

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

- I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:11 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 January Meeting Minutes. Patti Powell made the motion; seconded by Maureen Moran, vote taken. Motion carried. Pres. Jones asked for a motion to approve the January Treasurer's Report. Patti Powell made the motion; seconded by Patti Senese, vote taken. Motion carried. Pres. Jones thanked Fourth Grade for hosting this meeting.
- II. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** The past few weeks have been very busy within our school. We started registration for our existing families and started for new families and we have extended the time to submit. Both full day kindergarten classes are full for next year. On 1/9 our students dressed out of uniform from the Fall Fundraiser. The second quarter also ended on the same day. The next day the eighth graders took their entrance exams for those that are interesting in going to a catholic high school. They will notified by the school by the third week in February. On the 13th I attended an Archdiocese budget meeting it gave us very important financial information for the upcoming school year. We are into the third quarter, this is usually the roughest quarter due to weather. Hopefully we'll have more days like what we had today. On 1/14 we had an open house for new families and on the same day we had the science fair for grades 1st-8th. 27 of the projects were awarded gold by the volunteer judges. 24 projects received silver, 21 received bronze and six received an award for participation. Based on their results for the regional competition, we are allowed to send eight groups to compete in the project section and one in the paper section at the University of Saint Francis in March. Due to the extreme cold weather on 1/15 and 1/16 we made the decision to close the school. We made one of the day's off in January and we are planning to extend the school year to 6/3 -6/4. These days were scheduled as emergency make up days. On 1/20 several members of the school board and myself sat down with the parish finance group to discuss an endowment fund for the school. It's a wonderful way to ensure 10 to 15 years from now the school would be taken care of. During the month father and I sat down to discuss my evaluation. This needs to be done before a renewed contract is offered for the new school year. I am working on formal evaluations with the teachers. I have asked the teachers to introduce a new topic to the students and they'll usually let me know what they're going to introduce and then we sit down to discuss it and then I observe them during the class period. At the end of the month I sat down with Mrs. Rudis, Jim Carmen, Mr. Selfessy and Gallagher and Bassett (SS. Cyril's Insurance Company) to go over the recommendations that had been made for the building. During the month of January I met with NAEP (National Association of Educational Progress), this will effect our 4th graders. Our school was chosen to be one of the schools in the Archdiocese to have our fourth graders take part in their testing you will not receive individual results but will be a combined national test result. During Catholic Schools week we had a police officer, fireman, paramedic, and mayor to talk to the students about service in the community. As a school we collected personal supplies for the Lemont area. Students played Jeopardy and Wheel of Wisdom. There was a teacher/student appreciation day. I was notified of a problem with the copyright of the Terra Nova tests that were originally sent, so we had to pack them up and send them back. We have received the new edition of the Terra Nova tests for this year. Lady Comet Classic took place on 1/17, 1/21, and 1/24. We had a pep rally on 1/22. We are moving forward with having a tri-parish three-year-old pre-school program at St. Pat's school on Cass Avenue. We have new school brochures, in which Michelle Sullivan helped put together and distribute to local realtors. Students in grades 5-6 will be beginning the family life books on 2/13. At the end of February we will have the author Andy Wilson visit our school for a book signing and lunch for grades 5th-8th. All salaries in the Archdiocese have been frozen for the year. The only they could get a slight increase would be to take graduate classes. There will probably be a slight increase in tuition for next year, but this has not been finalized.
- III. OLD BUSINESS:** Mother's Club received \$4,959 from the "Beat the Lotto". This will go towards the clubs operating expenses. Family Rollerskate Night has been moved to Sunday, April 19th from 4-6 pm. Fundraiser for 2009-2010 school year will need to held either 2/12 or 2/13. We were thinking of doing the "Late Nite Catechism". This would be in lieu of the Fall Fundraiser. Fall Fundraiser profits totaled \$31,771.15 (50% to the parish \$15,885.58). Approved allocations of \$3,875 have already been approved (LCD Projectors, Microscopes, skate party). The remaining \$12,010.58 need a second vote on second allocations; for the teachers (\$6,000), Pres. Jones asked for a motion to rearrange priorities being graduate

classes and increase by \$1,000 (\$6,000), TeacherEase Renewal (\$3,000), and fire alarm system (\$1,000) and Envision math series (3rd,4th,6th) (\$2,010.58), with the remaining balance of \$3k for Envision coming out of the Walkathon proceeds. Lynnette Cremerius made the motion; seconded by Patti Senese, one vote opposed, vote taken. Motion carried. Pres. Jones asked for a motion to vote on the second allocations graduate classes (\$6,000), TeacherEase Renewal (\$3,000), and fire alarm system (\$1,000) and Envision math series (3rd,4th,6th) (\$2,010.58), with the remaining balance of \$3k for Envision coming out of the Walkathon proceeds. Lynnette Cremerius made the motion; seconded by Patti Senese, one vote opposed, vote taken. Motion carried. By-laws and revisions will be tabled till next meeting. Nominations for the 2009-2010 board members will take place in March.

- IV. NEW BUSINESS:** Lemont High School is looking for \$150 donation towards their "Project Graduation". We have done every year. A suggestion was made, if it's an expense that we incur every year Mother's Club should make it a line item in the budget. We had a request from Dawn Valdez is putting together a celebration of Fr. Larry's 25th Anniversary on 6/7 with a mass at 3:30 pm with reception following from 5-8 pm. They are looking for help and monetary assistance (\$200-\$300?) for the party from school organizations. Mother's Club mass is 5/2 at 5:30 pm. Mary Deppert is working on making sports wear available again. The next Mother's Club meeting is 3/10 and sponsored by 5th grade. The Father/Daughter Dance was a really nice evening. Laurie Groselak took pictures. The dance is usually scheduled for the Friday during Catholic Schools week. Mrs. Tomala's father passed away this week.
- V. MOTHER'S CLUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Box Tops: nothing to report. Market Day: Deadlines for this Month: paper order 2/13; online 2/18, pick-up Saturday 2/21 @9:30 am.
- VI. OTHER PARISH/ SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS:** Parish Council: 125th Parish Anniversary celebration on 10/23 at the Willowbrook Ballroom. Religious Ed: needs volunteers for their expansion. Trish Nickleski will talk next month about this ministry. Soup & Scripture: Joan Johnson inquired if Mother's Club could take one of the evenings 3/2 or 3/9. We'd need to supply enough soup, bread, beverage and desserts for approx. 25, in the rectory 6:30-8:30 pm Mother's Club will assist with the 3/2 session. Manna: nothing to report, School Board: nothing to report Altar & Rosary: Discontinued the bus on Holy Thursday for this year.
- VII. JACKPOT/MEMBERSHIP DOOR PRIZES:** Split the Pot: \$4 Doreen Wencil; Door Prize: Aggie Maslanka
- IX. CLOSING PRAYER:** Teri Schulz presented the final prayer.
- X. ADJOURN:** Pres. Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Karen Doyle, second motion by Teri Jones. Vote taken. Motioned carried. Meeting Adjourned 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Laura Klimczak
Mother's Club Secretary

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