

Minutes for St. Monica Home and School Association Meeting October 6th, 2011

Attendance: Amy Strother, Maria VanDyke, Joyce Swietlik, Jennifer Deslongchamps, Norma Herbers, Maurita Jasper, Barbara Diamond, Sally Branigan, Carola Gulick, Natalie Nolan, Anne Cyganiak, Maureen Tarantino, Tanya Chick, Tom Mlada

Pastor's Report: Maria Van Dyke read through Fr. Jerry's report, highlighting that the new parish website is up and running and looks great; we are welcoming school parent Colleen Hutt as the new Pastoral Associate for St. Monica's parish; our parish picnic in September was a big success, thank you to all those who helped pull it together and attended; be looking for the dates and times of workshops available to help us understand the changes that will be happening at Mass.

Co-President's Report: Amy reports that magazine sales are finished for the year, but still working through the final numbers. A big thank you to Betsie Berrien and Martha Cushman for their hard work in making this year's sales a success!

Treasurer's Report: a reminder to those turning in receipts to use the new income and expense report; and all fees have been collected and reported from Forms and Fees days, totaling \$7100.

Development Report: Tom reported that the new family potluck (and you don't have to be a new family to attend!) will be held this Sunday in the Franciscan room; the Annual Fund is informally launching with a mailing and Tom has been asked to speak at the areas school principal's meeting, talking about our progress as a school here at St. Monica

Home and School Activities:

- a. Art for Youth: Tanya had initial meeting with all of the class art for youth volunteers, we are still missing a volunteer for one class
- b. Christian Formation: Joyce reports that the 'Roots' program is well under way. Soup is provided, and it's meant to be a social evening as well. The reviews so far have been very positive. Please consider joining us on one Monday evening per month!
- c. Enrichment: Natalie is doing the chess club, planning to do 16 classes, grades 2 and up. JKLEE is coming back again this year providing a new program for the kids, also working on a science program to start sometime in November—things to look possibly look forward to are a lego camp and a knitting group for grades 5-8.
- d. Multicultural Arts: Maurita Jasper and Carolyn Peters report that October 21st is Italian dress down day, kids can wear red and green and a special Italian

dessert will be served at lunch that day. Also working on Skylight Opera to sponsor 3 Italian performances throughout the year for the students.

e. Scrip: Norma reports that we are currently 25% ahead of last year, we had 106 orders this week with many using EFT option.

f. School Board Liaison: Maria Van Dyke attended the meeting for Moe and reports that the survey done last year by the school board indicated that parents want more service projects for students; from that Miss Mullaney will be researching what other schools are doing as well as other projects available; thinking it might be a good idea to have a service coordinator position on Home and School, but including the faculty as much as possible. The student reflection piece after the service project is vital to making it a successful experience.

g. Dinner/Dance Auction: Invitations are out and RSVPs are coming in. The deadline is October 28th. Auction items are being secured, band is in place and menu is all set.

h. Schoola Moola: Sally wanted to remind us that this is a really great, new program available to school families that will also benefit the school. Now is a great time to be thinking about using Schoola Moola for Christmas cards. Free shipping is available. Also a great place to store family pictures. Please check the website for more information.

New Business: Anne Cyganiak mentioned that Forensics will be meeting after school on certain Wednesdays, the calendar has been set for the year. It's a great program for middle school kids to be involved in. There will be a judges training at Bay View later this month for parents interested in judging. The kids do get to choose their pieces. Please call with any questions. Thanks to Norma Herbers and Gerri McBride for stepping up to help Anne with Forensics this year!

Meeting adjourned 9:15 am

Minutes submitted by Joanne Boettinger H&S secretary