

SJS PTO NEWS

Overview/Minutes

August, 2008

Welcome/Prayer

- Ann Stahl, President, opened the meeting and Sr. James Michael lead with a prayer.

School Update – Sister James Michael

- **Back to School Night** was a success at being held prior to the start of the school year.
- **ISTEP** begins this week for grades 3 – 8.
- **Progress reports** this year will be issued by hard copy; however, soon grades will be available electronically and able to be viewed by parents at any time.
- **Safety At Home** is the first upcoming free program for grades K – 4.
- **Drug and Alcohol presentation** at Roncalli High School was postponed to September 22, 2008. Sr. encouraged all to attend. South Deanery principals arranged for parent education presentations.
- **Rise occupational therapy and speech therapy** available at St. Jude this year. Mrs. Rebecca Wooldridge is the contact for students needing services.

Sr. entertained discussion concerning a suggestion to distribute back to school packets at back to school night.

Guest Speaker – Mr. Alstott

- **Smart Board Demonstration** presented by Mr. Alstott.
 - Smart boards are visual learning tools;
 - Smart boards are an extension of computers; and.
 - Smart boards provide teachers the ability to demonstrate using a computer and has numerous abilities to assist teachers in organizing their instruction.

Treasurer's Update – Amy Kuntz

- **Profit and Loss** by job from July 1, 2008 – September 11, 2008 presented and made a part of records herein.
- **5 smart boards purchased for \$15,000** for SJS classrooms prior to the beginning of this school year from the proceeds of the Walk-A-Thon and budget overage from the 2007/2008 school year.

Old Business – Ann Stahl

- **Approval of May 2008 Minutes – Ann Stahl**
Motion made by Kelly Kappus to approve the May '08 PTO minutes.
Lisa Beretta seconded the motion.
Minutes approved.
- **SCRIP – Vicki Rohrman**
Scrip Payout period April 28, 2008 to present grossed \$2,100 with one-half paid out to participants.
Summer Scrip participants grossed \$1,100.
Sign up for Scrip is available year round. There is room for growth for church funds and volunteers are welcome.
- **Magazine Sale – Vicki Rohrman**
Approximately \$60,000 brought in at present time. A final report is not yet generated.
- **School Directories – Joan Cahill**
Directories are not yet back from the printer. Two advertisers covered the costs. Consequently the SJS PTO did not need to fund the expense. The office is to send home one copy per family with the youngest child.

New Business – Ann Stahl

- **Parish Mission 2009**
Mission dates are scheduled in February 2009. Annette Calloway is asking for a representative of the PTO to volunteer to assist with the youth at the time of the mission. Volunteers may contact Annette Calloway at the parish center.
- **Skating Parties – Ann Stahl**
Chair needed for the skating parties for '08/'09 school year. Volunteers to chair or co-chair may contact any PTO member.

- **PTO Volunteer Lists**
Names were not included on some of the Volunteer Lists provided in the PTO packets at back to school time. Volunteers may not be contacted for the simple reason that some failed to write their names on the volunteer sign up list. Volunteers who are not reached for events they signed up to help with may contact any PTO member for chair person information.
- **Bingo**
Back to Bingo on October 1, 2008 at 7:00p.m. for all students and parents or chaperones.
- **St. Philip Neri** coat and clothing drive is upcoming.
- **In School Programs** will be chaired by Lisa Meyer this year.
- **Closing Prayer – Erin Gore**
- **Next PTO meeting** scheduled on **Thursday, September 9, 2008 at 6:30p.m.** in the school conference room. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Closing prayer – Erin Gore

Respectfully submitted, Ann Stahl

President	Ann Stahl – present
Vice President	Lisa Beretta – present
Treasurer	Amy Kuntz – present
Secretary	Erin Gore – present