

**SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SCHOOL**  
**MOTHERS' CLUB MINUTES**  
**October 14, 2008**

**I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 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 September Meeting Minutes. Betty VanHenkelum made the motion; seconded by Patti DePinto, vote taken. Motion carried. Pres. Jones asked for a motion to approve the September Treasurer's Report. Melissa Ulatowski made the motion; seconded by Janis Wojnowski, vote taken. Motion carried. Pres. Jones thanked First Grade for hosting this meeting.

**II. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-** Mrs. Tkachuk announced that three faculty members Mrs. Reilley, Mr. Smith and Mr. Brady are in attendance and that they will be demonstrating the interactive whiteboards later. September student pictures were taken. We submitted asbestos forms to the Archdiocese to state that no construction was done over the summer. We are required to share this with parents. The enrollment survey needs to be completed by 9/15. On 9/4, Greg Grill did a presentation on 1<sup>st</sup> Aid and safety at recess and lunch. 9/10 -11 annual parent night, we are going to try to schedule them towards the beginning of the school year. I would like to thank the faculty for their participation in making the parent night a success. On, 9/16 I discussed with Fr. Larry my personal goals. 9/16 Gallagher and Bassett insurance company, the company that insures the school, visited the school to make sure everything is in good condition. We will receive a report from them if anything needs to be addressed. On 9/17 we brought in a technology consultant from St. Cletus parish in LaGrange to assist the teachers in generating progress reports from TeacherEase. Generating the progress reports was very easy and we are hearing great comments from teachers and parents about the program. Attended a Parish Council dinner and spoke about the school. 9/18 Room Mom Coordinator meeting, on the same day attended a meeting at Old Quarry since SS Cyril & Methodius receives title money from the district for special services, the majority of the services is slated for speech service, Marge Boyce will be working with students that need speech service. Students can be screened, but not all students may qualify for the speech service. 9/19 students had a dress down day to support "Laps for Liver" and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students had their first dance. 9/21 faculty attended the noon mass along with religious education, and polish schoolteachers for Catechical Sunday. Teachers then had an opportunity to go back to the classroom to demonstrate how they would like their rooms left after being used. Met with our new Lemont Police Officer, Denise Body, asked her to do three different grade level appropriate bullying presentations. Eleven of our teachers began graduate classes for classroom management. It's conducted at the school. 9/23 attended a principal leadership day Sr. Mary Paul, superintendent, stressed the need to fair and just in dealing with students. 9/25 the technology group met and discussed TeacherEase, and the possibility of having an after school technology student club. Math and Science materials will be available online, and we are planning where we would like to be technology over the next three years. Overall, we are very pleased the way things are going so far this school year, especially uniforms and haircuts. 9/27 attended strengthening catholic schools conference at Nazareth High School focused in on seminars on endowment plan and grant writing. 9/28 confirmation meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. 9/29 pep rally for the girls volleyball team. 9/30 met with a representative of the school board to start obtaining grants for the school. Went to the Athletic Commission to discuss our new discipline policies. Michelle Sullivan, from the school board, will be working on updating our school's brochure so that it can be distributed to realtors and local business. She will also be assisting in making sure the local newspapers are aware of the different activities that SS. Cyril & Methodius does so that the school can continue to get P.R.. 10/1-2 commented on progress reports and personally gave them to each 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student. I talked to each one of them for a few minutes. During the month of October we are beginning each day by saying a decade of the rosary. We are joining religious ed. and the parish with the baby bottle service project. 10/2 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be going to Springfield and an all school mass on Friday 10/3. 10/10 teachers were in service at St. George. 10/16 Halloween safety K-5. 10/17 out of uniform in pink for breast cancer awareness. 10/18 confirmation retreat, next week talent show try outs, and high school fair. 10/24 quarter will end and second dance for grades 6-8. 10/31 Halloween parties K-5 and orange/black dress down day.

Mrs. Reilley will investigate the capabilities of TeacherEase to send multiple emails to teachers at the same time and separate passwords for each child.

