

St. Matthew Parents' Club
April 14, 2010 7:00 p.m.
St. Mark Room
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer – The meeting was called to order by Tece Hendrickson.
- II. Roll Call – Janet Brown, Cindy Brya, Lisa Crawford, Stacey DeLorenzo, Julie Hansen, Ryan and Tece Hendrickson, Craig Jackson, Blanche Jones, Bobbie Jo Kirby, Karen and Greg Martin, Nate Martin, Mark and Karen Pollard, Kathy Scherer, Laura Vavrin, and Bill Vavrik.
- III. Approval of Minutes—March 2010 minutes were approved as written.
- IV. Nate Martin, 8th grader, presented a proposal for a service project to complete his Eagle Scout rank. He came to Parents' Club to ask for funds to replace the benches by the school garden and to add mulch. The cost is estimated at \$470. Parents' Club voted to approve his request.
- V. Principal's Report – Kathy Scherer

This is Mrs. Scherer's last year at St. Matthew School. She will be returning to the public schools in order to qualify for retirement. At the March meeting, Parents' Club discussed spending funds on smart boards for the classrooms. The cost would be around \$3,500 per classroom to add a smart board. Craig Jackson suggested an Epson projector/white board at \$1,800. There was discussion about whether all classrooms would use the smart boards equally, and what the teachers would prefer if funds were available for advancements in classroom technology. Parents' Club voted to reserve \$10,500 for technology enhancement. The funding will be available immediately. The funds can be used to purchase 3 smart boards and 1 smart board could be funded by a grant (special ed classroom). The Parents' Club will consider funding the 4th smart board if the grant money doesn't come through.

- VI. President's Report – Tece Hendrickson

Janet Brown presented the slate of officers for 2010-2011: President Karen and Mark Pollard; Vice President Cindy and Ted Brya; Treasurer Karen and Tim Barnes; and Secretary Bobbie Jo and Justin Kirby. The motion to approve the slate passed. The May Parents' Club meeting will start at 6:30 with a potluck hosted by the teachers.

- VII. Treasurer's Report – Bill Vavrik

Scrip is still doing well. A few teachers still need to turn in receipts for start-up funds. As a result of the audit, Parents' Club will need to keep two bank accounts. We can no longer keep a money market account in addition to a checking account. Also, we can no longer get interest. We will need to have multiple people involved to approve a transaction. The Finance Council will be looking at how much cash reserves are in the Parents' Club account. Bill Vavrik made the recommendation that the Parents' Club Treasurer sit on the Finance Council. The Parents' Club balance is \$54,000.

VIII. St. Francis Award – Cindy Brya

Award description attached. The new award will be for students who are peacemakers inside and outside of their classrooms. Parents' Club approved using PC funds for the awards.

IX. Enrichment – Tece Hendrickson

The Drama Club will be presenting "The Phantom Tollbooth" on May 6-8 in the new gym. Tim and Susan Flannagin are directing and producing the play.

X. Ed Comm

There was no Ed Comm meeting in March.

XI. New Business

Tece Hendrickson thanked Parents' Club families who helped with the family volunteer activity. Cindy Brya mentioned that more volunteers are needed for the Million Meals for Haiti. Janet Brown said that "Catholic Connected" will be at the Krannert Center on June 8, and that there will be an event for middle school and high school students on June 7.

XII. Adjournment. Next meeting will be May 12 and will begin at 6:30 in the MP room.

Parents' Club St. Francis Award

Purpose of the Award:

To recognize a student at St. Matthew Catholic School who promotes a peaceful environment inside and outside the classroom.

Eligibility:

Open to students in 3rd through 8th grades.

Student must have demonstrated respect for classmates, teachers, and staff.

Student must exemplify what the Prayer of St. Francis is all about—being an instrument of God's peace.

Award is not based on grades or academic performance.

No preference will be given to Peaceable Schools peer mediators.

Selection:

Teachers in grades 3-8 will select the top peacemaker from their classrooms. The list of award candidates will be given to a committee chaired by a Parents' Club officer and comprised of school support staff (music, P.E., library, technology, art, Spanish, and secretaries). The committee will then select three award winners: one from grades 3-4, one from grades 5-6, and one from grades 7-8.

Award:

Three awards will be presented per school year. The award will consist of a small trophy and be presented at the school awards ceremony in the spring. Parents' Club will pay for the trophies using PC funds and take care of the order.

Timeline:

Mid-Late April: Teachers to identify peacemakers from their classrooms and suggest names to awards committee.

Early May: Award winners selected and trophies ordered.

Late May: Award winners recognized at school ceremony.

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen