

**St. Matthew Parents' Club**  
**February 3, 2010 7:00 p.m.**  
**St. Mark Room**  
**Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer – The meeting was called to order by Ryan and Tece Hendrickson.
- II. Roll Call – David Ahmari, Cindy Brya, Stacey DeLorenzo, Mark Dixon, Jen Fackler, Susan Flanagin, Laura Hettinger, Ryan and Tece Hendrickson, Julie Jackson, Laura Madden, Kathy Scherer, John Sullivan, Angie Trame, Bill Vavrik, and Angie Washburn.
- III. Approval of Minutes—January 2010 minutes were approved as written.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Bill Vavrik  

All expenses have been paid for the Winter Carnival; our profit was \$8,120. Scrip inventory that has not been sold yet totals \$2,775. Parents Club funds are being used towards training for the Science Olympiad. Next month will be the last month for input on 2010-2011 Parents Club budget items.
- V. Parish Report – Tece and Ryan Hendrickson  

The Marriage Enrichment Day will be February 20 in the Great Hall. There will be a Men's March in Peoria on May 1.
- VI. President's Report – Tece and Ryan Hendrickson  

The Drama Club is off to a roaring start, meetings are twice a month. The spring play will be "The Phantom Tollbooth." Auditions will take place in mid-March for grades 6-8, and the play will be the weekend of April 29-May 1. Susan Flanagin said the Drama Club will need help with sets and costumes—all help is welcome.

The Enrichment Committee is holding a Science Night on February 16 from 6:30-7:30. The Physics Van is coming from the University of Illinois.

Chess Club has almost 30 kids and meetings are held twice a month for 90 minutes. The Chess Club wants t-shirts and plans to hold a tournament. Chess will become an IESA sport.

Tece Hendrickson is working on setting up a Family Volunteer Opportunity with someone at Provena. More details to come.

Parents Club is looking for new officers and committee chairs, including new Winter Carnival chairs. Send suggestions to the Nominating Committee.
- VII. Principal's Report – Kathy Scherer

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade boy's basketball team won sectionals and will go to state. Thank you to the Winter Carnival co-chairs, Jen Fackler and Stacey DeLorenzo, and all who helped with the carnival. Thank you to the parents who helped with the Teachers Lunch and stayed in the classrooms while teachers enjoyed the lunch. Catholic Schools Week focused on traditions.

St. Matthew test scores were compared to the national and diocesan test scores. The Iowa Test of Basic Skills is required in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. St. Matthew gives the test to all grades 2-8 and uses the results as a diagnostic tool. The tests are given in the fall so that teachers can go over the results at the parent-teacher conferences. As a parochial school, St. Matthew is not allowed to take the Illinois State Achievement Test. The latest Iowa Test of Basic Skills results will be put on the St. Matthew website and replace the old Terra Nova test results.

VIII. Committee Reports

Peaceable Schools – Topper Steinem will do one more half-day training. Peer mediation will start in February.

Ed Comm. Report – The Strategic Long Range Planning report has been approved and will be on the school website. Meg Cline and Craig Jackson are leading the Engagement Committee, looking to engage potential new students and St. Matthew alumni, with the goal of increasing enrollment and development. Ed Comm. will need two new members next year.

IX. New Business

Parents should use the email address [lebrown@stmatt.net](mailto:lebrown@stmatt.net) in order to get in touch with Mrs. Scherer.

X. Adjournment. Next meeting will be March 10.