

St. Monica Home and School Association  
Meeting Minutes  
February 5, 2009

Present: Kristin Kuesel, Tanya Chick, Lisa Nelson, Nancy Wolf, Kathy Jablonowski, Norma Herbers, Kate Neitzel, Cele Bradford, Barbara Diamond, Karen Potter, Liz Sather, Julie Karnes, Kelly Vincent

Kathy opened the meeting with a prayer at 8:30 AM.

Maria Schram was not able to attend. Kathy asked for any suggestions related to the parking lot pick up issues. There was a variety of suggestions, but no solid resolution. Norma suggested that the neighborhood children should walk. Everyone concurred but stated that after school activities prevented this from being an option.

Kathy mentioned that she has assumed responsibility for the Weekly Reminder. Kari Nau has resigned from her duties pending relocation to Florida.

#### Recruitment

The Open House was well attended with 30 new families taking tours.

There has been general positive feedback in regard to the letter sent to 5<sup>th</sup> grade families by Maria Schram. This letter outlined the many positive aspects of St. Monica and encouraged families to stay and remain active in the school community.

#### Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week was very successful. Alissa Dern provided a report on their committee's activities. They surprised the teachers and staff on Monday morning with a gift of a nice bottle of wine and a beautiful loaf of bread from the Breadsmith. The teachers and staff were treated to Starbucks twice in the lounge and they arranged to give the office ground coffee from Stone Creek Coffee for each day during CSW. The committee members also provided snacks and treats twice daily. The Hospitality Committee provided a hot breakfast on Tuesday and desserts for the luncheon while the CSW committee provided Chinese food from The Royal Garden for the Thursday luncheon. Alissa stated that she and Tina were very pleased with their eager and helpful committee.

#### Multicultural Arts

The Chinese Acrobats will perform February 11 courtesy of the multicultural arts committee.

### Scrip

Norma reported that scrip was going extraordinarily well. She and Jennifer Lamont will consider chairing it again.

### School Board Liaison

Lisa Nelson reported for the School Board. The capital campaign is slightly behind schedule. The uniform policy is being revisited with an eye towards tightening up the existing policies. The question was raised as to whether or not spirit wear could be part of the uniform.

The School Board is going to host listening session on Feb 10 at 9:15 AM and 6 PM. The SBC is refining the process for considering financial aid. A separate firm will assist in determining who will receive aid and how much they will receive.

More Eucharistic ministers are needed.

Annual Fund is slightly off of last year's schedule but is going well. The Athletic Committee wants feedback. They are working on making the uniform policy more consistent.

### Christian Formation Committee

Liz Sather reported that the committee liked the idea of having co-chairs (1 from Sunday School and 1 from the day school) share responsibilities for events such as the Advent Celebration. They are currently raising funds for goats in Bosnia.

Jenn Shed announced that there are two Theology of the Body lectures. One will be held on Feb. 15 at the MPM and the other on Feb. 13 at UWM. On March 17, there will be an evening for married couples entitled, "Living your Faith" at 7-8:30 PM.

VP Barbara Diamond reported that Maria Schram is creating a new volunteer position: Enrichment. This position will be focus on providing enrichment activities for the children at SMS. This may include brown bag lunch and speaker programs.

Submitted by Karen Potter