**III. OLD BUSINESS:** Mother's Club Mass is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>. We met with Bob Libby (School Board) and MaryBeth and Denise (Parish Finance) to discuss the fundraising fee that is collected through tuition. There is no way to get the fundraising fee that is collected through the tuition to be directed towards Mother's Club. That fee is directed towards the school. We left the budget as is for now. We are proposing to the Parish Finance committee to reduce our amount that we give back to the school from our fundraisers to make sure we have enough to cover Mother's Club expenses first. We are trying to make sure that we don't take away the programs that affect the children. The money donated by Mother's Club goes into the school's operating budget. Pres. Jones asked for a motion to approve the Mother's Club budget. Kristyn Benson made the motion; seconded by Donna Troy, vote taken. Motion carried. Remember to designate Mother's Club for your Beat the Lotto tickets. When we met with Bob Libby we discussed the QSP magazine renewals we are able to continue this. A flyer will be going out with the details. Jwan Arnold will be

monitoring our QSP account. Mother's Club decided to treat every child a Taffy Apple on 10/29-10/30. At movie night we had 27 families and 122 people in attendance. We felt the night was nice and we would like to do another movie night. The Fall Fundraiser is looking for more gift baskets for the silent auction. Contact Jodi Hardiek or JoAnne Sworan-Kowalewski to donate a basket, time is running out. Room Mom Coordinator meeting was held on 9/18. By now, you should have been contacted by your room mom for a listing of activities to participate in.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:** Committee chairs; last meeting we needed chairs for the School Picnic, Kristyn Benson, Wendy Johnson, Gina Loris, Mary Stieber have stepped up to organize this event. Thank you. Mother's Club directory has been distributed on 10/6. We would like to congratulate the cover art winners Mary Kay Hickey, Monica Viz, and Jordan Zezulka. Thank you to Chris Labuda for doing the directory once again. Family brown envelopes will be starting so that we can reduce the amount of papers being sent home. The brown envelope will contain school wide information. The red-hot news folder will not go away, it will be used for specific student information. We need around nine parents to volunteer every Thursday morning, one parent for each class. Flyers will be sent out soon. The brown envelope will go home with the youngest. The parents need to take everything out, sign the envelope and return it. It was brought up, if we have 256 families email why aren't we doing this electronically. It's a good idea, but at this time we can't guarantee that parents would check the email and the possibility of emails being blocked. The brown envelope is a start to minimize the paper that comes home with our children. Hopefully we can have this implemented by 11/13. School staff Christmas fund is going to continue. The money collected is then evenly distributed to the entire school staff and taxes will need to be taken. Mother's Club will probably pay for the FICA again or we can have it appropriated from the Fall Fundraiser proceeds. Mary Deppert will talk to Mary (Parish Finance) about the taxes. Halloween fun fair will be on 10/31 for grades 1-5. Grades 6-8 will be going to see High School Musical. 11/7 Fall Fundraiser, 11/18 Mother's Club Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> grade hosting) 11/20 Talent Show, 11/21 Thanksgiving Feast, 12/5 Mother's Club Christmas party at Ruffled Feathers; 6:30-10:30, all moms invited and alumni. Buffet style and price around \$30. Gingerbread House decorating activity in December, we would purchase the kits and then there would be a fee to purchase the gingerbread house. Hot cocoa, music, and cookies would be provided. If we do this, we will try to have this earlier in December and keep the cost around \$20.

**V. MOTHER'S CLUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Box Tops: (Donna Troy) To promote Box Tops the class that collects the most will receive a pizza party. A flyer will be going out this week. We are trying to reach a goal of \$2,000 this year. They pay out twice a year. We currently have 30,000 points with the Campbell Soup labels. Donna Troy has other ideas in which we can earn more points via Walk-a-Thon and on other school activities. Market Day: Deadlines for this Month: paper order 10/10; online 10/15, pick-up Saturday 10/18 @9:30 am.

**VI. OTHER PARISH/ SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS:** Parish Council: Trish Nickleski is looking for parents to assist in the Christmas skit during the 3:00 pm Christmas Eve mass. Laurie Groselak is helping at the 5:00 pm mass. Denise Coules has helped in the past. You should have received your magnet of important dates for the parish's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you are interested in helping with any of the 125<sup>th</sup> year events contact the rectory or Parish Council. Fr. Marcin is in need to find someone that is bilingual in Polish. They are looking for someone to chair the summer block party this year. Laurie Groselak has done it in the past. The parish is looking for someone that has graphic design or web development experience to assist with the new website. Manna: no representation, School Board: meeting minutes online, Altar & Rosary: Karen Doyle has invited Mother's Club members to a special mass on 10/18 at 7 am and after we will assist in leading the rosary.

**VII. JACKPOT/MEMBERSHIP DOOR PRIZES:** Split the Pot: \$13 Shaune Jones; Door Prize: Janis Wojonoski

**IX. CLOSING PRAYER:** Teri Schulz presented the final prayer.

**X. ADJOURN:** Pres. Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. Motioned by JoAnne Sworan-Kowalewski, second motion by Kristyn Benson. Vote taken. Motioned carried. Meeting Adjourned 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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President- Shaune Jones  
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Treasurer- Mary Deppert  
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