

Minutes for St. Monica Home and School Association Meeting
September 1, 2011

Attendance: Julie Robinson, Amy Strother, Maria VanDyke, Joyce Swietlik, Jennifer Deslongchamps, Jennifer Lamont, Norma Herbers, Julie Spadafora, Tina Desing, Tricia Harris, Kerry Barry, Lisa Bangert, Angela Kachelski, Maurita Jasper, Carolyn Peters, Lisa Nelson, Katie Foy, Andi Bowen, Kathy Jablonowksi, Kris Langhoff, Mark Hochschild, Kristin Kuesel, Tanya Chick, Karen Potter, Maureen Tarantino,

Principal's Report: Julie is very excited about the new office, encouraged everyone to come in for a visit. It looks great! Wanted to confirm plans for the principal's coffee scheduled for after mass on Tuesday. If it's nice, outside would be great, otherwise to be held in the Franciscan rm. An announcement will be made after mass. Questions came up regarding who should be in charge of mentoring new families. It used to belong under Home and School, and then was moved under Development. It makes more sense for it to fall back to Home and School, possibly to fall under the co-vice presidents. Currently Jenn Cofta organizes and she has enough on her plate. Will be discussed more thoroughly and a plan will be put into action.

Treasurer's Report: new income and expense report this year, important to use one for all expensed items to accurately keep the books! Julie will have more to report next month after all the registration monies are in.

Development Report: Tom reports that the Diane Run and Parish Feast weekend went well. The new parent dinner on the 23rd also went well. Enrollment is a bit lower than at this point last year (420 as opposed to 430), but the overall picture is positive. With the help of Jenn Cofta, we are in the process of making the Welcome Committee assignments for our 25 new families. Also reviewing the school website and completing necessary updates. The new parish website has also been launched, hoping to create a more attractive, welcoming site that fits more with the school website.

Home and School Activities:

- a. School Directory: Norma reports that the directory is indeed out and as current as possible. Did stop the presses once, but couldn't stop it a 2nd time for additional family info. Will also be sending out the babysitters, lawn care and snow removal helpers sheet. The directory looks great!
- b. Calendar: Job well done on the calendar, Karen! The goal for next year is to have the automated calendar system, which would then be someone else's job. ☺
- c. Registration: Went very well this year. Thank you to all who helped make it run so smoothly.
- d. Lunchroom: no report
- e. Uniform Resale: Thanks to Kerry Barry. Would like to have the sale run for an additional day for those who were unable to make it over to the re-sale area during registration. All thought it was a good idea.

f. Gym Uniforms/Spirit wear: Molly reports that we sold \$700 worth of wear. A new t-shirt style has been added to the spirit wear. Items are still available for purchase, just call!

g. Room Parents: Maurita and Angie secured room moms for every class, but it took almost two weeks to get the classes covered. Class auction was a big question for many volunteering.

School Board: Moe brought the new monthly calendar of agenda topics for school board meetings, so we can see what will be discussed in advance. Topics are planned through June 2012. Moving the new family/mentoring responsibility from development to home and school was also a topic of discussion.

Christian Formation: Joyce reports no official meetings yet, but encouraged everyone to look into the new series coming to St. Monica, Roots. Let her know if there are questions.

Scrip: Jennifer and Norma believe that a realistic goal for this year is \$1.5 million. Sales are already great this year. SCRIP will be sold from 2:45-3:15 outside the office on Thursdays.

St. Monica News: Tina doing a great job with the Weekly Reminder. Friday deadline for news and info still works. One thought is to add calendar of sports events and even event outcomes for school families to read about.

Upcoming Events

a. Magazine Sale: New chairs this year, Betsie Berrien and Martha Cushman. Kick off is this Friday.

b. Auction/Dinner Dance: We have been working hard all summer! Procurement letters have all been mailed, caterer and band have been secured.

c. Auction Kick-off Party: Berriens are hosting this year. Invites will go out with the mail carriers next Tuesday. The date is Saturday, September 24th

d. Raffle: Nikki and Kristin were hard at work on fees and forms day, also sold tickets at the parish festival

e. kindergarten party: Boettingers are hosting this year. Invites went out last week.

Multicultural Arts: Carolyn and Maurita have things rolling for the Martin Luther King mass celebration. They have secured Fr. Brian for the mass with an amazing gospel choir. Italy is the country of study this year.

Variety Show: Well underway. There are still volunteer spots for every class if someone would like to get involved!

Meeting adjourned 9:15 am

Minutes submitted by Joanne Boettinger H&S secretary