

**St. Juliana Parent Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2008**

This meeting was the third regularly scheduled meeting of the St. Juliana Parent Club for the 2007-2008 school year.

President Dave Bigley called the meeting to order at 7:42pm.

Opening prayer was led by Rick Price.

Board Members present were Mrs. Santoni, Dave Bigley, Tracey Irving, Terrie Labreche, Rick Price, and Megan Shank.

Board Member(s) unable to attend were Marla Dorsey, Steve Farrell, and Ken Watts.

Handouts included the Agenda and October and November minutes.

The motion was made and carried to approve the minutes.

**Principal's Report**

Mrs. Santoni provided a principal's report with the ITBS Reporting presentation later in the meeting

**President's Report**

There was no president report.

**Treasurer's Report**

Rick reported that available funds are currently low due to expenditures at the beginning of the school year. Profit from the Falcon Gala Auction should put the school back in good financial standing.

Rick also reported there is a pledge goal of \$3,200,000 for the new parish hall. Approximately just over half that goal (\$1,600,000) has been pledged. A letter seeking pledges from school families will soon be mailed out. Rick state there will be naming opportunities associated with the new hall.

**Committee Reports**

**Auction:** Tracey Irving requested donations forms are turned in and additional donations are solicited. She also requested reservations are sent in. If buying script for the required \$40 donation per family, the donation form is to be completed and submitted with the script.

**Dining for Dollars:** Debbie Shimaoka reported BJ's Brewery will not be hosting Dining for Dollars on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. BJ's Brewery will, however, be hosting specific nights for Dining for Dollars. Dining for Dollars will only be held twice a month for the remainder of the school year. It was suggested to offer each class their individual specific Dining for Dollar night to see if that would increase participation.

**Golf Tournament:** Bill Jansen reported the first meeting for the tournament would be held next week at the Alta Vista Country Club. 144 golfers is the participation goal for this year's tournament. The tournament will be held on Monday, April 28, 2008.

**Fish Fry:** Dave Bigley reported there were not Fish Fry Chairs in place. Past chairs and committee chairs will be solicited to take over a function. He also reported classes would be paired to fill volunteer positions for a particular fish fry. He then requested the help of those in attendance and a volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around. The first fish fry will be held on Friday, February 15, 2008. A discussion then ensued on why it is difficult to fill the Fish Fry Chair positions. It was recommended the small Christian communities at St. Juliana's are contacted and request their help with the Fish Fry. Also recommended was to publish a list of chair and committee chair positions and the function of each so parishioners would know what positions need to be filled and what each position entails. Volunteer sheets will be sent to school families through backpack mail.

### **ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) Review**

Mrs. Santoni requested prayers for current and past students who are ill. She acknowledged the current unrest parents are experiencing with teachers and directed parents with a concern to follow the procedures outlined in the school handbook.

Mrs. Santoni then began her presentation of the ITBS score. From this testing in the fall information is received on how to structure the school year. She began by explaining the abbreviations used in the scoring and their meaning.

The NPR (National Percentile Rank) of 80 means the child scored higher than 80% of other students who took the test and 20 % scored as well or better. An NPR of 50 is considered average or at grade level standard.

As a school, the standard score (mean score) is examined. There should be a consistent jump from year to year.

The GE (Grade Equivalent) score relates to a student's performance by grade and what is typical for that grade. Each student is evaluated against all students who took the test at that time.

The second grade test results were reviewed. The faculty and staff are looking to achieve a 75% quartile score or better in each subject. A discussion ensued on how the norm is determined and how it impacts the test scores. Mrs. Santoni said the norm is a profile group of random children (across all economic and social groups) against which all test takers are evaluated. When there is a re-norm of the test the test score will be impacted. The impact to the test scores is minor. The test results of all grades taking the test were then reviewed.

Mrs. Santoni stated she is not concerned about the quality of learning at St. Juliana's as the students leaving the school are prepared to handle what is taught at the high school level. She also stated the students are learning the minimum standard from year to year and achieving a 75% quartile score per subject.

Mrs. Santoni stated her greatest concern is the primary reading curriculum. As a result the reading program will be changed next year for kindergarten through third grade. It is thought as a result of this change the reading test scores will improve. The math, science, and history programs are performing well.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Terrie Labreche  
Secretary