

**St. Monica Home & School  
Meeting Minutes Nov. 6, 2008**

**Present:** Karen P., Kathy J., Kate N., Tom Mlada, Laura Reilly, Barb Diamond, Ann Pencak, Lisa Nelson, Maria Schram, Norma H., Beth Cafaro, Liz Sather, Maria Van Dyke

**Maria Schram:** Discussed going to Thomas Moore School to research use of lap top computers for junior high students

Traffic concerns due to Silver Spring construction are minimal. (Comments/Suggestions regarding quality and behavior of current crossing guards were offered.

**Beth Cafaro:** Handed out 2008-2009 Treasure's Report.

**Barb Diamond:** Stated that spirit wear will include sweatpants and winter caps.

**Laura Reilly:** Reported lunch duty volunteer in going well. Some mom's have complained (particularly 8th grade mom's) that there are currently too many helpers at lunch. Response was that volunteer days will remain as is. Families that haven't volunteered for lunch duty or taken advantage of the payout will receive an invoice in the mail.

**Karen:** No report on multicultural arts.

**Lisa N.:** The 80th all class reunion will be held in April. School Board discussion of how to increase enrollment in K4. In regards to financial aid....school board would like to keep decision on who receives aid within church and not school. Dog Policy is still being discussed regarding rules on pets on school grounds...feeling is that signs need to be put on grounds by maintenance staff. Class size also in discussion. Parish council is short on eucharistic ministers and volunteers...training is coming up soon. Athletic Association: Opinion is that there needs to be more structure w/in this group. Talk of 7th and 8th grade teams to be split into A & B teams. (Teams will be decided by an outside source.) This will be formalized next school year.

**Liz Sather:** Christian Formation: Parish website needs updating especially with capital campaign coming up....rice bowl money was sent to a school in need in New Orleans....Young adult group has increased membership by 40 students with many more service projects being offered to this group....MOPS is going well.....Men's Bible group has started...Sister Anne is working on new gatherings for adults and seniors such as Tai Chi, soup night and couples nights. There will be an evening of reflection w/Bishop Sklba on Dec.11th at 7pm.

**Norma:** Scrip is doing amazingly well...\$260,631 total sales, \$7,203 in tuition credit, \$7154 in Home and School profit...93 families have purchased, 33 have earned \$100 in

tuition so far, 26 families paid in so 59 families are already earning tuition credit! Go Norma!

**Tom Mlada:** Focusing on a "boost" of communication with new families, i.e. New family Christmas coffee, sending cards w/gift cards, Thanks to Kathy and Karen for a great VIP day...discussion of having a VIP volunteer committee for next year...discussion of having better communication of where to go, what to do, etc. following the mass...some thought treat location worked well, other's thought it was not a good idea. ANNUAL FUND: Party has moved to end of January and Tom is trying new things to encourage school families participation.

**Dinner Dance report:** Things are going well.

**Advent Breakfast report:** Very little attendance report from CCD families...would like to see that increase.

**MOPS (Ann P.):** Asked if H&S would be willing to contribute toward a table and chairs...would be \$400 from H&S and \$600 from MOPS....launched into a discussion of table and chairs to be taken from the milestones room instead.

Adjournment