

St. Matthew Parents' Club
March 10, 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 – Cindy Brya, Lisa Crawford, Stacey DeLorenzo, Julie Hansen, Ryan and Tece Hendrickson, Mary Horn, Amy Hubbard, Blanche Jones, Laura Madden, Karen Pollard, Kathy Scherer, Gabriella Schmitt, and Bill Vavrik.
- III. Approval of Minutes—February 2010 minutes were approved as written.
- IV. Principal's Report – Kathy Scherer

The 7th grade girls volleyball team has won sectionals and will go to state. This is the first time a St. Matthew volleyball team has gone to state.

The school had hoped to use stimulus money from the federal government to pay for smart boards for the classrooms. However, the district has not given permission for St. Matthew to use the federal grant to cover half the expense for the smart boards. A smart board is a whiteboard that becomes a computer, like an interactive chalkboard. Smart boards are being used in several schools in the district and cost \$3,000 each. Mrs. Scherer noted the Catholic school in Bloomington has been able to use federal grant money for smart boards. The grant would be \$40,000-45,000. Mrs. Scherer asked the Parents Club if funds could be set aside in the budget for smart boards, to update technology in the classrooms. It will be under consideration.

The draft school calendar for 2010-2011 was presented. Fee Day will be Monday, August 16, and the first day of school (half-day) will be Thursday, August 19. Parent Information Nights will be September 1 and 2. There will be no school on Monday, October 11. Parent Teacher Conferences will be November 4. School will be in session on Veteran's Day. The school will have an assembly and invite veterans in to speak to the students. The day before Thanksgiving will likely be a full day off instead of a half-day. The last day of school before Christmas vacation will be December 17, and school will resume on January 3. There will be no school on President's Day, February 21. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held February 23. There is a teacher institute day on March 18, and spring break will be March 21-25. There is no school on Good Friday, April 22, and Easter Monday, April 25. There will be no school on Memorial Day, May 30, and the last official day of school will be Friday, June 3. If there are no snow days, school could let out before Memorial Day.

- V. President's Report – Tece Hendrickson

Cindy Brya is chairing a Peacemaker Award. More details on the award will be presented at the April Parents Club meeting.

Parents Club is hosting the Fish Fry on March 26. A sign-up sheet was distributed.

Parents Club will have a Lenten Volunteer Day on Saturday, March 13, from 1:00-3:00. Families will work at homes of senior citizens.

The slate of officers for 2010-2011 is moving along. Still need two chairs for Winter Carnival. Stacey DeLorenzo mentioned that someone may be interested in serving. There is also a need for a Book Fair chair. Blanche Jones has agreed to do the Pantry Collection. Janet Brown is the Nominating Committee chair and has contacted potential officers. The slate has been reviewed by Mrs. Scherer and Monsignor and will be officially approved at the Parents Club meeting.

VI. Treasurer's Report – Bill Vavrik

Only 7 of the 26 teachers folders, with receipts, have been received to date. Teachers need to give the receipts to the Treasurer in order to receive the start-up funds from Parents Club.

VII. Education Commission Report – Mary Horn

The SLRP assessment is on the web. Ed Comm has been looking for feedback and making good progress. Ed Comm has been looking into energy efficiency and wants to have an energy audit done at the school. Ed Comm's Nominating Committee is looking for 2 new members for the commission. Names will be sent to the pastor who then approves the appointments. There has been a decrease overall in Catholic school enrollment. The Engagement Committee is reaching out to potential students. This year's kindergarten class will be smaller than last year (46 vs. 56).

VIII. Enrichment – Karen Pollard

The Enrichment Committee is looking into expanding to other activities. One possible activity would be in the area of technology, offering computer programming after school for 6 weeks. Another possibility would be enrolling in a program like E-pals, where students could have pen-pals from all over the world. The committee will send a survey to parents to see what they would like to offer. The survey could give a few options and ask for other suggestions.

IX. Box Tops – Amy Hubbard

The school has raised \$1,670 in box tops. Mrs. Wurth's classroom won the pizza party for most box tops collected. Individual prizes went to Amanda Yeazel (555) and Morgan Hummel (550).

X. New Business

A Lenten Service Fair will be held March 30-31. Students are putting together posters of the service they do. Student artwork will be for sale. Sr. Mary George will be leading the classes in musical skits. Donations will go towards a new water filtration system at the orphanage in Tanzania.

XI. Adjournment. Next meeting will be April 14.