

St. Monica Home & School Meeting Minutes for October 2nd, 2008

Present: Kathy Jablonowski, Karen Potter, Maria Van Dyke, Beth Cafaro, Ceil Bradford, Nancy Wolf, Kelly Vincent, Julie Karnes, Lisa Nelson, Norma Hebers, Stephanie Dragani, Liz Sather, Kris Mellin, Barb Diamond, Fr. Jerry, Maria Schram

Home & School co-presidents: Karen Potter wishes (on behalf of all of us) to thank the hosts of the Auction Kick off Party and the Kindergarten party for two wonderful evenings. Thanks also to the multicultural arts committee for a fantastic pot luck last week. Karen also reports that class coffees were a big success. Kris Mellon suggested starting out with 8th grade next year and possibly holding younger grades a little later in the month.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Jerry announced that St. Monica & St. Eugene will be sharing volunteers for our respective dinner dances. Reminded us that the Faith in our Future Capital Campaign is upon us and the goal is 1.5 million dollars. We (St. Monica) will receive 60% of that revenue....\$100,000 will go to a social outreach program, \$500,000 to finish education endowment, school operating budget, etc. \$400,000 to physical plant items... i.e. bathrooms in back of church, tuckpointing, relocation of school office, etc. 40% will go to Archdiocese.

Principal's Report: Maria Schram announced Village of WFB construction plans for Silver Spring. There will be no Westbound traffic down Silver Spring Drive...traffic will be rerouted down Lake Dr. to Lakeview. This will heavily impact school traffic. The project will not be completed until the end of April.

Catholic School Fair will be next week in Donovan Hall.

She will be meeting with Whitefish Bay High School regarding the transition from middle school to the high school.

SCRIP UPDATE FROM NORMA:

Scrip is going great. Over 75 school families have participated in the program and they have sold \$174,813 worth of Scrip which has resulted in over \$4,105 in tuition credit for families. The profit is \$5,786 to Home & School, \$9,881 in total profits. 21 families have earned the \$100 and are now starting to get tuition credit, 23 have paid the \$100. 32 families have weekly standing order, 16 families have monthly standing orders...most use electronic fund transfers that are processed by Norma.

MAGAZINE SALE UPDATE FROM STEPHANIE:

Sales were \$31,000 this year compared to \$34,000 last year due to a 5% bonus from the new magazine distributor for switching to their company. The hope is that the new distributor will be more efficient in delivering the magazines that were sold. 72% of school families participated in the sale.

TREASURER: Beth Cafarro shows off her new lap top to be used for her Home and School position.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: (Liz Sather) No report because there has not been a meeting.

ST. MONICA SOCIETY: (Ceil Bradford) There is discussion of a Bible Study group and other events for parish members such as special lecture series.

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE: (Lisa Nelson): School Board is currently discussing a possible pet policy regarding pets on St. Monica property. Father Paul is now part of the multicultural arts committee. The new Algebra will be full implemented next school year. There is a new standardized test committee and discussion of Kindergarten testing and policy of age admission of K4 students. Maria Schram and Tom Mlada are gathering information on class size in relation to other schools in the area and possibly increasing class size at St. Monica in the future. The board spoke of kicking off the anti bullying program.

OTHER BUSINESS: Karen noted the start of the giftwrap sale. Karen recommended to be VERY clear

when submitting an invoice to Debbie Lynch and to identify the purpose of the purchase,
(i.e. Home & School party, Dinner Dance items,etc.)

Barb Diamond spoke about Spirit Wear and the idea of having the items and forms available to order at school sporting events. She has very few orders at the present time.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:35 a.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY MARIA VAN DYKE H&S SECRETARY