

St. James PTA Minutes

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

7:00 p.m. – Cafeteria

Guest Speaker: Elaine Leschot, Esq. – retired Monmouth County prosecutor

Keeping Children Safe

Mary Jane Manners called the meeting to order

Opening Prayer: Ann Mazza

Co-Presidents: Mary Jane Manners/Denise Burke. Mary Jane discussed the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative. She requested that St. James parents send an email to Senator Beck requesting that the full technology funding be restored to \$40.00 per pupil and that the nonpublic school nursing services be increased to \$77.20 per pupil.

Denise informed us that 13 SJS blankets were ordered and they should be delivered shortly. She also stated that Fun Day is coming up and we will need volunteers for that day.

Vice Presidents: Jackie Mazzucco/Stephanie Murray. No report.

Recording Secretary: Linda Murphy. Carolyn Polo and Maria Rimmele approved the minutes from the 3/14/12 meeting.

Attendance for Officers: Mary Jane Manners: present

Denise Burke: present

Karen Cronk: absent

Tina Catapano: present

Stephanie Murray: absent

Jackie Mazzucco: absent

Linda Murphy: present

Corresponding Secretary: Tina Catapano stated that baby gifts are being sent to Ms. Conroy and Mrs. Burke.

Treasurer: Denise Burke reporting for Karen Cronk. See attached report. Denise reminded us that Karen will forward a copy of the treasurer's report to anyone interested. If interested please send Karen an email. She also reported that the PTA is very close to budget for this school year.

Executive Board:

Royals: Joe DeLeo reported that the nurse's office was painted light yellow over the weekend. Kathleen Robinson is trying to obtain new window treatments at a reduced cost. The nurse's office will also be getting a new bed. The annual spring clean up was rescheduled due to inclement weather.

Committee Chairs:

Fun Day: Kim Cottell stated that they are in the process of lining up volunteers for the event. There will be two available shifts which will be three hours each. The theme this year is "Boot Camp." The event will be held both inside the gym and outside in the parking lot. Once again, we will have a dunk tank and they are trying to secure a rock wall and obstacle course. A request was made for \$2000.00 in order to rent inflatables and other mentioned items. Maria Rimmele and Paula Pangilinan approved.

Magazine Sales: Denise Burke reported for Laurie Miller. Denise informed us that the magazine sale netted \$834.00. Tomorrow is the Bubble Smack Down and the Money Machine Grab for eligible students.

Spirituality: Ann Mazza stated that the Mother's Retreat was enjoyed by all who attended. She was disappointed that there wasn't a larger turnout but hopes to raise the number of attendees for next year. Next year, she would like to have the date booked early and speak at Back to School Night to generate some interest.

Step Up for St. James: Carolyn Polo/Lena Zazza. Carolyn reported that Step Up, which was held today, went very well. The students walked and danced and the event was held inside and outside. There were some beautiful posters made by the children and the winners will be announced after Easter break. The PTA made \$5385.85 on the event.

Directory: Liz Walter-DiFranco suggested that the Directory have a section that lists all of the various events at St. James with a short description of each event. She said she would be willing to help with that job.

Other Business:

Mr. Cardone reminded us about the Rose Rusch scholarship that is available to the 8th grade students. He is going to request that the teachers suggest candidates and have them assist them in fulfilling the requirements. Maria Rimmele is going to send an email blast to the eighth grade families to remind them of this scholarship opportunity.

Mr. Cardone also stated that enrollment for the 5th through 8th grades is mostly full, but there are openings in the lower grades.

Finally, an announcement was made regarding the PTA co-presidents for the next term. Maria Rimmele and Paula Pangilinan have agreed to take over the position.

Attendance

Ann Mazza

Lucy Castellano

Kathleen Robinson

Carolyn Polo

Lisa Sarullo

Kim Cottell

Maria Rimmele

Paula Pangilinan

Liz Walter – DiFranco

Nick DiFranco

Sandy Abadir

Sarah Forsyth

Jamie Monaghan

Christian Buckman