

ATTENDANCE 2/9/2011

Denise Burke

Ann Mazza

Sandy Abadir

Steph Murray

Lisa Puglise

Tina Catapano

Cathy Sherry

Lena Zazza

Carolyn Polo

Jill Kozack

Elizabeth Mancuso

Elaine Goumas

Carol Guido

St. James PTA Minutes

Wednesday February, 9, 2011

8:15 AM: RBC Meeting Room

Opening:

Opening Prayer: Ann Mazza and Father Daison

Principal's Remarks: Mrs. Dolan- reported at the end of the meeting

President's Remarks: Denise Burke- Denise called the meeting to order and reported on behalf of herself and Mary Jane Manners, who was unable to attend. Denise asked that anyone not planning on continuing their event/ position next year complete a timeline of responsibilities for the new chairperson. She stated that we need to continue to watch our funds for this year and to keep the cash flow going for all events.

Vice President's Remarks: Elizabeth Mancuso, Peggy Mucerino and Steph Murray- no report given.

Recording Secretary: Jill Kozack for Karen Cronk

Corresponding Secretary: Jill Kozack- Expenses incurred for December and January were \$27.23. Expenses were for staff birthday cards, sympathy and birth cards. Please continue to contact me with events for staff and St. James family members.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Ryerson submitted report- Denise Burke reported on expenses and deposits made. Step up for St. James is coming up. Report attached at the end of the minutes.

Executive Board:

Development: Paula Pangilinan - Progressive raffle is underway. It is a larger 50/50. Fifty percent of the proceeds go directly to the school and the remaining fifty percent is divided among 4 winning families. Lots of prizes for top selling families, including a Nook, 4 tickets to see Mary Poppins, and summer gift pack. One entry for each of the above drawings for every 10 tickets sold and a dress down pass. For every 20 tickets sold students will get a week of dress down passes. Early bird deadline is the 24th and students receive an extra dress down day.

Woman's Retreat: Ann Mazza- Scheduled for 3/26, Saturday, from 9-2pm. We are hoping for 30 SJS mothers to attend. Father Daison will be joining us for the day. This year's theme is "gathering up the fragments." A mosaic project will be offered- come by and bring a friend.

Committee Chairs:

Father Daughter Dinner Dance: Kathleen Robinson provided an update. Event to take place on Sunday 3/6 at the Pier House. Responses have been slow but they are coming in. RSVP date is due

within the week. We are still looking for playbills for centerpieces. We will need checks for the day of the event. Talk up the event to families to increase attendance. We are hoping to sell out again this year. Eileen Toomey is handling the attendance. We have already made 2 deposits for the event.

Saint Patrick's Day Adult Social: Carol Guido reporting for Jeanne O' Connor. Carol is also chairing the event. Social will take place on Saturday 3/26 at the BSA. Flyers went out this week in the WIN folders. We had a good turn out last year- hoping it will be even better this year. Talk up the event to friends. We are hoping for more teachers to attend this year. We will be offering a discounted rate for them. Carol requested an advance of \$250 for the event. Steph Murray and Elizabeth Mancuso approved. Everything is donated for the event. We are just asking for an email to go out to the board asking them to provide an appetizer for the event. Baking Committee will be contacted as well. DJ and Bag Piper will be there.

Winter Clubs: Liz Rogers provided an update. Clubs will begin March 22nd and go through April 14th, on Tuesday and Thursday's. Sign- up forms will be going out shortly. It is first come first serve basis. Checks should be made out directly to the vendors. Students will need change of dismissal forms for these events and consent forms need to be submitted. Red Bank police will enforce "no parking" on the opposite side of Peters Place. The parking lot will be open for use. Anyone needing PFE points please contact Liz- we are looking for help to run the clubs on Tuesday and Thursday's.

Mother/ Son Outing: Denise Burke. Flyers went out. We had great attendance last year. We have the same set up again this year. ! ½ hour BBQ with all you can eat food and drinks. Seating is down the 3rd base line. Passes will be given for the playground/ Inflatable Park. Event is for Sunday April 10th, and game time is 1 pm. Tickets are \$25 for moms and children age 13 and up and \$17 for children under 13.

CARE Steps: Elaine Goumas reported we have an event at Lunch Break this Saturday- the 12th and another one on the 26th. Students will be serving Breakfast and Lunch. They will also be cooking. Looking for 10 students for each day. Students also made Valentine cards to give to seniors. Elaine will be dropping those off.

Closing/ Other Business: Mrs. Dolan. Today is Crazy Dress down Day. Ms. Rose is the only teacher to "dress up" for the event. It is easier to have the event on a half day.

Kate Niesz did a great job with the Kids Programs throughout this year. Franklin Institute will be here next week with Science programs for grades 3-8. First grade had "Seek 911". The second grade will have a fossil program on the 23rd and Bike Safety will be covered for grades 5-8 on the 21st. This is a great age to reinforce this, since this is the age when they want to take the helmet off after they leave your sight.

Thank you everyone for a great Catholic Schools week. On behalf of the staff Mrs. Dolan wanted to say thank you for the wonderful Teacher Appreciation Day. There was so much food and the effort put out was great.

Students are getting to use the gym for recess on their assigned gym day, with the exception for Kindergarten and 1st and grade. The first grade has gym at the end of their day so it would end up being nearly back to back.

Thanks for changing the venue for today's meeting. The 8th grade was having their 100th day breakfast in the cafeteria.

Brian Hill did a great job with game night. The Royals also did a nice job. Thanks again.

Information sessions are still going on. We have another Open House in April. Please get the word out to family and friends. Pray and Play is a free event taking place in the preschool 1x per week for 1 hour to help with increasing awareness of our preschool.

Father Daison, who attended this meeting, thanked everyone for their prayers for his mother (who passed away 1 year ago). Thanks for emailing the agenda to him. He is more than willing to be here for any meetings we have. He led a closing prayer.