



**MEETING MINUTES**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 1, 2014 6:30pm  
Vasey Hall

**CALL TO ORDER:** At 6:37pm, President Doug Mooney welcomed everyone and brought the meeting to order, beginning with a prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Jim Horne, Doug Mooney, Kelly Coyne, Linda Danielski, Tricia Garland, Kim Schattinger, Sofia Samouris, Cindi Robertson, Christine Valentini, Mia Lloyd, Toni Russo, Julie Oriol, Brenda Vecchioni, Patricia Meyer, Evette Callahan, Deanna Huerta, Yvette Gammon, Liz Mooney, Raquel Valley, Melinda Mahony, Dione Gadler, Nick Gadler, Nan Soto, Harold Balkowski, Eleanor Dagastino, Joe Dagostino, Corey Stewart, Nora Smyth, Michael Smyth, Lila Evans, Isabel Martinez, Jose Martinez, Sherri Hobson, Mary Lovejoy, Lynn Mishky, Rosemarie Spencer, Saul Martin del Campo, Angela Varela, Patti Larsen, Annie Frusti, Tammy Britt, Kathy Misleh, Jean Hundley, Karen Hsu.

**Secretary's Report:** Kelly Coyne motioned to approve the Aug 13, 2014 minutes. Liz Mooney seconded and the minutes were approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Doug Mooney had everyone introduce themselves as there was a large group assembled this evening (approximately 42 parents), with a large showing of Freshmen parents. Doug encouraged all of the Freshmen parents to mingle after the meeting and to get involved. Doug had encouraged everyone to find a shadow for next year and Patty Brandon said Janet Whittaker and Theresa Whitty will co-chair the 8th grade events (8th grade visits, etc). Doug asked Mr. Horne if he could change the wording from APA Board Meeting to APA Parent Meeting on the website to make it more inviting. A discussion was had around Sign Up Genius being used for events at Saints. It is something that some chairs are already using and would need to be set up per event. Mr. Horne suggested we recruit a parent who knows the program to help the chairs.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mr. Horne began by saying they had worked hard to repair all of the emails and thanked the Class Reps for all the help. He said that Saints offered 58 boys on-line classes over the summer. It has been noted that graduates of 2018 will have had an on-line course before they graduate. If you go to the Saints website, there are 19 courses offered. Saints has partnered with a group that works exclusively with Catholic Schools and said Saints had the third best inaugural class in their 12 year history. Mr. Horne noted Saints is hoping to double the attendance this summer. The 8th grade visitations began with over 350 boys visiting Saints today. Over 250 are expected to visit tomorrow. Mr. Horne said that we now have the \$10.5M of the \$12.5 M needed for the building project and are confident we are going to get the remainder, so DPR Contracting has been hired. They have set the start date of December, 2015. The project is expected to take 18 months to complete, so it should be done by June, 2017. The 2017-2018 school year should enjoy the new facilities. Mr. Horne then brought up the upcoming Start Smart driving safety presentation on Oct 14th. Mr. Horne, Doug Mooney & Kelly Coyne each encouraged everyone to go. Doug talked about working with young adults in the DA office and how they show the teens the film Beyond the Caution Tape. He felt there was a huge value to seeing it and if anyone wanted to send a teen, to let him know.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** (Kim) Kim Schattinger re-introduced herself and her job responsibilities: she sends 2 monthly e-blasts as well as info to the Class Reps to disperse. She also introduced the Class Reps to the parents in attendance.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** (Bob) No report from Bob Brooke tonight.

**HOSPITALITY:** (Tricia) Tricia Garland thanked Cecelia Keane for the amazing effort at Meet the Teachers Night, it was a great success. Tricia reminded everyone that the Smart Start Safety program is Oct 14th and she will need 2 or 3 people to help. College Topics Night is Oct 22nd and she will also need 2 or 3 people to help for that event as well.

**VOLUNTEERS/FUNDRAISING:** (Sofia) Sofia Samouris introduced herself and spoke about The Big One and the drawn down raffle tickets. Liz Mooney will be co-chairing the draw down with Sofia this year. They will sell these tickets at the Christmas Social, Grandparent’s Day, Saints Basketball game, etc. Doug Mooney said he will talk to Mr. Hearn about the feasibility of the OLP Cheerleaders selling draw down tickets at The Big One. Toni Russo would be able to work out details with OLP if that is approved.

