

St. Johns Regional Catholic School  
Home and School Association  
November 15, 2007

**I. Opening Prayer-** Led by Paul Fer

**II. President's Welcome-** Toni Edwards

- a. Thank you to all families for your participation and time given to the school for St. John events.
- b. Thank you for participating in the volunteer focus groups.
- c. The final numbers for the Key's fundraiser is \$15,936, which will be used to purchase classroom technology, item such as LCS projectors to be installed over the Christmas holiday.
  - i. The Kaarid's will continue to chair this event.
  - ii. Must have 12 team leaders to commit in order to continue the Key's stand.
  - iii. A flyer describing team leader positions is provided on the table and will be send home in the Friday folder.
- d. The fall fundraiser raised \$25,158.
  - i. We had the highest online sales in the country.
  - ii. Due to the success of this fundraiser, we will not have a spring fundraiser.
  - iii. Encourage everyone to focus their efforts in helping and volunteering in some way for the spring fair. All efforts are for the kids of SJRCS.

**III. School Board Report-** Bill Ballantyne for John Hanrahan

- a. Two items the board is focusing on right now.
  - i. The finances and tuition for next year will be voted on at the December meeting and will be released after the new year. Must be approved by the Archdiocese.
  - ii. The school board is responsible for the principal review, and currently awaiting for final guidelines from the Archdiocese.
- b. School board has a new link on the front page of the SJRCS website.
  - i. Minutes of prior meetings are posted after receiving approval at meetings.
  - ii. School board does have a mailbox. Please feel free to contact the board members. John Hanrahan reads the emails and shares with the appropriate committee members.

**IV. Principal's Report - Mrs. Karen Smith**

- a. St. John continues in its efforts to provide a quality faith based education for all students.
- b. Many teachers are pursuing masters, continuing education, and catechist degrees.
- c. Thank you to Mrs. Carroll for the math enrichment program.
- d. Thank you to Mrs. Cutchin for the after school stock market game.
- e. Thank you to Mrs. Pitts for the internet radio show, which recently had a program in honor of Veterans day.
  - i. 4<sup>th</sup> grade also had guest speakers
  - ii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade honored our very own veteran Mr. Ulmer.
  - iii. 1<sup>st</sup> graders tribute veterans with a Wall of Honor.
- f. 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade students working hard on a can food drive.
- g. Monday November 19<sup>th</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will have Dino Day.
- h. The PreK, K, 1<sup>st</sup> grade Coffee talk is scheduled for Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. Information will be coming home in the Friday folder tomorrow.
- i. 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade talent show parent volunteer meeting is scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- j. The November open house was very well attended, thank you to the parents whom helped.

**V. Treasurer's Report-** Bob Ordonio

- a. The cash flow report was reviewed and accepted as written.

**VI. Secretary's Report-** Kim Hanner

- a. The minutes of the September 27, 2007 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written, and will be available on the school website.

## **VII. Old Business- Toni Edwards**

- a. Children's Bingo
  - i. Mark your calendars for the Spring Bingo, if you missed the Fall Bingo.
  - ii. We had huge prizes for the specials \$100 gift card per age category, and great prizes for the regular games too.
  - iii. There was great food, with a great staff in the kitchen.
  - iv. Thank you to the Committee Chairs Renee Brennen and Nicole Furfari, and all of the parent volunteers that helped to make this event a success.
- b. Halloween Event
  - i. The Halloween Family Night was definitely a night full of excitement with an awesome laser show.
  - ii. Thank you to the Committee Chairs Sandy Carretta and Michelle Marraccini, and all the parent volunteers that helped to decorate and assist with crafts.
- c. Book Fair
  - i. The book fair was a huge success, making over \$19,000 and including a visit from Clifford.
  - ii. Was held the week of Conferences, October
  - iii. The money raised, gives the teachers the opportunity to purchase books, book cases, dvds, and items from scholastic for use in the classrooms.
  - iv. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and efforts during the fair, especially the Fair Chairs Kristen Airey, Tammy Lawton, and Gretchen Lord.

