

St. James PTA Minutes
Wednesday, December 5, 2012
7:00 p.m. – Cafeteria

Paula Pangilinan called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Ann Mazza

Vice Presidents: Christian Buckman and Jackie Mazzucco. Jackie requested approval for \$750.00 for the Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon during Catholic School's Week. Ann Mazza and Elaine Goumas approved.

Recording Secretary: Linda Murphy. Ann Mazza and Jackie Mazzucco approved the minutes from the October meeting. Tina Catapano and Derry Becker approved the minutes from the November meeting.

Attendance for Officers: Paula Pangilinan: present
Maria Rimmele: present
Christian Buckman: present
Jackie Mazzucco: present
Linda Murphy: present
Tina Catapano: present
Karen Cronk: absent

Treasurer's Report: see attached

Royals: Craig Seba reported that the flyer for the Basketball Blowout should be in this week's WIN folder. There are no pig races this year because they will be held during the school day. Instead, qualifying students from the Fall Fundraiser will be shooting Mr. Cardone with Silly String. There is a Brothers Night after the Basketball Blowout. Dress down passes will be sold during the Blowout. They cannot be used during \$2.00 dress down days.

Kevin Milne reported that just today the town of Sea Bright gave the official okay for the Polar Plunge. Anyone who signs up and pays the \$25.00 registration fee will receive a t-shirt. The Royals are going to

have a sign in table at the Basketball Blowout or money can be sent into the St. James office.

Spirituality: Ann Mazza requested a \$100.00 deposit for the Mother's Retreat. Kathleen Robinson and Tina Catapano approved. Ann also told us that the number of Advent wreaths sold increased to eight.

Care Steps: Sandy Thuel reminded us that volunteers will be Christmas caroling at the Chelsea in Tinton Falls this Sunday at 2:00.

The DARE to CARE drive will be held from December 10th through the 14th. They will be collecting items to be sent to Madonna House.

On December 22nd there is another Lunch Break service date. Paula Pangilinan is the chaperone. The next service date is January 5th and Elaine Goumas is the chaperone. Volunteers must sign up in advance.

Sandy also told us that a decision will soon be made regarding the distribution of gift cards that were collected at the St. James Community Day. The St. James PTA received a television for signing a two-year contract with Kastle Kreations (the company we use for the Fall Fundraiser). A decision was made to donate it to a family that was affected by Hurricane Sandy. Sandy Thuel knows of a family from St. Rose in Belmar that she is considering giving the television to. If anyone knows someone from St. James that is in need of it, she would certainly donate it to that family first.

There is a school in Massachusetts that would like to help a school in this area. They were interested in St. James but Sandy sent them to St. Rose in Belmar. They had so many families that were displaced due to the storm so Sandy thought St. Rose could really use the help. She is acting as a facilitator between the two schools.

Fall Fundraiser: Laurie Miller requested dates for the pig race. She would also like to distribute prizes during that time. St. James raised \$22,464.00 and \$10,383.00 of that money is profit for St. James.

After School Clubs: Paula reporting for Lindsay Horowitz and Liz Rogers. Paula said that a flyer will be going out at the end of January and clubs will begin at the end of February.

Mother/Son Outing: Paula reporting for Janine Benoit. Paula requested \$150.00 deposit for Yestercades. Jackie Mazzucco and Derry Becker approved.

Father/Daughter Dinner Dance: Paula reporting for Adrienne Lamanno. They are looking for a new venue because the dance was supposed to be held at the Shore Casino and it was damaged by the hurricane. The event will be held on either March 3rd or March 10th.

Mother/Daughter Tea: Kathleen Robinson stated that the event will be held on Saturday, April 13th. It was supposed to be held at McCloone's Rumrunner but it was damaged during the hurricane. It will now most likely be held at the Pier House. Kathleen asked for approval for a \$250.00 deposit. Laurie Miller and Christian Buckman approved. In January, a Save the Date e blast will be sent out.

Community Day: Paula said that Community Day was a huge success. The event actually made money for both Sandy relief and the PTA. Theresa Crespo told us that we were able to make money because a lot of items were donated. Maggie Guempel's husband donated money for the three gift baskets and also donated the bagels. Starbucks in Red Bank donated the coffee and even delivered. Theresa also informed us that Party Land in Shrewsbury has agreed to give St. James a 20% discount.

Principal's Remarks: Mr. Cardone told us that the children are doing wonderfully in spite of the recent events. Charitable giving dress down days are going to be used for local families in need.

Other Business:

Maryanne Riegelman informed us that the flyer is completed for the Stocking Stuffers (dress down passes). All money raised will go into a teacher supply fund.

Paula closed the meeting.

Attendance

Maria Rimmele
Paula Pangilinan
Linda Murphy
Ann Mazza
Tina Catapano
Derry Becker
Jackie Mazzucco
Elaine Goumas
Theresa Crespo
Lisa Goga
Maggie Guempel
Kathleen Robinson
Maryanne Riegelman
Laurie Miller
Craig Seba
Christian Buckman
Ken Keyes
Kevin Milne