

**SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SCHOOL  
MOTHERS' CLUB MINUTES  
September 9, 2008**

**I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:12 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 May Meeting Minutes. Maureen Troy made the motion; seconded by Mary Stieber, vote taken. Motion carried. Pres. Jones asked for a motion to approve the May Treasurer's Report. Linda McEneaney made the motion; seconded by Jodi Hardiek, vote taken. Motion carried. Pres. Jones thanked Kindergarten for hosting this meeting.

**II. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-** Mrs. Tkachuk announced that progress reports would come out in two and a half weeks. She also thanked the teachers, staff, students and the mother's club for all of their support and efforts. Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> the faculty and staff attended mass, had breakfast and general business meetings. The following day they went to St. Al's and Pat's for a mandatory reporter training meeting for child abuse, later they came back to work on TeacherEase. On August 19<sup>th</sup> school started, it was a positive beginning students were excited. On August 20<sup>th</sup> there were some problems with busing and it seems to have been resolved. On August 26<sup>th</sup> the school gathered for mass. John Brady, the new 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, introduced a new theme; Cyril: Conducted Yourself Respectfully with Integrity and Leadership. The school is trying to encourage discipline in a positive manner. The teachers at SS. Cyril developed this over the summer. Mrs. Langlier is in charge of lunch time. Teacher aides have a defined role. If teacher's need extra help they just need to communicate it. Mrs. Niemiec is taking on the role of technical aide. If a technical problem can't be handle in the school, we have an outside consultant that can assist. We also have a new night maintenance person, Mr. Fryer. We are following Archdiocese guidelines on the green cleaning initiative. On August 28<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Tkachuk had a presentation of TeacherEase; it's a secure online parent/teacher communication tool. This will assist in assignments, grades and behavior. 269 families have signed up for TeacherEase. Information on TeacherEase is age appropriate and progress reports will be generated from TeacherEase. During Open House Mrs. Riley will be available to assist parents with any questions about TeacherEase. She met with the Mother's Club officers this past week in an effort to open up communication between organizations. This past Friday there was a school mass and children should have come home with a red wrist band (Every Sunday at SS. Cyril's). We are trying to stress the importance of going to mass as a family. School wide goals for this year; "Genesis Plan" from the Archdiocese (most of them we are already doing), Catholic Identity Goal: Implementing Archdiocese Religion Curriculum, expand competency of principals staff through ongoing development training, and certification, spiritual. Academic Excellence Goal: implement systematic research based curriculum, implement inclusions (differentiated learning), Market SS. Cyril: Market the school to communicate all the good things we are doing at SS. Cyril.

September Calendar

9/10 & 9/11: Open House 6:30 pm in church, grades 5-8 & 1-4 Chess Club,  
9/18/08: Room Mom Coordinator meeting.  
9/19/08: 7th and 8th grades leadership meeting and out of school uniform day

Kim Gardner asked the question if TeacherEase could have multiple passwords. It doesn't have the capability of having separate passwords for each child.

**III. OLD BUSINESS:** Introduction of New Mothers Board: President: Shaune Jones (Children in 8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and K), Secretary: Laura Klimczak (Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> and K) Vice President: Aggie Maslanka (Children in 8<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>), Treasurer: Mary Deppert (Children in 6<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>), Vice President: Teri Schulz (Child in 6<sup>th</sup>)

Fundraisers have been cut out of Mother's Club budget (i.e. Magazines). Still looking at providing the service of Taffy Apple Day. Current fundraisers Mamma, Market Day, Beat the Lotto, Walkathon, Box Tops, and Fall Fundraiser. Monitor/plan ahead for next year since the Fall Fundraiser will not be available due to the Anniversary Celebration of SS Cyril & Methodius. Field trip buses may not be contributed 100% from Mother's Club due to potential cuts. Possibly leading to parents to pay a little bit for the buses. Price of bus is based on how many and where you are going. The \$50 dollar fundraising fee is to be discussed of where the allocation of the money is going. The mother's club will be discussing this with Bob Libby from the School Board. Typically Mother's Club gives the school \$8,000 towards the buses. The budget will be brought up for approval next month, since there are questions about fundraising and where the extra \$50 included in the tuition is going. Fall Fundraiser second vote on allocation of funds a motion was made by JoAnne Sworan-Kowalewski, it was seconded by Janis Wojnowski, vote taken. Motion carried.

- \$5,000 Interactive Whiteboard, \$3,528.75 TeacherEase, \$941 for an additional lunch table, \$1,700 for painting and maintenance (Total: \$11,170)

Jodi Hardiek discussed the Fall Fundraiser 2008. It will take place on November 7<sup>th</sup> at Cog Hill; she briefly went over the live and silent auction teacher wish list and library wish list. Dinner with Fr. Larry, Principal for a Day. No children, not formal. The tentative theme is "Denim and Diamonds". \$55-\$60 a person.

Proceed Ideas

- More Interactive Whiteboards, Envision Math Series, LCD projectors, Science Equipment/Microscopes, graduate classes for teachers.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:** The Mothers' Board has established pre-meetings with Mrs. Tkachuk to increase communications. We are looking at providing more opportunities for families to get together. A FREE movie night "The Game Plan" is planned for, Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 pm, popcorn will be provided.

We are also looking at potentially polling members of Mother's Club regarding activities, meeting times, to try to increase participation. Streamline volunteer solicitations and make sure there is a rotation of volunteers. Potentially, having guest speakers every month about an item that we are purchasing or are planning to purchase (i.e. Interactive Whiteboards. Mother's Club Directory is to print at the end of September and should be available by the October Mother's Club Meeting. Committee Chairs have been posted, we are still looking for "School Picnic" chairs. It's held at the end of May. Room Mom Coordinators are posted. RMC meeting is September 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am in Fr. Sivore Hall. Laps for Liver a foundation to research funds for pediatric research of liver. One of SS Cyril's families has been affected by this, Mother's Club typically donates \$500, Jodi Hardiek made a motion, Beth Kapusiek second the motion. Vote taken. Motion approved. Talent Show is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting is on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and will be hosted by First Grade. It was discussed that we need to select a Saturday to celebrate Mass with Mother's Club a suggested date was April 18<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Tkachuk will confirm.

**V. MOTHER'S CLUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Market Day: Deadlines for this Month: paper order 9/12; online 9/17, pick-up Saturday 9/20 @9:30 am. It's also a great opportunity for school children to make their service hours in volunteering at Market Day.

**VI. OTHER PARISH/ SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS:** Manna: no representation, School Board: meeting minutes online Altar & Rosary: no representation

**VII. JACKPOT/MEMBERSHIP DOOR PRIZES:** Aggie Maslanka and Maureen Troy; Spilt the Pot: \$24 Peggy Sniogowski

**VIII. OTHER:** Treasurer, Mary Depert discussed using a expense report form to be reimbursed for expenses. It assists us in tracking expenses and properly paying submitters. For Special Lunches please use the expense form. Pres. Shaune will talk to Webmaster for general Mother's Club e-mail address. Jodi Hardiek needs someone to type set the Fall Fundraiser program. Laura Klimczak has volunteered.

Box tops were discussed. We are going to try to promote this more, along with Shop N' Share. Donna Troy is taking the lead on Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education. Target card was mention as another possibility to raise funds for the school.

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

**X. ADJOURN:** Pres. Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Donna Troy, second motion by Betty Van Henkelum. Vote taken. Motioned carried. Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



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Mother's Club Secretary

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