

Attendees

- Angela Lowe
- Dr. Jeremiah Russell
- Catherine Luders
- Jennifer Mueller
- Diane Olszewski
- Abby Dobbins
- Vickie Marks
- Kari Creehan
- Sharon Patterson

Welcome and Opening Prayer - Angela Lowe

Secretary's Report - Sharon Patterson

- First meeting of 2024-25 board year. Sharon Patterson to obtain and submit minutes from last year's final board meeting.
- As of August 21st, there are 108 active member families signed up. Sign ups have been occurring online through FACTS and on paper membership forms turned into the front office. Sharon gets weekly reports from JPll bookkeeper Gay Pittman on FACTS membership sign ups, and she merges these with the data from paper membership forms into a master spreadsheet that has been emailed to the appropriate board and committee chairs. Gay will update Sharon weekly as changes occur and paper membership forms arrive. Sharon will send updated lists to board/committee chairs as needed.
- Last year there were approx 185 families that joined the PA. Goal for this year is 200 families. We are currently at 108 - already over halfway of our goal after only a few weeks of school.
- Out-of-Uniform Day on August 27th is anticipated to increase sign-ups. Angela and Sharon will be at the student entrance on that morning - students will sign in verifying they are out of uniform, and Angela and Sharon will check their names against the master sheet and collect any money and forms that students turn in that morning.
- Vickie Marks volunteered to distribute membership packets at Freshman Sophomore Night (August 21st)
- Another sign up opportunity is at the PA hospitality tent at the homecoming game on September 20

- Vickie Marks suggested that the PA send out a welcome letter when people join so they know that their membership was received.

Treasurer's Report

- Distributed by Angela Lowe
- No significant changes since report dated August 5th
- Copies available upon request

Back to School Bash - Angela Lowe

- Held on August 16th
- Did not meet \$900 minimum for food truck, resulting in only \$150 reimbursement to Angela Lowe for out of pocket \$300 deposit
- Angela Lowe proposes reimbursement of the additional \$150 she is owed to come out of "Other TBD Events" line of PA budget
- Dr. Russell approves this and recommends that for accounting purposes in upcoming years, the deposit comes out of school/PA funds rather than as a reimbursed expense.
- Thank you to Angela for all her hard work and dedication to putting together a great back-to-school event.

Senior Yard Signs - Angela Lowe

- Dr. Russell wants PA to distribute in March 2025
- PA Senior Sign sale dates: February 10th - 24th
- Vince Bellofatto to handle design and order signs. Turnaround time usually a week. PA to help with marketing, sales, and pick up.

Benefactor Meeting - September 17, 2024

- For the past two years, the JP2 Benefactors Society members have been strong supporters through both sponsorship and attendance at Oktoberfest. The PA has had a speaker in attendance at the last two September Benefactor Induction meetings to advertise Oktoberfest and request support. Vickie Marks would like to speak at the Benefactors Induction meeting again this year, pending approval by Carol and Frank Chapuran, who lead the Benefactors Society. Dr. Russell stated that he will talk to Jennifer Geist, the new JP2 Development Director, regarding whether or not it would be appropriate for the PA/Oktoberfest to have a presence there

again this year.

JP 2 Administration Updates - Dr. Russell

Safety and Security Measures

- Installation of 3 more PA microphones throughout the school, increasing to a total of 4
- Additional speakers and strobe lights were installed in high-volume areas, including the chapel, the NPR, the gym and the band room. These improvements were funded by JP II funds and through a \$1,000 grant from the Catholic Schools Office.

Enrollment and Retention

- 365 students were enrolled in JP II as of August 21st, a 15-student increase from last year.
- Retention has grown each year since Dr. Russell has been here.
- Dr. Russell's goal is 400 students for the 2025-26 school year

AP Scores

- Improvement shown over each of the past four years, with 86% of students who took AP tests scoring 3 or higher in 2024 (up from 65% in 2021, 73% in 2022, and 83% in 2023)

Uniform Challenges

- Parent survey to be conducted by the PA for Dr. Russell regarding school uniforms.
- Many families are experiencing back orders for uniforms, especially this year. This is an ongoing issue. Dr. Russell is assured each year by Dennis Uniform that it won't happen the next year, but it continues to happen.
- There is one year remaining on the Dennis contract. Dr. Russell would like input from the parents on the current company, expectations for future contracted companies, and suggestions and concerns about switching to a different uniform provider.
- Dr. Russell assured us that if a new company is contracted for uniforms, all existing uniform pieces will be grandfathered in and still useable.
- Abby Dobbins volunteered to create and distribute the survey. Survey results due by Friday, September 13th.

