

St. Catherine of Siena PTO
General Membership Meeting Notes
August 30, 2011

- I. Meeting called to order by Lisa Wormald.
Opening Prayer/Intentions by Lisa Wormald.
- II. Welcome/Introductions
- III. Secretary's Report. Motion to accept May 2011 minutes accepted by Maryanne Zeleznik and Kelly Frost.
- IV. Treasurer's Report by Gwen Fields. Budget started with \$4500. Have \$2260 left after large ticket items come out early in the year (8th grade scholarships, Eggs for Education and 8th grade video). Gwen recommends to hand all receipts into her when reimbursement needed (i.e., receptions). Motion to accept report by Elizabeth Bricking and Vickie Smith.
- V. Board Report : Lisa Wormald/Cherie Zieleniewski
 - a. Thanks to Gina New for volunteering to be on the Eggs for Education committee.
 - b. Thanks to Maryanne Zeleznik for organizing the New Parent reception.
 - c. Thanks to those who helped work the Foresters pancake breakfast for Catechetical Sunday.
 - d. Thanks to Cherie Zieleniewski for providing the balloons on the first day of school.
 - e. Thanks to board members for providing refreshments this evening.
 - f. Cafeteria Fees – Cafeteria is all setup. Contact Cherie with any questions regarding fees and how they work. Required to work 9 times. If your day falls on a day you are off, need to pick up another day to make up the day. If you work more than 9 times, you will get a check for \$10 for each day you work over the 9. Asked if it the money could be rolled over to next year and the answer was yes.
- VI. Standing Committees:
 - a. Membership /Split the Pot (Cathy VanLierop) – 26 people in attendance. Molly Fassler won \$30 in split the pot.
 - b. Head Room Parent (Kelly Lorenz) – Still in need of a few grade head parents. If you are interested in being a head room parent, contact Kelly Lorenz. Each parent should send in \$12/child to the head room parent. This money provides teacher gifts for their birthday, Christmas and end of year gift.
 - c. New Parent Meeting (Maryanne Zeleznik) – Had about 25 new parents in attendance. Next year they plan to have less speakers and less food. Thanks to Lisa Wormald and the Buddy Parents. A request was made for a list of the new parents and who their Buddy Parents are. Maryanne Zeleznik to send reminder to Buddy Parents to invite the new parents to events.
 - d. Secret Angel (Anne McSwigan) – Secret Angel will be kicked off after Labor Day. There are 30 teachers/staff. Teachers will provide a hint list for the Secret Angels. Anne to send monthly reminders to the Secret Angels. If you are interested in being a Secret Angel, contact Anne McSwigan.
 - e. Lunch Tickets (Jennie Cox) – Reminder not to buy partial tickets and use the order form whenever possible.
 - f. Everybody Counts Week – Everybody counts week will be the 2nd week of November. In need of coordinator. Responsibility includes getting and returning tubs from St. Thomas. Work with teachers to obtain volunteers for the week. If interested, please contact the school office.
 - g. Health – Shelia Carol is the health contact. Screenings will be in the spring.

- VII. Special Committees:
- a. Principal's Report/Homework Guide (Doug Lonneman)
 - i. New shades received today, encouraged everyone to stop in and see the changes made to the school. Special thanks to Tim Reynolds for the new windows and new front on the school.
 - ii. Doug will be applying for Blue Ribbon School.
 - iii. Themes for year – Puzzle.
 - iv. Homework – We are where we are with our test scores because St. Catherine has high expectations for homework and the amount given. Doug handed out our Homework Information sheet which will be provided in the Scoop. Involve your child's teacher if you feel the homework is too much for your child. There will be a backpack assembly for grades 3-8 in the next weeks. If you feel your child's backpack is too heavy, talk with their teacher.
 - v. PTO will try to provide special guests, they will present during the social hour. Any input or suggestions, please contact Lisa Wormald.
 - b. School Committee (Anne McSwigan) – Meeting 9/6. If there are any issues/concerns, Anne can take to the School Committee and report back to the PTO.
 - c. Flower Sale (Kelly Frost) – Successful year. Made \$978.23 at the florist and \$885.95 on the flowering baskets. Will try to get grandparents day this year at the florist.
 - d. Wellness Council/Colts Get Fit (Lisa Myers/Kelley Glaser) – Wellness committee started last January. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. They will try to have one event a month. September – Colts Get Fit starts; October – National Walk to School day. A new message board will be placed in the cafeteria for the kids to provide suggestions to Dawn. Working with Farmers Markets to get ideas on how to expand the garden and use more in the cafeteria.
 - e. Major Fund Raiser/Love Boat – Vickie Smith volunteered to help chair the Love Boat.
- VIII. Other Business/Announcements
- a. St. Bernard Food Pantry items for September are personal care items.
 - b. Next PTO meeting is September 27, 2011
 - c. Motion to adjourn accepted by Vickie Smith and Lisa Myers.