## SCHOOL EVENTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 6th, 2017

SFX School, 7pm

Meeting began promptly at 7 pm with prayer offered by Mrs. Michelle Russo

Members present: Susan Alexander, Laura Duarte, Raquel Antonio, Kristine Buss, Maryann Ribeiro, Barbara Perreira, Trish Sylvia, Laura Guenette, Jenalyn Gobern, Cheryl Francisco, Meghann Bodeau.

NJHS Sponsored Middle School Game Night - Our middle school NJHS members put on quite a fun Friday evening for all of the middle school on Friday, January 13th. Run by the NJHS officers, an evening of fun games, pizza and ice cream sundaes raised money for Smile Train, a non-profit organization that provides cleft palette surgeries for children who are unable to afford such corrective measures. The event generated enough funds to sponsor a surgery for a child in need. These middle school events are wonderful for our students, and very low maintenance to run. Consideration should be given to allowing our students to get together to socialize in person, rather than via texting and snapchat!

**Spaghetti Dinner Debrief**- A special thank you to Jenalyn Gobern and Sherri Engel for co-chairing this fun event! The evening gave our school families the opportunity to come together for some great food and socializing! The gathering raised \$962.33. Jenalyn and Sherri worked very hard at getting almost all of the food donated for the evening, which was outstanding! Our fourth graders helped to serve the food, clear plates, and entertain our guests. A fun photo opportunity was provided, as our families "traveled" to Italy. Thank you everyone who assisted in any way in making this event a great one!

<u>Open House/ Catholic Schools Week -</u> Our school Open House took place on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. A steady flow of traffic toured our facility and made inquiries mostly about our preschool and kindergarten program. Student Ambassadors and SEC representatives were a valuable presence/resource as they provided first hand experience and information to our potential new families. Many families registered at the Open House, and with our new re-registration process that allowed our current families to easily secure their child(ren)'s spot, our enrollment looks very solid for the 2017-2018 school year.

<u>March 14<sup>th</sup> – Pi Day – NJHS Involvement-</u> Plans are in the works for an engaging, entertaining, and educational assembly on Pi Day (3.14) @ 1pm for Grades K-8. Stay tuned for more information regarding this first time opportunity for some educational fun!

<u>Open Doors - Gala 2017 - Subcommittee Updates-</u> Barbara Perriera (mother of Brandon, PK-4) has done an incredible job securing numerous donations throughout the area, and is working tirelessly to obtain as many silent auction items as possible for our event on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. Trish Sylvia is heading a group of volunteers who are obtaining as many restaurant gift cards as possible for this year's Grub Grab.

This year's Family Gala Challenge has been launched, as each school family is being asked to consider donating to this year's auction. Please contact the school with any additional input or ideas that could add to our gala success!

**IOWA Testing** - Standardized testing for our Grade 2-8 students are set to take place at the end of April/ beginning of May. Last year's individual daily treats for our test-takers will be replaced by a daily dose of love/ encouragement for each class. More details and ideas to follow.

<u>Teacher Appreciation Week 5/8 through 5/12 -</u> Help will be needed to show our amazing teachers the appreciation they so greatly deserve! Details to come!

Next SEC meeting will be held on Monday, March  $6^{\rm th}$  at 7pm at the school. Please join us if you are able!