

St. Johns Regional Catholic School
Home and School Association
September 27, 2007

I. Opening Prayer- Led by Karen Smith

II. President's Welcome- Toni Edwards

- a. Welcomed everyone to an exciting 2007/2008 school
- b. H.S.A. officers for 2007/2008 were introduced.
 - i. Margie Amedeo – Vice President
 - ii. Bob Ordonio – Treasurer
 - iii. Kim Hanner – Secretary
- c. Toni invited all to participate in the H.S.A, which is a parent organization based on volunteers. The role of the H.S.A. is to provide volunteers for the school, activities, and community building fundraising.
 - i. Fundraising provides income to offset:
 1. operating budget
 - a. helps to slow tuition increases
 2. Field trips
 - a. Helps with busing price increases
 3. technology
 4. teachers
- d. Thank you to all our volunteers.
- e. Please consider volunteering.
- f. Special Presentations to the previous H.S.A. Board.
 - i. Jennifer Murphy – President
 - ii. Michelle Corr – Vice President
 - iii. Liz Kinley – Secretary
- g. Liz and Mike Kinley were honored with the 2007 “Above and Beyond” award for their outstanding volunteer efforts.

III. School Board Report- Bill Ballantyne for John Hanrahan

- a. Introduced himself, Vice President of Executive School Board filling in for John Hanrahan.
- b. The purpose of the board was reviewed. They include:
 - i. To support and carry out the mission of the school
 - ii. To work with and support the administrative team
 1. Oversee the evaluation and contract of the principal
 - iii. To help those in the classroom who are making a difference in the lives of the children.
 - iv. Review and set the school budget and tuition
- c. The following are members of the Executive School Board.
 - i. John Hanrahan – President
 - ii. Bill Ballantyne – Vice President
 - iii. Mike Currens – Treasurer
 - iv. Jennifer Murphy – Secretary
 - v. Rev. Keith Boisvert – Saint Katherine Drexel
 - vi. Rev. Patrick Carrion – St. Ignatius
 - vii. Richard Graham - Saint Katherine Drexel
 - viii. William Hyde – Holy Family
 - ix. Frank Lipscomb – Holy Family
 - x. Steve Marks – St. John
 - xi. Ann McDermott – St. Peter

- xii. Guthrie Quill – St. Ignatius
 - xiii. Karen Smith – Principal
 - xiv. Rev. Dick Murphy - St. John
 - xv. Michael Goodwin – St. John
 - xvi. Rev. Kevin Farmer – Holy Family
 - xvii. Barbara Onofrey
- d. The board is looking for non-parents to serve on the school board in order to meet the Archdiocesan requirement of no more than 25% of the members as school parents.
 - e. The Committees are always looking for new members, contact a Board member if interested.
 - i. Facilities committee assists in running the property and currently working with Saint Katherine Drexel in improving the field.
 - ii. Development Advancement works with Jean Wright in the Development Office.
 - iii. Membership
 - 1. currently 22 members
 - iv. Finance
 - 1. interacting with Banks/ Loans/ investments for the school
 - f. Committees meets seven times a year, where as the Executive Board would meet more often.
 - g. Look for a brochure in the Friday Folders.

IV. Principal's Report - Mrs. Karen Smith

- a. Welcomed everyone back. Wonderful growth of students this year.
- b. Back to school night was very successful, heard positive feedback from parents and shared with all the teachers.
- c. Teacher websites links are on the SJRCS websites. Have received positive feedback and the teachers have done an outstanding job. Take a few minutes to view the websites, it's a great way to connect with the classroom.
- d. Powerschool is open to grades 3-8. Use the link from the SJRCS website to get to Powerschool easily.
- e. Enrichment clusters for grades 6, 7, and 8 will meet six times this year. Teachers and students excited. The students were asked to give their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices.
- f. We are proud to have three interns from Mt. St. Mary's working with our 3 and 5th grade teachers. We are the only catholic school in Frederick to have a partnership with the Mount.
- g. Grades 6, 7, 8th grades mark your calendars for the Regional Archdiocese Fair. Presentations and displays of High Schools. Look in the Friday folders for more information.
- h. Tonight we will share the Stanford 10 test results for Grades 3 -7 took in the spring. This was the first year for this archdiocesan change. Test results were received the day after school let out, individual Stanford 10 results were sent home over the summer.
- i. October 9th will be presentation about the Pre-K – 2 SKIP, Screening Kids for Intervention and Prevention, program. A letter from the Archdiocese of Baltimore explaining the program came home in the Sept. 21st Friday folders. Come to the meeting to hear all about the SKIP program.
- j. Dress Down Day tomorrow. Bring a \$1.00 for the Honor Society.

V. Treasurer's Report- Toni Edwards/Bob Ordonio

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

VI. Old Business

- a. Frederick Key's - Willie Kaarid
 - i. Keys won championship.
 - ii. Raised \$19,000.68
 - iii. People instrumental in working as team leaders were:

