

SJS PTO NEWS

Overview/Minutes

October 8th PTO Meeting

Welcome/Prayer

- Lisa Beretta opened the meeting and Sister James Michael lead with prayer.

Guest Speaker – Lynda Knable from Beggars for the Poor spoke regarding St. Jude's donations, and gave a brief synopsis of the organization. This Not for Profit volunteer based organization hands out one pair of underwear to every homeless man that visits them per week, and over 100 pair of jeans per week. The first Saturday of every month is St. Jude's time to volunteer. The bus leaves Jude in the morning to arrive at Roberts United Methodist Church by 9:00am. Anyone wishing to help cook should meet in the St. Jude kitchen at 6:00am. The fifth Saturday of October is their next visit and then again the first Saturday of November. Please contact Lynda at kkmomma1@yahoo.com if you wish to volunteer or donate.

The Holidome at the corner of Thomson and 31 also houses displaced families. They are also looking for food, money and clothes.

St. Jude PTO will try to provide a collection for Beggars for the Poor once a year if not once a season.

School Update – Sister James Michael

- **Field Trips** for the 7th Grade included a trip to St. Meinrad and the 8th grade provided a day of service to St. Vincent DePaul and Anna's House.
- **H1N1** monitoring procedures are being enforced. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Bennett, says to keep the kids in school once they are not contagious.
- **Conferences** are being held on October 21st this year and are optional. St. Jude will offer conference on the 21st from 8:30 – 2:30. Perry Township schools are not offering organized conferences due to a lack of pay provided to the teachers.
- **Picture Retakes** are on October 28th. Make sure you send your first packet of picture with your child for retakes.
- **Grandparents Day** will be November 13th from 8:30 – 10:30 and will include the Book Fair.

- **A Vocation Fair** will also be available for our Grandparents to view. Students will research Brothers, Sisters, and Priests' Orders, and will provide a written essay of their research. This fair is similar to the Science Fair with the idea that the essays will be judged.
- **Teachers Convention** will take place on November 6th in which all St. Jude teachers grades 4th -8th will have the opportunity to attend. School will not be held for students in these grades on that day.

Approval of May 2009 Minutes – Kristine Schutte

Motion was made by Molly Schrader to approve the September 2009 minutes and Anne Johnson second that motion. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Update – Lisa Beretta

Profit and Loss by job from July 1st 2009- October 6th 2009 presented and made a part of records herein.

Presidents Update – Lisa Beretta

- **Fruit of the Spirit** fruits were provided to the students beginning in September with Apples and October peaches will be provided.
- **Breakfast with Santa** Daphne Jaffee is the chairperson for this committee and indicated that the committee will have their first meeting on October 15th.
- **St. Phillip Neri** used coat collection will begin soon. A Homework Watcher will be sent out with details.
- **Scrip Program** Chairperson Chris McGinsie is looking for help to promote sales of the program. It was discussed to supply the parents with a breakdown of the program again, and clarify the tax information change. There may be resistance because of confusion with the new taxing structure.
- **A Thank You card** was provided by Ms. Edwards for the gift she received from the PTO for her several years of service to the school. The Guardian Angels Guild also sent a thank you for the donation of a Sports Basket towards their auction.

Announcement of Sisters Retirement Letter was provided to the PTO. Sister gave a gracious response to the letter and shared a few thoughts about her future with the group.

New Business

- **Request for PE Equipment- Lisa Beretta** Hula hoops and jump ropes have been requested by the PE teacher for purchase. The total cost will be just under \$200.00.

Motion was made by Molly Schrader to have the PTO cover these expenses. Susan Hampton seconded the motion.

- **The Emergency Phone Tree** is completed. Thank you to Olga Beach and Deanna Foreman for their hard work.
- **The School Directory** is finished and being printed at no cost to the PTO. Costs are being covered by the printer and advertiser. Thank you to Jennifer Skibinski for a job well done.
- **The Mentor Program** also deserves a thank you to Anne Johnson for her magnificent job welcoming our new families.
- **The Scroll Newsletter** will be provided to families on a monthly basis, as Homework Watcher provides parents with updated daily information.

Closing Prayer - Lisa Beretta

Respectfully Submitted - Kristine Schutte

President	Lisa Beretta - Present	Treasurer	Dorie Sonley - Not Present
Vice President	Laurie Irwin - Present	Secretary	Kristine Schutte - Present