armed guard to the school?

Mr. Turk reminded everyone we have a good relationship with Clawson Police. Officers come and visit the school, talk with the kids and are in the parking lot at various times.

5. Treasurer's Report (Miriam Gomez) - Children in Bloom auction - we surpassed our goal. (Over 43K dollars) Doesn't include Dress Down week and some teachers that doubled their experience/items which are still coming in and will increase our income. Some expenses are still coming in as well.

Our fundraisers have exceeded our budgets overall and we are on track.

Excess funds from this year will be used to partially fund new blinds for the school.

Please attend the May meeting where we will vote on our 2025-2026 School Year budget.

6. VP Report (Lauren Bukowski) - Paper Products ordering continues and that process is working well. May is our next teacher appreciation event.

Tomorrow we will be presenting appreciation for teachers who donated 2 experiences to the Children in Bloom Auction and drawing for a \$100 gift card

7. Event Committee Reports (Cristin Joy)

- **GAP Family Bingo (1/24) (Rhonda Brewer)** went well, reached our cap, had to turn away a few families. The count was 196, need to buy more prizes, prizes donated by secret Santa were a hit. Both are still planning to stay on as chairs. May need to ask for some donations for the event like Daddy/daughter.
- **All School Skate Party (2/7)(Kim Kohatsu/Rlan Landingin)** Great success, actually raised \$500. Sold 57 tickets at the door. Complaints that kids had to pay for rental even if they weren't skating. We can talk to Skate world about this. Kim and Rlan will chair again.
- **Daddy/Daughter Dance (3/22) (Julie Kane, Veronica Korkis, Kristen O'Neill)** Sign up genius is up for daddy/daughter. Payments are online only. There is limited space so please be sure to get your tickets. It will be shared with the parish this weekend.
- **First Communion Reception (5/7) (Miriam Gomez)** 1st communion reception is May 7, invite will be sent to the whole class, attend mass and then right after we go into the gym for a little snack and drink so they can celebrate together. We give them bookmarks with a prayer.
- Then change into their regular clothes
- **Parent/Son Event (5/9) Kristina Valentine** Navigating cost for family. Will be in the school parking lot, if we have bad weather it will be in the gym. Trying to raise money to go towards the event (could we do a dress down day to support?) Donations for food. Idea of \$40/"Couple" and \$5 additional dollars for each additional child like daddy/daughter dance. That cost was supported by meeting attendees.
- **School Raffle - Mike Kardasz** has sent out for the license. This is the only required fundraiser.. I think the tickets will be \$5, multiple drawings through the month of May. April you should have tickets to sell. Kristina asked about donor for raffle tickets.
- **Restaurant Fundraiser (Karen Hathaway)** Next fundraiser will be at Benitos Pizza, will come out in the next newsletter. Have to call in your order. April 1 and 2
- **Used Uniform (Nicole Burley)**- no report, we made \$170 at open house
- **Spirit Wear (Maryann Weitzel)** -No report
- **RaiseRight (Tonya Manion/Rossana Barraco)** last 2 months, rebates for families were a little over \$1100. If you are interested please email for details.
- **Auction (President)** - we didn't have our top two donors this year, so knew we were going into the Auction without around \$12K of income we typically would receive. Still surpassed our goal. We got good feedback overall.. This was our first time using the clickbid software, so already some things we learned through the process and will change next year. Probably will open the auction early. We have our post auction

meeting tomorrow at 6:30 PM. We will probably use UCC again since it is a cost effective option. Feedback shared in the room: Some complaints about food (one table had chicken that was raw, no vegetarian option). Suggestion for charging station. The night of the event we were short for volunteers. We are going to talk to Foley where we work their event and they work ours to see if that might help both of us have enough volunteers and allow more parents to participate.. We lost our teacher sponsor donor last year so we ate the cost of those tickets and lost money on the tickets. Feedback on closing the bar during dinner, we will leave the bar open during dinner next year. We had enough sports items through our acquisitions team (Thank you Kristina!) so we will greatly reduce consignments since we don't raise as much money with them. We might consign a jersey, but lessen the number of items significantly. We are still looking for a chair. If you are interested in Chairing it please join us.

- **Field Day (5/27)June 2nd.** We currently don't have a chair right now. If you are interested Mr. Z left a good detailed list. Nothing is booked yet. Will need to be parent led and lots of volunteers. Lena Hermiz indicated in the meeting she would be interested in chair.
- *****After meeting, 2 volunteers were obtained as chairs (Kristina Valentine and Lena Hermiz).***
- Building Bridges Scholarship is now open, see Keeping Connected for details and Ms. Dorflinger will share with 8th grade students and parents.

8. New business (President)

2025-2026 Candidate Slate for GAP Board

Candidate Slate is presented. We have 1 nomination for President, Treasurer and Secretary and 2 nominations for Vice President.

Each candidate shared some background information and their desire to serve.

President - Cristin Joy, shared she is running for President, I love this community and serving on the GAP board. It has been a good year, we have done a lot to increase participation.

VP - Lauren Bukowski - currently serving as VP, seeking reelection for next year. Family came in 2020. Since being here, has chaired, volunteered, or been present at nearly every GAP event that we have hosted. Chairs All Saints Day Party, thoroughly enjoys attending events to support the chairs. As VP has been taking care of all paper products, bday gifts, teacher and staff and appreciation events and working with all of you. It is a lot of work and I do it because I love this community.

VP - Anne Hasse - shared that she has 3 little girls that will be here in the fall, went to the “other” school here in RO and went to Foley for High School. Fell in love with the community. We drive past several other schools to be here at GA. Degree is in interior architecture, am currently a stay-at-home mom. Always in the classroom volunteering. Has nieces and nephews here. We have a lot invested in the school

Treasurer - Miriam Gomez, goal was to improve communication between us and the parish to better understand where dollars are being spent. Enjoys serving the community. We are from Mexico and GA is our family here in the US.

Secretary - Kris Dunn shared she is looking forward to continuing to serve the GA community. Had a goal to increase transparency and communication which has been done through monthly newsletters, making access and tracking of volunteer hours easier for parents and the ability to support your teacher by sharing favorite things and wish lists. She also helped update and pass new bylaws at the beginning of the school year for GAP.

May Meeting - Elections, and voting for next year’s budget.
Please email GAP with projects you are interested in supporting for next school year.

9. Open Forum

Can you donate your hours? Yes

If I met my hours can I still volunteer? Yes

If you are having trouble getting your hours please email GAP

We are tracking where extra hours exist.

Mr. Turk - we have a spot of grass in the back - that will be turned over to turf and an irrigation system to water the plants.

10. Adjournment 7:40 PM

**Save the Date: May 20, 2025 6:30 PM Last GAP meeting for the school year(GA Cafeteria)
Will include Elections and 2025-2026 school year budget approval**