

# SJA PSO MEETING MINUTES - AMENDED

September 15, 2008

**1:07 PM Meeting called to order.**  
Kathy Gausselein, Pres.

**Executive Board Members Present:**

Kathy Gausselein, Lara Briggs, Sue Littell,

**Associate Board Members Present:**

Meredith Burke, Mindy Etheridge, Rasa McCarthy,  
Jenny Mosteller, Kathy Tumpene, Lori Wylly

**Parents Present:**

Lori Gasbarro, Ardella Burkes

**Faculty Present:**

Sister Carolyn

**OPENING PRAYER & WELCOME**

- Kathy Gausselein welcomed everyone.
- Sue Littell led the prayer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- None

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** – Sister Carolyn

- SJA teachers attended a 2-day meeting prior to the start of the school year. First day program was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of “Into the Fields” series. Program offers 20 sessions of styles of teaching/learning catechesis.  
Day 2, Father Gabriel attended school meeting and liturgy preparation was discussed.
- This school year will again feature grade specific Sunday masses, where families may celebrate mass together with their child's classmates. Mass schedules can be found on the school calendar.
- This year's school year theme is “Bless us O Lord and these your gifts”.
- Teachers will attend a presentation by Harry Wong at Drury Lane on institute day.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class will attend the naturalization ceremony at Cantigny on September 15, 2008. Discussion continued on the ceremony, the wonderful opportunity given to the children and how well spoken, behaved and prepared SJA students were at the ceremony.
- Children arriving late to school today did not receive tardy slips due to the unusual

flooding and resulting road closures in the area.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT** – Kathy Gausselein

- Orientation went smoothly. Some implemented modifications improved the system. In particular, Amy DiSanto set up a station with her computer notebook to address fee and other concerns.
- Gift wrap underway, auction invitations are out.
- PSO hosted kindergarten coffee on Sept. 4. The event was well attended.
- The diocesan audit of the PSO finances is complete and recommendations are being in the process of being implemented.
- Welcome to all new committee members and thank you to the outgoing volunteers.

**VICE PRESIDENT** – Lara Briggs

- Nothing to report.

**SECRETARY** – Sue Littell

- Reminder to committees that we are attempting to eliminate paperwork where possible.

**TREASURER** – Littell for DiSanto

- Some funds from orientation have been transferred. Athletics have been paid in full. Registration collection was \$91,400.00.
- Adopt a Student collection was over \$5,000.00.
- All but 13 families have paid rec fees. Notices have been sent to those families. Once final class lists are confirmed, remaining rec fees will be distributed.
- Mentoring picnic cost was \$487.00. Mr. Siefert provided the school with a discount.
- Auction contributions were \$155 from skate day and \$1,600 so far from dad's event. More is expected from dad's event.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS Associate Board

**ARTS ALIVE** – No report.

### **CAR TRANSPORTATION** – Lori Wylly

- Thank you to the following volunteers: Jean Fitzgibbon, Lori Gasbarro, Kathy Tumpane, Karen Bickel, SJA teachers
- Car transportation is working on eliminating orientation paperwork and include transportation information in family database form.
- South lot issues. Considering placing a crosswalk from parking lot to gym entrance for safety of children crossing lot. Younger children are having difficulty opening tech center doors in the morning. City of Lisle contacted Mr. Wind regarding possible funding for transportation safety issues.

### **HANDS ON SCIENCE** – Finan and Burke

- Kathy Finan thanked Renny and Brian Bagdady for their prior work on HOS.
- Many volunteers signed up at orientation and spring sign ups. Kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade needs additional volunteers. Additional sign up opportunity on curriculum night.
- HOS attempting to convert to electronic communications.
- Meredith Burke reported that she is trying to have electronic documents on BLOG.

**FAMILY CONCERNS** - no report.

### **HOSPITALITY** - Littell for Vicsik

- New parent night: 6 doz treats and 15 waters served. 2 doz treats left.
- Jr. High curriculum night: 10 doz treats and 6 cases of water served. 2 cupcakes and 2 cases of water left.

**JH COORDINATORS** – no report

**MENTORING** – No report.

**NEWLETTER** – No report.

**PERFORMING ARTS** – No report.

### **APPAREL/SPIRITWEAR** – Jenny Mosteller

- Orientation went well. Orders were taken at orientation, no cash and carry this year due to cost and storage

concerns. 20-25 orders remain to be filled. Gym teachers are excusing non-uniform clothing until orders are filled.

- Spirit wear is almost gone.
- Please send reminders if you have outstanding orders.
- JH girls may wear navy blue polo's with skirts and the look is very nice.
- Jenny Mosteller and Jen Veselik's term is complete. Anyone interested in taking over apparel/spirit wear is encouraged to contact the PSO or Jenny directly.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** – No report

### **REC PARENTS** – Kathy Tumpane

- Rec coordinator meeting already taken place due to early auction date and the need for coordinators to begin classroom auction project.
- Rec fee money has been disbursed except for 3-year-old pre school.

**SCRIP** – No report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS School Programs

**PHONE TREE** – No report.

### **DIRECTORY** – Littell for McCarter

- Directories will be distributed next week. Kim McCarter was able to reduce printing costs.

### **PIZZA PARTY** – Lori Gasbarro

- More games will be added this year. Only 3 weeks to put it together, may consider beginning preparations in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

**BIRTHDAY LUNCH** – No report.

**TEACHER YEAR-END LUNCH** – No report

**UNIFORM RESALE** – No report

### **KRIS KRINGLE** – Rasa McCarthy

- This year Kris Kringle will be set up like a department store with 6 departments. The committee divided the preparations by department and ideally the event should run smoothly even if no volunteers are able to help.

**BAND LIASON** – No report.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – No report.

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### **COMMITTEE REPORTS Fundraising**

#### **GIFT WRAP** – Mindy Etheridge

- Thank you to Susan Lindquist for her help in transitioning to a new chairperson.
- A few new incentives include monkeys for participating students who sell at least 10 items. Monday is the deadline. A few concerns include the economy and the auction date so close to this fundraiser.
- Delivery is Nov. 6.

#### **DAD'S GOLF** – No report.

#### **DINNER DANCE AUCTION** – No report.

#### **VEGAS NIGHT** - Littell for Clements

- scheduled for Feb. 7, 2009 7-11 PM in the gym.
- At orientation, 25 people signed up to volunteer. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is in early October. After auction, planning will expand with recruiting more volunteers, etc.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **VISITOR'S COMMENTS** –

- Father Gabriel stopped in to meet the PSO and we had the opportunity to converse with Father briefly.

**2:10 Meeting adjourned.**