**AUSTIN PARENT ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY:**

***Class Representative Reports:***

Class of 2015 – (Allison) No report per se, but mentioned Homecoming is coming up soon.

Class of 2016 – (Cindi) Will talk with Christine about the Sophomore Retreat.

Class of 2017 – (Christine) Everything looking good, not to much going on. She has seen that a number of people have offered to volunteer and passed on their names. Christine will chair the Sophomore Retreat (from 8am - 2pm) and will look to Cindy for help.

Class of 2018 – (Mia) No report per se, but mentioned the Freshman Retreat and dance lessons with OLP girls are coming up soon. Evette who is helping to run the Freshmen Retreat spoke about the specifics of the event as there were a number of Freshmen parents in attendance. She encouraged the parents to write a meaningful letter to their sons as they will probably keep it. They are all set with volunteers. Mr. Horne noted that Fr. Mark’s father is very ill and he went to Los Angeles. He may not be back for the retreat, so Mr. Horne may need to fill in for him.

Saints Christmas Party: (Toni) The event will be on Dec. 6th but they will not be back at Tom Hamm’s. They will sell draw down tickets there. There will be a DJ, the Senior mother/son dance, a slideshow, cigar bar (was a hit even with the rain and having to use heaters last year). They consider this event more of a “friendraiser.” The Jazz Combo from Saints Band plays at the event which is from 6-10pm. Doug encouraged all Freshman parents to go. No help needed as of now, but will probably need help the day of the event. Gail McMahon is co-chairing the event with Toni.

Family Mass: (Lynn) The Mass was on September 14th and it was noted that Cecilia Keene (who volunteered to co-chair this event as Lynn will be unable to attend the day of the event) did a wonderful job.

OLP: (Rep TBD) Toni Russo commented that morale at OLP is very upbeat. There is a Suds & Sausage event, Gala, and Christmas Party coming up. OLP is working to include Saints families more in these events. Their principal is open to more inclusion than in the past. In the last 6 weeks, OLP has really stepped up communications. Doug asked Toni to update the APA about upcoming OLP events as she receives the information.

St. Monica's: (Nora) At Thursday Mass they will be handing out cards with Freshman boys names so they know they are being prayed for at their Freshman Retreat.

Drama & Fine Arts: (Erin) Tricia reminded everyone that the Saints musical Godspell is coming up in November. The musical will be held at Coronado High this year.

Family Involvement/Volunteer Opportunities/Points: (Deanna) Doug said Victor wants to get involved and could help Deanna with Family Involvement. No hours to report this evening.

Sober Grad Night: No report.

E-scrip: No report.

“Upper Room Crew / Single Parent Group”: (Karen) Karen told the parents about the Upper Room Crew and noted they typically meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month (Oct 15th). She can be reached at 619-840-0186 (cell). The group has grown organically, so she encouraged anyone to call her. Karen to send an article to Mr. Horne by November.

Alumni Parent Group: (Jean) Jean told the audience about the Alumni Parent Group and what they do and how they get involved.

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.*

**AUSTIN PARENT ASSOCIATION ACTION ITEMS:**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation (Patty Brandon).....</b>	<b>Oct 1 &amp; 2, 9am</b>
<b>Freshman Retreat (Evette Callahan).....</b>	<b>Oct 11 &amp; 12, all day</b>
<b>Smart Start CHP Program (Tricia Garland).....</b>	<b>Oct 14, 6:30pm</b>
<b>APA College Topics Night (Tricia Garland).....</b>	<b>Oct 22, 6:30pm</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House (Patty Brandon).....</b>	<b>Nov 2, 1-4pm</b>

Check the STA Online Calendar for the Athletic Schedule -[http://www.sahs.org/index.php?option=com\\_jevents&task=month.calendar&Itemid=19](http://www.sahs.org/index.php?option=com_jevents&task=month.calendar&Itemid=19)

**NEXT APA MEETING: November 5, 2014 @ 6:30 pm, Vasey Hall**

Saints Scene Deadline: 15th of the month (12 pt./Times Roman/Double Spaced. Submit drafts to James Horne (jhorne@sahs.org).

*Respectfully submitted by Linda Danielski on October 30, 2014.*