

SJS PTO NEWS

Overview/Minutes March, 2008

Welcome/Prayer

- Ruth Papandria opened the meeting and Erin Gore lead with a prayer.

School Update – Sister James Michael

- **PI Day** is March 14th and will involve various speakers for the students.
- **Music Man** is the current performance at Roncalli and some of the SJS students attended.
- **3rd Grading Period** ends March 14th and report cards will be issued.
- **16 new Inductees** into National Junior Honor Society.
- **Living Way of the Cross** reenacted by the 8th grade students on Good Friday at 1:00p.m. in the church.
- **Canned food collection** rendered in excess of 50 boxes full.
- **NCEA conference** is up-coming. There is still time to sign up on line to help at www.archindy.org.NCEA. The 4th and 5th grade choir has the honor of singing at the Mass at St. John's for NCEA.
- **Spring Break** begins on March 28th and school resumes on April 7th.

Marketing Committee – Anne Johnson

- **Goodie bags** were prepared and hand delivered to all teachers on St. Valentine's Day in appreciation of them.

SCRIP – Vicki Rohrman

- **Scrip Contest** began March 10th and runs thru April 7th. Winners receive prizes such as a pizza party and extra recess. Currently SJS is in the 2nd rebate period and the PTO receives one-half of the \$1,600 Scrip collection.
- **Kroger** is a separate Scrip program and is averaging \$750/mo. One-half of those proceeds goes to PTO monthly.

- **Marsh** is discontinuing Scrip due to lack of interest.
- **Summer Scrip Sales** will continue while SJS is out for summer vacation.

Box Tops Talk – Kellie Kriech

- **27,000 box tops collected** during the 13 week collection contest. SJS has earned \$3,000 from General Mills this year. Many thanks to Kellie Kriech for her solo efforts at counting, counting and counting more box tops!

May Day - Ann Stahl

- **May Day** is May 14th and volunteers who offered assistance at the beginning of the school year will soon be contacted. Please contact Ann Stahl at agstahl@comcast.net to inquire or volunteer.

Hospitality Committee – Lori Orman

- **Hospitality Committee Chair** is needed next year. Two remaining events this school year include National Junior Honor Society and the teachers' luncheon at the end of May.

PTO Festival Booth / Basket Committee – Lori Orman.

- **Festival Basket Committee** needs a chair or co-chairs. Please contact Lori Orman at lorman4@comcast.net to inquire or volunteer. Information on collections for baskets was sent out in Homework Watcher. Themes were assigned for a \$5.00 item or a \$5.00 cash donation. The baskets are pure profit for SJS and average a yearly profit of \$5,000.

Treasurer's Update – Amy Kuntz

- **Profit and Loss** by job from July 1, 2007 – March 13, 2008 presented as well as Rest of School Year Expenses for 2007/2008 School year; PTO Teacher Appreciation Checks, and 2008/2009 Field Trip Planning.
- **Teacher Wish List** items have been purchased. All teachers will now be in possession of 2-way radios for cases of emergency.
- **Teacher Appreciation Checks** were voted to be issued. Lori Orman moved for approval of the proposed checks and Robin Green seconded the motion. Motion approved.

- **Field trip planning budget** for school year 2008/2009 has been increased to meet needs of classes.
- **Room Parent budget** for 2008/2009 school year has been allotted so that Room Parents have \$50 per room to eliminate out of pocket expenses for parents.

Current Business – Ruth Papandria

- **Walk-A-Thon** is May 9th. A motion was made for the allocation of the proceeds from the Walk-A-Thon. Motion made by Ann Stahl for the purchase of a smart board with the proceeds. Joan Cahill seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- **Practice catastrophe drills/tests** each school year include 10 fire drills, 4 tornado drills and 2 disaster drills.
- **Spring Break cap sale** underway. Ball caps and visors with the SJS logo are on sale now at \$7.00 each just in time to wear on the beach.

New Business – Ruth Papandria

- **Open Volunteer positions** for school year 2008/2009 include PTO Vice President and chairs for Grandparent's Day and Hospitality. To inquire about these positions contact Ruth Papandria at starlightruth@yahoo.com.
- **Cafeteria Upper Ledge** décor responsibility has been delegated to the PTO. Vicki Rohrman and Julie Molloy have volunteered to co-chair. Request made by Vicki Rohrman to allow budget of \$150 this spring and \$500 for 2008/2009 school year to update decorations.
- **Magazine Sale** has big changes for school year 2008/2009 including a new company, new products and higher return for SJS 45% vs. 40%.
- **Homework Watcher** valued as great communication between parents and teachers. In an effort for clearer communication, a request was made that each teacher of each subject send out a Homework Watcher as opposed to the homeroom teacher sending for all class subjects.
- **PTO prize drawing winners** include:
 - Kelli Kappus – SJS visor
 - Lisa Beretta – SJS hat
 - Vicki Rohrman – SJS window decal
 - Lisa Meyer – SJS license plate
 - Nalia Sangalang – SJS decal
 - Janice Schwartz – SJS decal

- **Results of the traveling trophy winners** from March's PTO meeting.
Categories include:
Grades K-2 – winners – Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Tuttle's rooms tied.
Grades 3-5 winner is Mrs. S. Halloran's room (again!)
Grades 6-8 winner Mrs. Boles.
- **Next PTO meeting** scheduled on **Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 6:30p.m.** in the school conference room. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Closing prayer by Sr. James Michael

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Papandria

President	Ruth Papandria – present
Vice President	Ann Stahl – present
Treasurer	Amy Kuntz – present
Secretary	Erin Gore – present