

# ST. Catherine of Siena PTO

General Membership Meeting

October 25, 2011

## **Presentation** – “Helping Your Child Prepare For Science Fair”

Mr. Schlachter did a great job explaining the best practices for the upcoming Science Fair that will be on display on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **I.** Meeting called to order (Lisa Wormald)

Opening Prayer/Intentions (Elizabeth Bricking)

### **II.** Secretary’s Report (Lisa Wormald for Brandy Veith)

Motion to accept September 2011 Minutes – Annie McSwigan and Cherie Zieleniewski

### **III.** Treasurer’s Report (Gwen Fields)

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report – Lisa Wormald and Gwen Fields

8<sup>th</sup> grade video will cost \$300.00

Red Ribbon Week - \$200.00 – they usually give small items to the children each day. PTO will contribute \$100 towards this as in the past.

PTO will buy (3) \$50 tickets for the NCC Fundraiser.

### **IV.** Board Report

- a. President (Lisa Wormald) Lisa thanked Karen Owens, Tracy Rosenthal and Sally Brewer for providing tonight’s refreshments. She also thanked Anne McSwigan for coordinating the Teacher Conference Dinner.
- b. Vice-President (Cherie Zieleniewski) – Cafeteria workers going well.

### **V.** Standing Committees:

- a. Membership Split the pot – 15 in attendance. Elizabeth Bricking won \$9.00.
- b. Teacher Conference Dinner (Annie McSwigan) – Expressed thanks to everyone who will help with the dinner on Thursday, October 27th.
- c. Health (Sheila Carroll) – Explained that this is a partnership of St. Elizabeth Healthcare. They provide Blood Pressure Screenings once a month. Transportation for Dr’s appointments, They also do Flu Vaccination administration. Wellness committee looks at obesity and health and provides education. Plus many more services. Sheila coordinates the screenings at the school. The

screenings include Vision – K-8, Scoliosis – 6-8, Blood Pressure K-8. Screenings to take place after Christmas Break. Looking for any nurses, physical therapists as volunteers. Sheila/Betsy Stegner to send out a volunteer sign up sheet for soon.

#### **VI. Special Committees:**

- a. Principal's Report (Doug Lonneman) – Betsy reporting for Doug- The Star math program started and there will be some results and information in the report cards that go home. Everyone except 1<sup>st</sup> grade has been on the math tests. There are instructions on the website. It is a practice test and then the real test. They are 40 questions. Grades K-2 get 2 minutes. Grades 3-5 get 1 ½ minutes. There was no school committee meeting in October due to the Pro Life Mass.
- b. Wellness Council/Colts Get Fit (Lisa Myers/Kelley Glaser) –Lisa thanked parents for all the healthy snacks during the Healthy Challenge Week. There was discussion at the last wellness meeting that the chairs need to be wiped down as well as the tables. The soft drink machine cannot be removed due to contractual agreements. One suggestion was to possibly get another pop machine with healthier options but the contract requirements are strict. Several students purchase soft drinks during play practice. It is up to the parent and the child on their choices.
- c. Major Fund Raiser/Love Boat (Vickie Smith/Cathy VanLierop) – Date set for February 4, 2012. Theme is European Cruise. Cathy VanLierop reported that plans are underway. Help is needed. Individuals who chaired areas last year will be contacted to see if they would like to chair that area again this year. Please contact Vickie Smith or Cathy VanLierop if you are interests in helping.
- d. Everybody Counts Week – Will be held the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>. Betsy Stegner circulated a sign up sheet for grades for which volunteers are still needed.

#### **VII. Other Business /Announcements**

- a. Forester Events – White ribbons on the gate – sponsored by Foresters. The Faith Family Fun night will be 11/11/11. Dinner to be provided – kid friendly adoration (1/2 hour) family games and desserts.
- b. Boosters Report- Basketball practices have started. (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades start later). The St. Catherine basketball tournament will be at end of November. Please contact Ken Farney if you are not on the Boosters e-mail list and would like to be.

- c. St. Bernard Food Pantry item for October – Sweet Potatoes/Yams and Stuffing. Last Friday of month, kids are to wear their Feeding God's Children shirts.
- d. Next PTO meeting is November 22, 2011 (5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Science Fair projects will be on display)

**VIII.** Adjourn - Motion to adjourn – Annie McSwigan and Cherie Zieleniewski.