

**MINUTES**  
**ST. ANTHONY'S P.T.O. MEETING**  
**January 11, 2007**  
**Room 14**

- I. A light lunch was served at 11:45am and President Debbie Martin called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.
- II. Mr. Carey led us in an opening prayer.
- III. Old Minutes from November 9, 2006 meeting were read by Kina Harris and approved.
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** by Mike Loughney
  - a. A Treasury Report handout was made available to all present.
  - b. Carnival - The net proceeds earned was \$64,545.
  - c. Golf Tournament - The profit earned was \$34,466 (up from \$16,063 last year).
  - d. \$97,273.15 in account however there are a few outstanding issues.
  - e. There is approximately \$84,062 available at this time.
- V. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** by Mr. Carey
  - a. Mr. Carey wished everyone a Happy New Year.
  - b. Christmas Program – Excellent reviews were received on Mr. Sarkisian and the School Christmas Program. It will be aired this Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm on Channel 49.
  - c. ACRE Test - This test is for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades only. It is a tool to help us assess how well we are teaching morality, content, spirituality, etc.
  - d. Several positive student comments were read.
  - e. Catholic Schools Week – The School Talent Show is on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. It will kick off the week. Catholic schools throughout the country celebrate this same week. There will be several day activities along with one night time event, Reading Night.
  - f. Explanation of National Reading Awards – Mr. Carey passed out a list of some books that have received national awards. He explained that there are two especially prestigious book awards that will help identify outstanding books for children. They are:
    - 1. Caldecott- Reading for younger children
    - 2. Newberry- Reading for older children
  - g. School Wide Learning Code Explanation – Mr. Carey presented a poster to show a list of priorities our students are being taught: Faith-filled Catholics, life-long learners, positive citizens
  - h. Calendar Changes – Diocese Superintendent has brought on a couple of new workshops. In order for the teachers to attend these workshops, there will be 2 additional days of school off for the students.

- i. Building Update – The cement is beginning to be poured today. The cement will be done in two phases (border and then gym floor). We are watching history in the making.

### III. PRESENTATION – Mr. Olson / Computer and Technology

- a. Mr. Olson has been with SAS since 2000
- b. He was hired to make our technology department “soar”.
- c. He has set up our school with state of the art systems and is in constant maintenance and upkeep.
- d. He began the Laptop Program for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- e. He has our computer lab purchases on a schedule. Every 3-4 years all current computers in our lab are rotated out to the school classrooms and then all new systems are purchased for the lab.
- f. Mr. Olson offered valuable website addresses for children to learn computer and keyboarding skills.

### IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. Reading Night – Will be held January 31, 2007 (the same night as Pajama Day). There will be a professional author, games, prizes. Parents are welcome as well.
- b. Italian Dinner – Will be held on February 24, 2007. Katherine Hammond will be the chairperson. We are still in need of volunteers.
- c. Spring Auction – Maria Ingley was present and discussed the upcoming event. The theme this year will be the “15<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary”. Volunteers are still needed specifically for the Premiere table and the Silent Auction table.
- d. Donuts with Dads and Mornings with Moms – will not be held this year during Lent, but rather sometime later in Spring.
- e. Board Games/Legos Day – Debbie Martin proposed a parent-supervised lunchtime indoor game option for the children. Mr. Carey happily agreed and it was decided that this would begin this month.

### VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

- a. Dina Shwiyat asked that the parents be reminded not to park in the Red Zones on Maroa.
- b. Maryanne Klepper remarked that the parking lot looks great!
- c. Tracey DeBenedetto asked 1) if would be possible to get some type of disinfectant soap dispensers in the bathrooms or classrooms and 2) an amendment to the uniform code could be made to include some type of flat-healed boot since the weather is so cold.
- d. Amber Donny also asked if a standard uniform coat could be made available for the children to wear so that they could also wear it in the classroom.

- e. Mr. Carey gladly agreed that these suggestions were reasonable and kindly directed them to the Uniform Committee.

VII. Meeting adjourned by President Debbie Martin at 1:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kina Harris, Secretary

