

St John the Apostle PTO General Meeting

MINUTES

SEP 3, 2008 6:30 PM

SJA Cafeteria

MEETING CALLED BY	PTO Executive Board
TYPE OF MEETING	General meeting
FACILITATOR	Karen Fittler, PTO Co-President
NOTE TAKER	Jean Escobar, PTO Secretary
TIMEKEEPER	Jean Escobar, PTO Secretary

All attendees were greeted with a table offering meeting agenda and tickets for the door prize.

Meeting started at 6:34pm

Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by 5th grader, Jacob Kattan.

Agenda topics

WELCOME	Mrs. Fittler welcomed the group and presented the night's agenda.
REVIEW OF MINUTES	Mrs. Escobar offered to read the minutes from the May 2008 meeting. However, a motion to waive the minutes reading was offered and second. All in attendance were in favor.
TREASURY REPORT	Mrs. Diedrich read the treasury report, and noted that the PTO made a \$10,000 donation to the school.
2008-2009 PTO CALENDAR	Mrs. Fittler advised the group that the calendar dates for PTO events would be on the school website by the end of the week.
PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE	Mrs. Fittler advised everyone that this year's PTO membership drive will be going on now through October 31 st . The cost is \$10 per family, and the first class with 100% paid membership by the deadline will receive a pizza party. In addition, attendance will be taken at each of the PTO meetings this school year, and all families who have paid their dues and attend all 5 meetings, will be in the drawing for a \$500 gift card to Best Buy.
VOLUNTEERS	Mrs. Fittler reminded everyone that volunteer packets need to be completed and returned to the school office. She also reminded everyone that 25 volunteer hours are required per family, and to volunteer you must complete Virtus training. There is a Virtus training session coming up this month at SJA on Saturday, the 27 th from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

On behalf of Mrs. Ertel, Mrs. Fittler reminded everyone of current and upcoming development events.

DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

- Golf Tournament: October 24th at Heron Ridge
- Business Directory: information went home last week in the communication folders regarding advertising in the directory.
- Innisbrook wrapping paper drive has started. All orders must be placed online.
- The \$50,000 grant the SJA received last year was used to purchase needed items for the school including: smart boards, laptops and life science lab upgrades.
- A development brochure will be coming home in the next couple of weeks.

HARVET FEST

Mrs. Thomas spoke to everyone about Harvest Fest, which will be held on Saturday, November 1st from 4pm to 8pm. There will be plenty of food, fun, games and prizes. It is also a great opportunity to get some volunteer hours in. More info will follow in upcoming weeks.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Mrs. Fittler advised everyone that the Spaghetti Dinner originally scheduled for Friday, September 5th has been moved to Friday, September 12th from 6pm to 8pm. The cost is \$5 per person or a maximum of \$20 per immediate family.

PUNGO PIZZA

Mrs. Fittler reminded the group that our first Pungo Pizza night of this school year will be Monday, September 8th from 5pm to 8pm.

SOUP LABELS & BOX TOPS

Mrs. Fittler reminded everyone to turn in their soup labels and box tops, as well as Farm Fresh receipts.

PRIZE DRAWING

Shari Arnold was the winner of a \$50 Target gift card

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our new principal, Mr. Joseph Badali, introduced himself and addressed the group. He told everyone how delighted he is to be a part of our great little school and will working hard to increase our footprint in the community. Mr. Badali then gave the following updates and comments:

1. Our school is growing – we now have 222 students enrolled.
 2. SJA received a 2008 Best of the Beach award for private/parochial schools, voted by the USLBA
 3. Mr. Badali's 1st concern is the safety of the school children, particularly during drop off and pick up times. He reminded everyone to pull all the way up to the first cone at drop off, and please be careful
 4. Mr. Badali reminded everyone to have their ID's with them for morning care and after care.
 5. Lastly, Mr. Badali advised everyone that while he encourages parents to drop their children off at morning drop-off, it is perfectly acceptable for parents of our youngest students to walk their children to their classrooms.
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Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm, and was followed by the Open House		
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NEXT MEETING	Nov 5, 2008
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