

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SCHOOL
MOTHERS' CLUB MINUTES
March 10, 2009

- I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:08 PM.** Pres. Shaune Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting and led us in our opening prayer. Pres. Jones asked for a motion to approve the February Meeting Minutes. A discussion started about the change in allocations regarding the Envision Math and graduate classes. It was agreed by the members at large that the allocations stand as presented and approved at the February meeting. Mary Steiber made the motion; seconded by Kim Gardner, one vote abstained, vote taken. Motion carried. Pres. Jones asked for a motion to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Julie Parente made the motion; seconded by Laura Sciacca, vote taken. Motion carried. Pres. Jones thanked Fifth Grade for hosting this meeting. Trish Nickleski mentioned that Religious Ed will be needing catechists for the Fall. If you are interested or know of someone interested please contact her.
- II. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Thank you to Trish Nickleski and the Fifth Grade Teachers for attending tonight's meeting. On 2/3 I met with representatives from the school district to discuss transportation needs for the 2009-2010 school year. Our school day next school year will run from 7:45-2:15. We will be asking Champions of possibility that parents will be needing before school care. On 2/6 the 8th graders had their Confirmation retreat. They will be making their Confirmation on 3/21. On 2/8 2nd graders had their Communion prep Mass with the second one on 3/8 with an ice cream social afterwards. 2/11 Mrs. West, Mrs. Langellier and myself attended a meeting on the Terra Nova tests at St. John Fisher School. There were some differences in the test from last year to this year since the test given is a newer copyright year. We are anticipating results of the Terra Nova tests will be in around May. Mothers' Club provided snacks and #2 pencils to all the students taking the tests. Last week we had a lot of students out due to illnesses. In February we held a pep rally for the Emil Tournament, in which SS. Cyrils did win the tournament. Progress reports went out on 2/19. On, 2/25 grades 1-8 went to mass and received their ashes. We are participating in the "Rice Bowl" project during Lent. The 4th graders will be performing the living stations of the cross on 3/16 at 1 pm. On 2/26 the author Andy Wilson visited our school for a book signing and lunch for grades 5th-8th. Anderson Bookstore helped us with this project and they will be sponsoring a book fair for us next year. There will be a second optional parent/teacher conference on 3/13. Teacher evaluations are almost completed. My evaluation has been completed and I have chosen to sign a contract for next year. In March, we will be practicing tornado drills. On St. Patrick's Day there will be a free dress down day. Next week the state will be coming out to discuss bike safety to the lower grades. On 3/20 the 3rd quarter will end. On 3/24 Kindergarten will be celebrating "Opening Day" and it will be "Principal for the Day" for the Nitchoff family. On 3/24 and 3/25 the school will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation to help prepare for Easter. 3/27 will be starting spring break. Lastly, Mrs. Tkachuk mentioned that after the February 10th meeting, there was an incident of vandalism to a Mothers Club Member's vehicle outside the front of the school building. Anyone that may have information regarding the incident are asked to contact the Lemont Police Dept.
- III. OLD BUSINESS:** Thank you to Maureen Moran who helped organize Soup & Scripture on 3/2. We are moving forward with having "Late Nite Catechism" as our fundraiser for 2009-2010. It will be held on Friday, 1/22/2010. Nominations for Mother's Club 2010 in April. All positions are open, with the exception of President (needs to be a current board member). Each member went through their job descriptions. Let us know if you are interested. We reviewed proposed by-law changes and the revisions will be voted on next month.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS:** Laura Klimczak presented some of the results of the Mother's Club survey; total surveys: 36, 44% of respondents haven't come to a meeting in the past year, 34.5% of respondents felt they were too busy or the time of meetings as to why they don't attend, 76.9% respondents come to find out what's going on at the school, 40% of respondents would like the meetings during the day and in the evening, 33% prefer the meetings to be on Tuesdays, 68% of respondents believe the Mother's Club should transition to a Parents Club. We will provide final results next month. Walkathon is scheduled for Friday, 5/8. Proceeds from the Walkathon will definitely go to obtain the Envision Math Series (3rd, 4th grades) and Math Connections (6th grade), the upper grade teachers felt the Math Connections was a better series to lead the children into 7th and 8th grade Math. Other ideas for the remaining funds, if available, would be lower level microscopes, manipulatives for the Envision Math series, lockers, lower level laptops, flat screen TVs, and Peaceful

Playground (this would help since we have a parking lot for recess area). Priorities of the funds from Walkathon will go to Envision/Math Connections Math series, playground development and lower level laptops. School picnic is scheduled for 5/26. Mary Stieber, Kristyn Benson, and Gina Loris will be working on the picnic this year. Mother's Club mass is 5/2 at 5:30 pm. Next month we will have sign up for open chair positions. Mary Deppert is working on making spirit wear available again. We will make sure that the children can wear them. The next Mother's Club meeting is 4/14 and sponsored by 6th grade. Board nominations will take place next month and we will also have guest speaker, Barb Mulrey (discuss the teacher graduate classes). Family Rollerskate Night will be Sunday, April 19th from 4-6 pm. May 19th will be the last Mother's Club meeting (sponsored by 7th grade) for this school year: board elections will take place and "graduating" moms and volunteer recognition night. Fr. Larry's 25th Anniversary on 6/7 with a mass at 3:30 pm with reception following from 5-8 pm.

- V. MOTHER'S CLUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Box Tops: 2nd Box Top drive from 3/16-5/4, with a pizza party to the winning class. Market Day: Deadlines for this Month: paper order 3/20; online 3/25, pick-up Saturday 3/28 @9:30 am. Sue Meeks will be stepping down from the chair of Market Day. This will be an open position for next school year.
- VI. OTHER PARISH/ SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS:** Parish Council: 125th Parish Anniversary celebration on 10/23 at the Willowbrook Ballroom. Religious Ed: needs volunteers for next school year. Contact Trish Nickleski if interested. Manna: nothing to report, School Board: nothing to report. Altar & Rosary: Nothing to report.
- VII. JACKPOT/MEMBERSHIP DOOR PRIZES:** Split the Pot: \$10 Rose Niemiec; Door Prize: Rose Niemiec
- IX. CLOSING PRAYER:** Aggie Maslanka presented the final prayer.
- X. ADJOURN:** Pres. Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Janis Wojnowski, second motion by Jodi Hardiek. Vote taken. Motioned carried. Meeting Adjourned 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Mother's Club Secretary

President- Shaune Jones
1st Vice President- Aggie Maslanka
2nd Vice President- Teri Schulz
Treasurer- Mary Deppert
Secretary- Laura Klimczak