

St. Catherine of Siena PTO
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2008

- I. Meeting called to order by Nancy Holmes followed by a prayer.
- II. **Secretary Report** - Minutes of the August, 2008 meeting were approved by Kelly Frost and Sally Brewer.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** - Nancy Holmes reported for Su Schweitzer that we have deposit of \$246 in petty cash from dues paid and split the pot. \$50 was paid for the Catechetical Reception, \$123.43 for the Eggs in Education Breakfast and \$80 for the New Parent Orientation and First Day of School balloons. Please turn in any receipts you have to Su Schweitzer. If you have not already paid your dues, please do so. They can be paid at the door of the PTO meeting or sent in to the school office. Kelley Glaser and Karen Owens made and seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report.

IV. **Board Report**

Vice President - Sally Brewer reported that most cafeteria fees have been paid. If you have not paid yours, please do so by October 1st.

President - Nancy Holmes expressed thanks to Lynn Shondel and Dinah Marron for the refreshments for tonight's meeting. A sign-up sheet for refreshments for future meetings was passed around. Remember, if you bring a new member to a PTO meeting, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$10 scrip.

A discussion was held regarding the Correspondence position of PTO. In recent years it has been somewhat unclear as to what that position entailed. It was decided that this position was no longer needed on a regular basis. Lisa Myers and Sally Brewer made and seconded the motion that correspondence from and to PTO will be handled on a case by case basis by the PTO Board.

Member-At-Large - A comment was received by a parent requesting that when emails or letters are sent requesting the \$12 fee for teacher gifts that it be done in a sensitive manner and to communicate that it is a voluntary donation and to explain exactly what the money will be used for.

Seat Belt Safety Speaker - In 2005 a speaker from Children's' Hospital came to speak about seat belt safety. Doug Lonneman received an email to see if we would like to have this presented again. It was agreed to look into this further to see if this could be presented to parents as well as the students.

V. **Standing Committees**

- Membership - Lynn Shondel and Dinah Marron reported for Cathy VanLierop that there were 20 members in attendance. Karen Owens won Split the Pot.

- School Committee - Doug Lonneman reported for Cathy VanLierop that the “sock rule” has been put to rest. There is a new 7th grader that increased the enrollment in that class, but everything seems to be working well. At the next School Committee meeting the School Report Card will be reviewed to see if any items need further consideration.

-Secret Angels - Kelly Frost reported that Secret Angels are going very well and she has had plenty of parents sign up to be a Secret Angel this year.

VI. Special Committees

-Love Boat - Nancy Holmes passed around a sign up sheet for Ken Farney. He is looking for committee chairpersons and volunteers to help. Doug Lonneman stated that Ken is looking for ideas for new and exciting booths at the upcoming Love Boat.

-Principal - Doug Lonneman that the school pictures took a long time this year due to the different pose options. It was suggested that in the future more parent volunteers assist in organizing the children and separating them by pose option. Doug is looking for a parent volunteer to call to arrange a substitute teacher in the morning if a teacher is unexpectedly unable to be in school on a particular day. Catherine Ampfer has agreed to do this for the primary grades. Doug expressed thanks o everyone for their patience during the recent power outages and school closures. Several communication methods are being investigated to handle severe power outages in the future. It is likely that we will need to make up the three days of missed school. One option being considered is to add 10 minutes to the school day.

VII. Other Business or Announcements

The next PTO meeting will be held Tuesday, October 28th. Helen Brune, Amy Dietz and Kelly Frost will provide refreshments.

VIII. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn made by Maryanne Zeleznik and Paula Miller.