

**ST. JOHN'S HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
April 22, 2009**

The St. John's Home and School Association held their last general meeting of the 2008-2009 school year on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 7:00 pm in the social hall.

1. Father Johnson opened the meeting with prayer for Sister Cecelia's brother who had recently died in an accident.
2. President Amy Snyder thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
3. Principal's Update. Principal Martin gave an update on the school happenings.
 - We have received several grants to be used for educational material and also a music grant for the purchase of Tone Bells. Will also be applying for a Dillon Grant for text books.
 - Confirmation and 1st Communion Sacraments have been completed.
 - Drop-off/pick-up procedures may change next year because of the renovation construction. Mr. Martin asked for everyone's cooperation during the time of construction.
 - CTBS test results were recently sent home. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions about the scores.
 - If anyone needs help with tuition assistance, they can start the application process, now.
 - As of March, we were \$59,831 short on tuition. Also, compared to last year's pink envelope contributions, we have a \$42,781 shortfall. Please try to turn in your contributions by May 1.
 - The budget has been set for next year. Teachers will be receiving about a 3% increase.
 - The Endowment Dinner was a great success. Mr. Martin thanked all those involved.
 - Track Meets, School Play and Spring Band Concert will be coming up soon. All are encouraged to attend these events.
 - The Golf Tournament will be held Friday, April 24.
 - As part of the incentive from the Magazine Fundraiser goal, the BMX bike show performed for the school.
 - Tuition will not increase for the 2009-2010 school year.
 - Not planning to hire any new staff. Some aid positions may be shifted around to accommodate class sizes.
 - There were 261 RTA referrals to the office for the 3rd quarter. Some were repeat offenders.
 - The Jr. High teachers are looking into possibly providing special electives for the 7th & 8th graders next year. Some possibilities are: German, Nutrition, Advanced Music and Advanced Art.
 - Mr. Martin mentioned some of the many things that the Home & School Association has contributed to St. John's School -- playground equipment, slab, library tables & chairs, curtains for stage, gym mats, dye-cuts, smartboards, uniform store, classroom desks & chairs, blinds for classrooms

4. Uniform Store Update. Amy announced that Katy Morpew will now be taking over as coordinator of the Uniform Store. Amy thanked Roberta Barreda for the time she had put in as coordinator. All discontinued items (such as pleated pants) are being sold for \$10.00 each. Dickies will not be making girls flex products again until May of 2010. Boys flex shorts will be used for both girls and boys for this one year, along with the current options for girls. There will be minimal price changes on some items.

Try-on days for uniforms will be Monday, April 27 and Saturday, May 2. Uniforms must be ordered during these try-on dates to guarantee August delivery for the 2009-2010 school year. A separate try-on day for pants will be scheduled for late July.

5. Room Parent Update. Marg once again mentioned how well SkateZone worked with us when we had to reschedule parties because of the weather. She encouraged all to give them your business. She thanked all who helped with the First Communion and Confirmation receptions. Plans are underway for the 8th Grade Graduation reception.
6. Treasurer's Report. Balance as of April 22, 2009 is \$13,689.35. Melissa reported that we received a check for \$8,000 from UNL for chairbacks.
7. Funding Decision. Motions were made and seconded to spend Home and School Funds on the following items.

Toward Gratitude...Renewed Campaign	\$5,000
Combo DVD/VCR players (approximately 10)	2,000
White boards for teachers	2,000
Black film for windows in main hall of elementary wing	2,000
Security Camera for pre-school entrance	<u>Up to 600</u>
	<u>\$11,600</u>

8. Chairbacks. Amy and Marg encouraged all families to help with this fundraiser. We were short on volunteers for the Spring Game, and had to pay Crossbridge Christian Church and our Godteens for volunteering. There was a suggestion to provide more detailed information on what is involved with chairbacks. Marg stated that you need to be at least 14 years old and you cannot have earned a High School letter (this is a NCAA ruling).
9. New members of the Home and School Board for 2009-2010 will be Aaron Lyons, Melinda Mattson and Lori Sehnert. A motion was made and seconded to confirm their appointments. Amy Snyder will be going off the board.

Mr. Martin closed with prayer.

Linda Baumert
Secretary