Hospitality Committee Report - Kari Creehan

- Successful back-to-school luncheon for teachers. Sandwiches and wraps served in the hallway outside the library. Came in under budget.
- Kari Creehan requested that money leftover be carried over to the Christmas luncheon budget. Angela Lowe and Dr. Russell approved.
- Future Falcon Day: September 12th for area 8th graders touring JPll. Hospitality will be providing snacks (cinnamon roll trays) and water for the visiting 8th graders.
- Homecoming game: The PA will set up a hospitality tent again this year at the football game and distribute free ice pops, water, and JPll fans (possibly also shakers). There is \$150 budgeted for freeze pops and water. There are 300 fans left from last year's game that we can use this year. There are no shakers left from last year. An order of 200 shakers costs approximately \$240. Vickie Marks will ask football mom Tina about possibly sharing the cost for the shakers. Angela Lowe will ask Athletic Director Matt McManus about sharing some of the cost also.
- The idea was raised to create a photographer position, either from the hospitality committee or other, to promote PA events and ensure that we are adequately marketing/documenting what we do as an organization. Until we come up with an official system for this, the hospitality chairs and other PA board members are asked to take as many photos as possible of events to submit to Abby for social media and Angela for historical record.

Oktoberfest Report - Vickie Marks

- Scheduled for October 19th
- No presenting sponsor as of August 21st.
- we already have a \$2500 sponsor for Teacher tickets so that teachers can come this year without paying. There have been 12 Wunderbar tickets sold so far.
- To date, Vickie has collected \$7000 in income through sponsorships and other for the 2024 event.
- Banners going up at JP2 today. Holy Spirit, Holy Family, and Grace Lutheran have agreed to let us put up banners there. Vickie Marks also getting yard signs, and posters will be distributed around town since the event is open to the public.
- Special licenses (ABC Board) and security measures (\$300 insurance rider for liquor liability if JPll insurance doesn't already cover it) were discussed. Vickie Marks proposed an off-duty police officer be hired for the evening to

prevent people from driving under the influence. Another idea was to get Uber coupons for people who needed rides home. Diane suggested that we use the same police officer that we use for homecoming and other events. His cost is approximately \$200 for the night.

- Reminder that each class liaison is responsible for organizing and putting together baskets for Oktoberfest silent auction. Liaisons/classes come up with their own themes. Freshman class is doing two baskets themed Prost. Sophomore class basket is themed Whiskey Bottom and Margaritaville. Junior class is doing a tailgate basket. Senior class theme still TBD.
- Upcoming Oktoberfest committee meetings will be held at 5:30 in the JP2 library on August 29, September 12, September 26, October 8, and October 17.
- there will be collection boxes set up at JP2 drop off and pick up for basket items and wine collection dates on September 10, September 17, September 24 and October 8. Volunteers are needed to help collect these items in car line before and after school.

Class Liaison Reports

- Senior picnic planned for May 19, 2025 - Junior class is responsible for hosting this event under the direction of Junior Class liaison, Jennifer Mueller.
- Diane suggested a save the date. Email should go out from the junior class liaison to the junior class parents sometimes soon reminding them about the senior picnic and detailing what their responsibilities would be.
- Reminder to send your grade-level parents information about the theme and scheduled collection dates for Oktoberfest basket items and wine/liquor.

Upcoming Meetings

- Future meeting dates were set/announced
- Executive Board and General PA meeting dates-September 23rd - 2pm - Exec Bd MtgOctober 14th - 2pm - Exec Bd MtgNovember 18th - 2pm - Exec Bd MtgDecember 8th - General PA Mtg (approx 4pm - immediately following Christmas Concert and Art Show)December 16th - 2pm - Exec Bd MtgJanuary 23rd - 2pm - Exec Bd MtgFebruary 11th - 6pm - General PA Mtg (and possible Valentine Event)March 19th - 2pm - Exec Bd MtgApril 24th - 1pm - Exec Bd MtgApril 30th - Final PA General Mtg (immediately following State of School report)
- Oktoberfest Planning Meetings
- Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are in the JP2 library at 5:30 PM -

- August 29, September 12, September 26, October 8, and October 17.

Meeting Adjourned.

Parent Association Upcoming Calendar Highlights

- September 12th: Future Falcon Day
- September 20th: Homecoming Game
- October 19th: Oktoberfest
- December 18th: Teacher's Christmas Luncheon
- May 19th: Senior Picnic
- May 21st: Teachers' End of Year Luncheon