1. Maureen and Lance English
 2. Jim Ulmer
 3. Frank Lispcomb
 4. Carla Aldrich
 5. Yvonne Sigler
 6. Karen Curtin
 7. Karen Libonate
 8. Paul and Patty Hebrank
 9. Nancy and Tim Pollak
- iv. Thank you to all who showed up and answered the calls for help.
- b. Toni thanked Willie and Cindy for all their efforts in running the Keys program, and appreciate all their time.
 - c. Fall Fundraiser – Jennifer Murphy
 - i. As of today, sales total \$55,000. The second largest Kathryn Beich order in the country.
 1. \$11,000 in online orders
 2. \$44,000 turned in to date
 - ii. Orders coming in Oct. 24th, will need help distributing.
 - iii. Nov. 5th Mega Party
 - iv. Online sales continue until Oct. 1st.
 - v. Have discussed online shipping costs with the customer service representative, no changes planned, will encourage all to turn orders in to school.
 - d. Spring Fair- Patty and Paul Hebrank and Ray and Colleen Bowman
 - i. Largest fundraiser of the year.
 - ii. They thanked all the hard working volunteers.
 - iii. Raised \$83,123.00.
 - iv. Ray and Colleen Bowman thanked Patty and Paul Hebrank for all their hard work over the past two years with a plaque of the school.
 - v. Thank you to Mrs. Smith and Mr. Fer for all their support in a successful Spring Fair.
 - vi. Ray and Colleen Bowman introduced their co-chairs David and Barbara Hood
 1. Theme “Have we got a Fair for you!”
 2. Discussed Fair Schedule
 - a. Annual Spring Gala and Auction: April 12, 2008
 - b. Golf Tournament: May 12, 2008
 - c. 133rd Preakness: May 17, 2008
 - d. 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run: May 24, 2008
 - e. Basket Bingo: May 30, 2008
 - f. Spring Fair Weekend: May 31 – June 1
 3. First Fair meeting will be Tuesday October 23rd, watch for a flyer in the Friday folders

VII. New Business

- a. Constitution Revision – Toni Edwards
 - i. Approved the constitution amendment, to include the past president as a non-voting member of the executive board.
 - ii. This change will be posted to the constitution on the SJRCS website.
- b. Volunteer Project – Margie Amedeo
 - i. This year the H.S.A. with the support of the administration would like to take a closer look at our volunteer program. We are launching an effort to determine the school’s optimum volunteers needs and how to ensure that those needs are most equitably met.

1. First step will be to conduct multiple Focus groups to get your input.
 2. Look for more information in next weeks Friday folders.
 3. Please contact Margie Amedeo if you have any questions.
 - ii. One of the most important responsibilities of the H.S.A. is to recruit and manage volunteers to support the school.
- c. Volunteer Coordinator- Toni Edwards reporting for JoAnn Hevey
 - i. Reported that still looking for volunteers for recess and home room parents.
 1. 3A
 2. 5B
 3. 7C
 4. 8C
 - ii. All volunteers please register at the PTO Manager link at the SJRCS website. Look for the bottom right side for *New PTO Manager User?* Click here to register and create an account using your email address.
- d. Children's Bingo- Toni Edwards reporting for Renee Brennan, Nicole Furfari.
 - i. Will be held this Friday for grades K-6. Dinner will be available at 6pm and games to begin at 7pm. There will be 7 games and three Specials.
- e. Book Fair – Toni Edwards reporting for Tammy Lawton, Kristin Airey, Gretchen Lord
 - i. Will be held the week of conferences Oct. 15-19th. This fundraiser provides money for the teachers to purchase classroom books. Support the SJRCS faculty, stop by and purchase books .
- f. Halloween Event – Toni Edwards reporting for Sandy Caretta and Michelle Marraccini
 - i. Will be Friday Oct. 26th. Will be a change of format from the carnival. The kids are encouraged to dress up, come for fun, and will see a laser show.
 - ii. Look in next weeks Friday folder for more information.

VIII. Other Reports

- a. Sports Program- Tom Hanley
 - i. Volunteers are needed to coach and to be team parents.
 - ii. One of the three fields is staked out with cones and will be reseeded soon. The desire is for the field to be ready for the sports to use in the spring. Thank you to the H.S.A. and other committees for their assistance.
 - iii. Sports offered are
 1. Spring and Fall Soccer
 2. Cheerleading
 3. Basketball
 4. Lacrosse
 5. Track
 6. T-Ball
 - iv. Per our request the city soccer league change our names on the shirts from SJRCS to Wildcats.
 - v. The committee is exploring the addition of a Volleyball program.
 - vi. A new apparel line will be coming, once we receive approval.
- b. Development/Admissions Report- Jean Wright
 - i. New addition to the memorial brick garden, sculpture of St. John the Evangelist, which was generously donated by The McSherry Family. The statue was created and designed by Jay Hall. Information will be coming home explaining the details of the sculpture. A dedication of the statue will take place on Friday Oct. 12th. We will have 9:30 mass followed by the dedication in the garden by Father Keith. All are invited to attend.
 - ii. Thank you to the garden committee for making the brick garden area so beautiful.

iii. Open house will be held November 7, 2007

IX. Information about the Stanford 10 results – Mrs. Karen Smith and Mr. Paul Fer

- a. Mr. Fer shared the 2006-2007 Stanford 10 testing results.
 - i. This is the first year this test was administered in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.
 1. reasons why the Diocese choose this testing
 - a. very well put together
 - b. more inviting and engaging for students
 - c. home report
 - d. lexile scores are given
 - e. informative website to help pick appropriate reading material for children
 - i. Scholastic marks books with lexile scores.
 - ii. Eight graders took the test in the fall for High School entrances.
 - iii. Grades 3 – 7 took the test in the spring.
 - iv. Discussed the nationally and archdiocesan ranking for the third through seventh grade level test scores.
 - v. Teachers are using these scores to help pinpoint the strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum and concept understanding.
 - vi. Tests are administered per Stanford booklet recommendations:
 1. A.M. testing when students are at their best.
 2. Test is broken up into sections not all at one time.
 3. Amount of questions varies for each grade level.
 4. Will spread the math computations over two days.
 - vii. Iowas and Stanford test are completely different types of test can't compare previous assessments to current results.

Meeting Adjourned by Toni Edwards

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Hanner
Secretary