## **VIII. New Business**

- a. Catholic Schools Week
  - i. Begins on Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup> with a table display at the Frederick Scott Key mall. The band and chorus will perform.
  - ii. Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup>, students to wear uniforms to regional parishes masses.
  - iii. Monday January 28<sup>th</sup> will have Mass at 10:00 in McElroy Hall. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop O'Brien and our regional pastors.
  - iv. Tuesday January 29<sup>th</sup> is Student Appreciation Day. Students will have the option to purchase a pizza lunch from Ledo's Pizza, enjoying having an out of uniform day, and no homework.
  - v. Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup> will be Open house from 9-1 and celebrate Nations Day.
  - vi. Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup> is Community Service Day and Family Appreciation Night at Roy Rogers.
  - vii. Friday February 1<sup>st</sup> is Teacher appreciation day and early dismissal.
  - viii. Future information coming soon, watch the website for a link on information of the week's events.
- b. Breakfast With Santa Toni Edwards reporting for Angela Stitcher and Dana Grieser
  - i. Our special visitors, Santa and Mrs. Claus, are planning to arrive around 9:30.
  - ii. There will be two seatings - one at 8:30 and the other one at 10:30.
  - iii. Fliers were sent home in the Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> Friday folders.
  - iv. When making your reservations you may request to sit with whomever you would like.
  - v. Each seating will be for about 250 people for a total of 500 people.
  - vi. Mrs. Cutchin is helping out with the having the children decorate place-mats and our first news letter will go out very soon.
  - vii. The St. Katherine Drexel Knight of Columbus will be cooking the food and helping with set up and serving. Thank you!
  - viii. We need MANY volunteers (for set up, clean up, help with Santa and pictures and possibly serving the food) as well as looking for tree donations. The desire it to have enough trees for each grade level to decorate.
- c. Secret Santa Toni Edwards reporting with Theresa Gillis
  - i. This year's Secret Santa Shop, which will be held Dec. 3-6.
  - ii. We are using the same vendor as last year, and we will again have Becky Deegan's earrings and jewelry for sale.

- iii. The Friday before the sale, each student in PreK - Grade 5 will receive a budgeting envelope to be filled out with their parents.
  - iv. The students will then come with their class during the week to shop for gifts ranging in price from \$0.50 - \$6.00.
  - v. The Secret Santa Shop is a great way for the kids to experience the joy of giving gifts they have chosen, and also to learn about sticking to their budget.
  - vi. We are in need of volunteers to help with set-up (most likely on the afternoon of Sunday Dec. 2 - we are still awaiting confirmation of the time) and take down (Friday Dec. 7), and also we need many volunteers to help the kids do their shopping during the sale.
  - vii. Please look for the flyer coming home in this week's Friday folder, and contact Theresa Gillis or Amy Nishimoto (their contact info is on the flyer and in the school directory) if you can help.
- d. Garden Committee Toni Edwards reporting for Suzanne Dylus
- i. The Garden Committee is selling Poinsettia, which will benefit their Spring Planting project.
  - ii. The Spring Project involves planting about 8 shade and/or flowering trees at the playground area and rear entrance to the school.
  - iii. This project has been approved by Mrs. Smith will be presented to the SKD committee at the November meeting.
  - iv. We will receive 50% of the total poinsettia sale. Fliers are on the table and where sent home in the Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday folders.
- e. Mark your calendars Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Volunteer Project reported by Margie Amedeo
- i. Three session held, approximately 24 people participated, representing every grade level.
  - ii. Several new parents attended and shared their experiences.
  - iii. We were fortunate to have single parents, veteran parents, parents with one child and parents with several children among the participants so that a wide range of perspectives were shared.
  - v. From the focus group members a committee was established, and is now in the process of scheduling a meeting, of this committee, to consider the ideas presented and make recommendations to the administration and school board regarding any changes to the structure of what is now a purely volunteer program.
- g. Spring Fair reported by Colleen Bowman, and David and Barbara Hood
- i. Over 25 vendors participated in the Shopping Social. There was music, door prizes, wine, etc. Items were purchased for the spring auction. Thank you for all your help efforts in participating.
  - ii. October fair meeting is well attended with lots of ideas. Please mark your calendars and bring your ideas to the next meeting scheduled for:
    - 1. Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> will be a fair meeting in the faculty lounge.
    - 2. November 29<sup>th</sup> an Auction meeting is scheduled.
  - iii. Watch the website for a link to Spring Fair information and forms.
  - iv. Please share ideas with Ray & Colleen Bowman or Dave & Barbara Hood.
  - v. Corporate Sponsorship is encouraged from all over the Frederick area. Some corporations from DC, Baltimore, and CA whom have sponsored.
  - vi. Our goal is to raise over \$100,000 this year. Please volunteer and get involved. See you at the next meeting.

X. Guest Speaker: Friends of Catholic Education  
Al Edwards and Caroline Pugh

Meeting Adjourned by Toni Edwards

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Hanner  
Secretary