

**St. James PTA Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 14, 2012**  
**8:00 – RBC Meeting Room**

Mary Jane Manners called the meeting to order

**Opening Prayer:** Jackie Mazzucco

**Co-Presidents:** Mary Jane Manners/Denise Burke. Denise reminded all event chairs to please fill out all the necessary paperwork as early as possible.

Mary Jane stated that the Mother's Retreat is set for March 24<sup>th</sup>. We still need 3 more people in order to reach our minimum number of attendees. Also, there are still opportunities available for those who need PFE points. We will need volunteers for Book Fair, Fun Day and Step Up for St. James.

**V ice-Presidents:** Jackie Mazzucco/Stephanie Murray. No report.

**Recording Secretary:** Linda Murphy. Tina Catapano and Molly Cimini approved the minutes from the 2/2/12 meeting.

**Treasurer:** Karen Cronk. See attached report. There are some payments that are not reflected in the report because they haven't been posted by the Rectory yet.

**Committee Chairs:**

**Directory:** Mary Jane Manners reported for Supreet Kaur and Maura Attardi. Submissions have started to come in for next year's Directory. They are requesting \$1500.00 for start up costs. Elaine Goumas and Tina Catapano approved. The Directory doesn't cost the PTA anything because once the orders come in, the costs are covered.

**Father/Daughter Dinner Dance:** Kathleen Robinson/Eileen Toomey. Kathleen reported that 266 people attended the dance and it went very well. We used a different photographer this year and were very pleased. The pictures have already been distributed. They made a profit of \$1600.00 even though the dance is not supposed to be a fundraiser. This is the last year that Kathleen and Eileen will be chairing the event so they will give their notes to the new chairperson.

There was a question about the manner in which jobs are distributed. Mary Jane stated that all jobs are given according to when the PFE is returned to the office. Since the PTA generally runs on a two year cycle, there won't be quite as many chair positions available this year. That being said, there is always a need for volunteers and a position will always be found for someone who is interested in volunteering.

Denise stated that we are short 3 people for lunch room duty on Tuesdays. If anyone needs points or is interested in helping please contact Kim Olsen and let her know when you may be able to assist.

**After School Clubs:** Liz Rogers/Lindsay Horowitz. Liz informed us that after school clubs began on February 28<sup>th</sup>. There are approximately 200 children signed up. This is down about 50 children from last year. They are going to try to target 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys for next year because they see that there is a need in that age group. Liz is also going to check with the kindergarten and first grade teachers to coordinate timing with their Lizard Guy program. Denise suggested they try to get clubs on next year's school calendar when it is set in April or May. We may be able to book gym time for the clubs if we do it while the calendar is being set for next year.

**Mother/Son Outing:** Denise Burke for Janine Benoit Vitale. The Mother/Son Outing took place on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. There were about 80 people at the event and a fun time was had by all.

**Step Up for St. James:** Carolyn Polo/Lena Zazza. Carolyn told us that the event is set for April 4<sup>th</sup>. They are sending a flyer out for the essay contest that they are running. They are going to request that each child bring in their own water that day. Last year we had a parent volunteer to provide water but it became a storage problem. They would like the request for water to go on both the calendar and the eBoard. They are still in need of volunteers.

There was some discussion about whether we can go outside if the weather permits. Carolyn is going to speak to Mr. Cardone about that. There was also a discussion about possibly changing the event to a dance-a-thon in the future.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Events:** Michelle Bezzone requested \$1200.00 for the various events for the eighth grade class. Kathy Cleary and Carolyn Polo approved. Jackie Guido suggested that at the close of this year, we try to set up the 8<sup>th</sup> grade schedule for next year so that we can start in September. This way we can hold events throughout the year and also promptly take care of any fundraising that is necessary.

**Closing/Other Business:** Mrs. Giordano stated that this year both she and Mr. Cardone are observing the manner in which the various functions and events occur

within the school. When the year is over, they will meet and discuss any changes and/or additions that they feel will be beneficial. They both felt it was important to have a clear understanding of how things worked before making major changes.

When questioned about the decision as to whether or not the office is going to put out the School House News again, Mrs. Giordano suggested that we make a school calendar with important information on it. Parents can purchase ads and also pay to have their child's birthday included on the calendar. Each month a different class would be represented by a picture drawn by one of the students in that particular grade. She is going to check on the printer that St. Leo's uses for their calendar.

There were some questions about the formation of the nominating committee. Mrs. Giordano told us that both she and Mr. Cardone are in the process of meeting with the committee. The members of the committee are kept confidential so that there is no discussion beforehand. This is so that the committee members aren't influenced by anyone. Nominating committee members must have a child in the school. Every effort has been made to have a good mix of parents with children in various grades.

Next month's PTA meeting is an evening meeting and there will be a speaker.

### **Executive Board Roll Call:**

**Co-Presidents:** Denise Burke – present

Mary Jane Manners – present

**Vice Presidents:** Jackie Mazzucco – present

Stephanie Murray - absent

**Recording Secretary:** Linda Murphy – present

**Corresponding Secretary:** Tina Catapano – present

**Treasurer:** Karen Cronk - absent

## **Attendance – March 14, 2012**

Tina Catapano

Karen Trezza

Linda Murphy

Molly Cimini

Rita Apostolides

Jackie Mazzucco

Jackie Guido

Michelle Bezzone

Kathy Cleary

Beth Miro

Kim Cottell

Lena Zazza

Lisa Noonan

Carolyn Polo

Mary Jane Manners

Denise Burke

Jamie Managhan

Maria Rimmele

Elaine Goumas

Jeanne O'Connor

Sarah Forsyth

Liz Coscia