

# SJS PTO NEWS

## Overview/Minutes February, 2008

### Welcome/Prayer

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

### Approval of Minutes from January, 2008 PTO meeting

- Motion made by Dorie Sonley to approve the minutes from January's meeting. Cheryl McAllen seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

### School Update – Sister James Michael

- **Roncalli High School's enrollment policy** is undergoing a change with the intention of cutting back enrollment.
- **A Title One inquiry** with Rise and Sister James Michael has been underway due to unpaid funding owed to SJS in the approximate amount of \$190,000 for last year's services.
- **Field trips** were recently enjoyed. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders went to the Ruth Lilly Center and ten 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attended Mass at the Cathedral for Catholic Schools week.
- **Catholic Schools week** went well and the PTO efforts were appreciated by the teachers and students.
- **Vision and hearing tests** are going on this week.
- **Registration information** for next year is coming home Friday. Registration forms will be available at the St. Jude website very soon and registration is due by Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **NCEA conference** is up-coming. There is still time to sign up on line to help at [www.archindy.org.NCEA](http://www.archindy.org.NCEA).

### Guest Speaker – Cheryl McAllen, President of St. Jude School Commission

- Many thanks to Cheryl McAllen for the information she provided at tonight's PTO meeting. Cheryl advised that the School Commission is in charge of making recommendations for the future common good of our school. There are three

areas of action assigned to the school commission: 1) Budget operations 2) Policy making and 3) Adhering to established by-laws. The School Commission consists of unpaid parish members each serving a 2-3 year term. School Commission meetings are open for attendance; however, all items of discussion must be on the agenda.

#### **Marketing Committee – Ruth Papandria for Anne Johnson**

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

#### **SCRIP – Ruth Papandria for Vicki Rohrman**

- **Purchases have slowed** since Christmas with approximately 10% of SJS families participating. A total of approximately \$4,000 has been put into individual accounts since December.

#### **Hospitality Committee – Lori Orman**

- **Hospitality Committee Chair** is needed next year.

#### **PTO Festival Booth / Basket Committee – Lori Orman.**

- **Festival basket** collections will be two weeks beginning February 10<sup>th</sup>. Themes will again be 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.

#### **Current Business – Ruth Papandria**

- **Catholic Schools Week** was very successful. The PTO provided students with small flashlights and a snack and teachers received an appreciation luncheon catered by Augustinos. Massage therapists were on hand to relax their stresses away. Many thanks to Lori Orman and all volunteers for these arrangements!
- **Science Fair** lunch was provided for all judges. Kudos to Lori Orman!
- **Walk-A-Thon** date has been changed. The new date is May 9<sup>th</sup> in hopes of warmer weather. A vote will be taken at the March PTO meeting as to the allocation of the proceeds from the Walk-A-Thon. Come with ideas and to place your vote!

#### **Treasurer's Update – Amy Kuntz**

- **Profit and Loss** by job from July 1, 2007 – February 13, 2008 presented as well as Expenses by Vendor Summary from January 10, 2008 – February 13, 2008.

- **Results of the traveling trophy winners** from February's PTO meeting.  
Categories include:  
Grades K-2 – winner is Mrs. Tuttle's class.  
Grades 3-5 winner is Mrs. S. Halloran's room (again!)  
Grades 6-8 winner includes a 2-way tie between Mr. Oakley and Mrs. Boles.
- **Next PTO meeting** scheduled on **Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7:30p.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 – not present
Treasurer	Amy Kuntz – present
Secretary	Erin Gore – present