

PTO MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2011

In Attendance: Bridget Young Linehan, Holly Liter, Maureen McAllister, Tom Schmitt, Karen Snapp

It was agreed that PTO meetings will take place on the third Wednesday of every month during the school year and Maureen agreed to email a timely reminder to all members.

Mr. Schmitt provided a PTO Treasurer's report from August 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011, with total funds equalling \$24,214.38. It was brought to light that Spiritwear sales for the month of August were a success as was the Annual Back-To-School Brunch hosted by Ramsi's. A big thank you to the Kamar family!

A discussion ensued regarding the Easy Money Sweepstakes ticket sales and the possibility of ending sales by Thanksgiving. The subject of student incentives was also broached. To date, \$19,420 has been brought in with estimated expenditures of \$11,900 for a net profit of \$7,520 so far.

A brief look was taken at the St James PTO Summary over the last five years with attention toward the Fund Raising Report. Holly Liter, MEng, lover of spreadsheets, agreed to organize flower sales at Christmas and Easter. Thank you, Holly! Coupon books were introduced as a new fund raiser this year and it was decided that they should go home with students for sale this week. Adult-centered events such as a dance and dinner were also discussed. A St James charity dinner at Mark's Feed Store was tentatively planned for Oct.

Finally, declining enrollment at local parochial schools including St James was discussed. The majority opinion held that the economy is the leading factor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8p.

Next meeting to take place Wed, Oct 19 at 7p at St James School.