

St. Catherine of Siena PTO
General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2008

- I. Meeting called to order by Nancy Holmes followed by a prayer.
- II. **Secretary Report** - Minutes of the May, 2008 meeting were approved by Kelly Frost and Beth Volk. Lisa Wormald mentioned that all PTO meeting minutes will be attached to the Scoop and posted to the PTO page of the school website.
- III. **Welcome Introductions** - Nancy Holmes welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Board. Each person in attendance introduced themselves and stated the grades of their children.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** - Su Schweitzer reported that three scholarships were awarded to Lila Garner, Julie Cox and Kelsey Feeback at the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony for a total of \$1,500. Outgoing teacher gifts totaled \$40. Costs for the decorations for the Eggs in Education Breakfast totaled \$273. The flower sale made \$1,808. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Kelly Frost and Karen Owens.

V. **Board Report**

Vice President - Sally Brewer stated that if you owe cafeteria fees, you will be receiving a letter this Friday. New parents will receive a detailed letter explaining the cafeteria fees.

President - Nancy Holmes expressed thanks: to the PTO Board for providing refreshments at the Catechetical Sunday Reception; to Lisa Wormald for coordinating the New Parent Orientation and the First Day of School balloons, to Brandy Vieth for serving on the committee on behalf of St. Catherine School for the Eggs in Education Breakfast; and to Robin Lindeman for preparing the wonderful decorations at the Eggs in Education Breakfast. Nancy passed around a sign-up sheet for providing refreshments at the PTO meetings for this school year. Also, a reminder that those who bring refreshments are responsible for set up and clean up and for assisting at the sign-in table before the meetings.

VI. **Standing Committees**

- Membership - Cathy VanLierop reported that there were 40 members in attendance. Sally Brewer won Split the Pot. Each person who attends 6 PTO meetings during the year will be entered into a drawing for \$100 off of next year's school fees. Also, if you bring a new member to a meeting (someone who has not yet paid their 2008-2009 PTO dues), you will be entered into a drawing for a \$10 scrip.

-Head Room Parent - Susan DeWald reported that there are still some vacancies that need to be filled for room parents and party planners and helpers. Please see the sign up sheets and volunteer to help if you can.

-Publicity - Lisa Wormald asked all present encourage other parents to come to PTO meetings. Recaps of meetings and reminders will be posted in the Scoop.

-Buddy Parents - Lisa Wormald reminded all parents who agreed to be a buddy for a new parent to please keep in touch and see how they're doing and encourage and invite them to get involved.

-Secret Angels - Kelly Frost passed around a sign up sheet. If you already indicated that you would be a Secret Angel this year, your name should be on the list. If you want to be added as a Secret Angel, please sign the list. The hint sheets and names will be distributed within the next week or so.

-Health - Kelly Johnson received a request from Ms. Berdine McNabney for new eye charts for kindergartners with updated pictures. They would cost between \$25-35. A motion was made and passed to purchase these.

-Lunch Tickets/Scripts - Jennie Cox reminded parents to have your child purchase lunch tickets in the lobby outside the gym on the first school day of the week. Jennie also reminded everyone to purchase Scripts from the school office between 9 and 3, after school and after all Sunday masses.

VII. Special Committees

-Love Boat - Ken Farney will be the chair of Love Boat '09 - destination China. The date has been set for February 7, 2009. Ken is still looking for a co-chair as well as volunteers to help. Please see him if you would like to help out with our only major fundraiser of the year. There will be no seed money collected this year. He is looking for new and unique ideas for booths and items.

-Faculty/Staff Breakfast - Ken Farney has been preparing a monthly breakfast for faculty and staff members. If you would like to be added to his list to help serve, provide food or cover morning duties in the gym and crosswalk, please let him know.

-Flower Sale - As stated in the Treasurer's Report above, last year's flower sale was a great success. Kelly Frost will again chair the flower sale in May, 2009. More details to follow as it gets closer.

-Principal - Doug Lonneman stated that the school year is off to a great start. The kids are doing a wonderful job. He discussed the importance of homework and the homework policy and distributed guidelines and information regarding this.

-Everybody Counts - Anita Tracy will coordinate Everybody Counts Week which will be held the week of November 11-15. If you didn't sign up at Open House to help with the classroom activities with this and would like to, please sign the sheet which is being passed around. If you know of anyone with a disability, illness or special need that would possibly like to speak to the school children, please let Anita Tracy know.

VIII. Other Business or Announcements

The next PTO meeting will be held Tuesday, September 23rd Dinah Marron and Lynn Shondel will provide refreshments. At this meeting we will have a Halloween costume exchange. Please bring any costumes from previous years you would like to pass on to another family and try to find new costumes for your children this year.

IX. Adjourn -Motion to adjourn made by Kelley Glaser and Tracy Shepherd.