

**St. James PTA Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 9, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m. – Cafeteria**

Paula Pangilinan called the meeting to order.

**Opening Prayer:** Ann Mazza

**Principal's Remarks:** Mr. Cardone informed us that there have been some problems with the heat in the school because the boilers have been kicking on late. The issue has been resolved. He also told us that the gym floor was resurfaced during the Christmas break.

Mr. Cardone addressed some of the concerns that parents have expressed regarding the safety measures in the school. He informed us that the Diocese has created a Safety and Security Committee and that he has been in constant contact with other schools in the area. He was pleased to inform us that many of the recommendations are already in place at St. James. We have locked some extra doors within the school. He also told us that St. James has purchased walkie-talkies that everyone carries in order to have better communication throughout the school. The teachers have spoken to the children about security at the front door. They have reminded the children not to open the front door, but instead, to let the secretaries buzz people in. We also have new visitor passes that are numbered and are to be visibly worn by all visitors and volunteers at the school.

**Presidents:** Paula Pangilinan and Maria Rimmele thanked the Royals for their hard work at the Basketball Blowout. Both the Basketball Blowout and Brothers Night were a success.

**Vice Presidents:** Jackie Mazzucco and Christian Buckman. Christian reminded us that Catholic Schools Week is the last week in January. A request was made for volunteers to send in baked goods for Teacher Appreciation Day, which is Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. She also reminded us that Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> is Open House for current families. Families can visit classrooms between 9am and 11am. The used uniform sale will also be on that day.

**Recording Secretary:** Linda Murphy. Christian Buckman and Ann Mazza approved the minutes from the December meeting.

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

**Corresponding Secretary:** Paula Pangilinan for Tina Catapano. Paula informed us that Sandy Thuel's father-in-law passed away and a sympathy card was sent out to the Thuel family. A sympathy card was also sent to Roe from the cafeteria. Her father passed away.

**Treasurer's Report:** Maria Rimmele for Karen Cronk. Maria informed us that the current balance is \$24,995.76. See attached report. She also reminded us that the next check issue date is next Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Royals:** Kevin Milne thanked Craig Seba and Ken Keyes for all their hard work on the Basketball Blowout. Next year they are going to make sure to have foam fingers because a lot of people asked for them.

Mr. Cardone told us that on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> students can wear their sports uniforms and SJS athletic wear. The pep rally will be held that day.

Kevin discussed the upcoming Polar Plunge, which will be held this Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Sea Bright Municipal Beach. 15% of the money earned by St. James will go directly to Care Steps. AOH is donating a portion of the proceeds to Sea Bright.

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Game Night will be held on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Kevin requested \$200.00 for the event. Ann Mazza and Mary Jane Manners approved.

**Care Steps:** Sandy Thuel and Elaine Goumas. Elaine Goumas informed us that donations from the recent Dare2Care Drive were given to Madonna House and the St. Rose Giving Tree. During Community Day, SJS families donated \$1095.00 in gift cards and \$165.00 in cash. The money and gift cards were distributed to eleven St. James families that were affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Proceeds from the January 23<sup>rd</sup> dress down will be given to Mrs. Susan Walsh and her family. Mrs. Walsh retired last year after teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade at St. James. She lost her house in Monmouth Beach during Hurricane Sandy.

Mary Jane Manners thanked everyone that donated to George Wolff. Mary Jane raised \$3000.00 from friends, family, and St. James families for George and his family after his house was destroyed by the storm.

Elaine told us that Care Steps is going to help make a healing quilt for the Sandy Hook Elementary School. The students are going to make the many squares and they will be put together to form a quilt.

Elaine requested that we collect money and gift card for the next food drive, which will be held in February. We will use the money and gift cards to help St. James families in need.

**After School Clubs:** Lindsay Horowitz and Liz Rogers. Lindsay informed us that After School Clubs will begin on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The schedule and sign ups should begin next week. This year, the Lego Club will be run differently. A company called Bricks for Kids will be bringing materials in and working on a project each week. They will have an instructor that will show the children how to make various projects. There will also be an art club run by a company called Kids Arts. An instructor will come in weekly with various art projects.

**Ice Skating:** Lisa Swabsin confirmed the date for the skating party, which is January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The flyer was sent in last week's eBlast. The event will be held from 1:45 to 3:00.

**Father/Daughter Dance:** Adrienne Lamanno confirmed that the dance will be held on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Shore Casino in the

Atlantic Highlands. It will be held from 1pm to 4pm. The ticket price is \$35.00 per person. Adrienne requested \$700.00 for a deposit for the venue and the DJ. Lisa Noonan and Mary Jane Manners approved. Adrienne also requested \$1000.00 for invitations and other party items. Kevin Milne and Christian Buckman approved.

**Mother/Daughter Tea:** Kathleen Robinson stated that the Mother/Daughter Tea will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Pier House. A Save the Date notice will be coming out shortly. She requested \$250.00 for invitations. Elaine Goumas and Maryanne Riegelman approved.

**Mother's Retreat:** Ann Mazza reminded us that the Mother's Retreat is being held on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Stella Maris Retreat House.

**Other Business:** Maryanne Riegelman informed us that we earned \$630.00 for the Stocking Stuffer fundraiser and \$300.00 during Brothers Night.

Maria Rimmele told us that the PFE contracts for next year's volunteers will be done online this year.

## Attendance

Kirsten Rennard  
Mary Jane Manners  
Linda Murphy  
Maryanne Riegelman  
Elaine Goumas  
Lisa Noonan  
Ann Mazza  
Kevin Milne  
Adrienne Lamanno  
Lisa Swabsin  
Lisa Goga  
Kathleen Robinson  
Christian Buckman  
Carolyn Polo  
Lindsay Horowitz