

Saint Matthew Parents' Club
May 13th, 2009 7:00 pm
Multi-Purpose Room
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order – Janet Payonk. The opening prayer was given by Father Mark Miller.
- II. Roll Call – Stacey DeLorenzo, Julie Hansen, Tece Hendrickson, Karen Pollard, Kathy Scherer, Gabrielle Schmitt, Cindy Brya, Amy Hubbard, Kathy Scherer, Julie Hansen, Janet Payonk, Father Mark Miller, William Vavrik, Karen Pollard, Tece Hendrickson, Ryan Hendrickson, Karen Pickard, Judy Sebens, Vicki Van Engelenburg, Carol Hatfield.
- III. Approval of minutes – April 2009 minutes were accepted by William Vavrik and seconded by Julie Hansen
- IV. Principal's Report – Mrs. Scherer

Mrs. Scherer mentioned some of the many things that have been going on the last couple of weeks at St. Matthew's including a Peace Rally, making of May Baskets, plays, a Wax Museum in addition to other activities. Today they even squeezed in a tornado drill at the start of the day. Scholastic Bowl recently won regional recognition and Science Olympiad went to state.

Mrs. Scherer thanked Parents' Club and parents for all their support this year.

Mrs. Scherer passed on a thank you from Debbie Benz to Parents' Club. Parents' Club has been nice to work with on school/parish events such as First Communion and Confirmation.

- V. Pastor's Report – Father Mark Miller

Father Mark Miller gave the Pastor's Report. He mentioned Father Anthony is leaving St. Matthew's and mentioned perhaps another priest may come at some point to take his place. In the meantime, Father Miller and Monsignor Merdian will be taking over Father Anthony's teaching responsibilities at the school.

- VI. President's Report – Janet Payonk

Janet thanked the teachers for providing food at tonight's meeting. She also recognized that the school is blest to have priests come into the school and spending time teaching the children. Other Catholic Schools she knows of do not provide that opportunity to the children.

- VII. Treasurer's Report – Julie Hansen

Does not include \$x for yearbook. Thanks to Mrs. Pickard for continuing to put together the yearbook every year. There is \$40-\$50 left in the Bookfair balance.

The budget for next year is set during the summer. A couple of adjustments will probably be necessary based on income this year from some of the fund raisers (Box Tops possibly and Apparel).

Next year we should look at what items might need to be purchased with and/or planned for the Fund Balance. Mrs. Sebens mentioned the current computers in the lab are between 6 and 8 years old.

A question came up regarding the start-up money received by the teachers and whether or not this amount is sufficient or if the teachers are still spending a lot out of their own pockets during the year. Julie Hansen and Karen Pickard both thought the start-up amount was sufficient. An extra amount in January might be helpful, especially with Catholic Schools Week. There is \$1000 in the budget specifically for this but not all teachers may know about it. An agenda item will be added to the September meeting to discuss providing some additional funds to teachers in January.

VIII. Committee Reports

B. Scrip – Still need new chair

Scrip raised about \$1000 this year, which is down from last year. Janet liked having the paper order form versus the online as it provided a reminder to place her order. Others agreed the paper form was helpful for remembers to order.

IX. Unfinished/Continuing Business

A. Vote on New Officers

President – Tece and Ryan Hendrickson

Vice-President – Karen and Mark Pollard

Secretary – Cindy and Ted Brya

Treasurer – Elizabeth and Willaim Vavrik

A motion was made to accept the slate of officers as presented. Gabrielle Schmitt approved the motion and Amy Hubbard seconded the motion.

X. New Business

2009-2010 Calendar

An inquiry was made about the 2009-2010 calendar year. Mrs. Scherer shared several dates.

Once approved by the Diocese it will be made available on the Parent Club website.

8/17	Fee Day
8/20	First Day of School
11/21	Confirmation
12/21 – 1/5	Christmas Break
3/22 – 3/26	Spring Break
4/28	First Communion
5/26	Graduation (without snow days)
6/7	Last Day of School (includes 5 snow days so the last day could be as early as 5/28)

Fee Day

Mrs. Wilberg would like as much of the Fee Day information as possible to be ready at the end of May. The office will need to get the Fee Day packet out as soon as the office opens back up again on August 4th. Someone mentioned Amy Armstrong usually doesn't have hot lunch prices finalized until the end of July/beginning of August.

Uniform Letter

Julie Hansen addressed a letter that was recently sent home about uniforms. The letter mentioned uniforms will not be distributed throughout the year. The teachers would like to see parent's have access to uniforms a few times throughout the year (for example during Conferences). The letter also stated that non-official uniform clothing (not from C&A Inspirations) should be donated to Goodwill. However, the teachers have been providing these items to Stratton and would like to continue to have this done. They would like to bring this up for next year so that uniform type clothing is provided to students at Stratton that need the clothing for school.

The teachers thanked Janet and Jerry for being Presidents of Parents' Club with a plant. Janet thanked the teachers for providing the food tonight.

XI. Adjourn.

This was the last meeting of the year!