

St. Matthew Parents' Club
November 18, 2009 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 – Mona Bass, Cindy Brya, Meg Cline, Lisa Crawford, Julie Hansen, Tece Hendrickson, Laura Hettinger, Mary Horn, Denise Martin, Jane Oldham, Laura Madden, Carolyn Petersen, Karen Pollard, and Liz Vavrik.
- III. Approval of Minutes—May 2009 and October 2009 minutes were approved as written.
- IV. Benefits of Children Doing Eucharistic Adoration – Diana West

Diana West, a graduate student at the University of Illinois, talked about the program Children of Hope. A children's hour of Eucharistic Adoration will take place at St. Matthew on December 5. A flyer will be sent home to encourage families to attend. More information on the program is available on the website www.childrenofhope.org.
- V. Scrip – Laura Hettinger

Meijer is a new vendor. Provena has ordered \$3,100 worth of Sam's gift cards. Orders will be taken twice a month in November and once in December. Scrip gift cards will be purchased through the pantry collection for the Sisters. Laura will look into spreading the word to room parents in case they would like to purchase Scrip gift cards for teachers' gifts.
- VI. Peaceable Schools Program – Denise Martin

Parents' Club budgeted \$5,000/yr. for the Peaceable Schools Program for 3 years. The program is in its second year and has used its funds for the year. There was discussion about the long-term goals of Peaceable Schools and how the program is working. There is some concern about how discipline policy is being addressed (which is separate from Peaceable Schools). The Peaceable Schools Committee will be addressing funding and outcome measurements at its December 1 meeting. Further discussion on Peaceable Schools was tabled.
- VII. Pastor's Report – Tece Hendrickson

Advent Vespers will be held on Sundays at 7:00 pm. The Disciples in Mission program will be held again during Lent. If the Parents' Club would like to form a Disciples group, let Msgr. know.
- VIII. Principal's Report – Tece Hendrickson

H1N1 shots were given. A thermometer has been purchased for the school office. Mrs. Scherer will be presenting testing scores at the December Parents' Club meeting.

IX. President's Report – Tece Hendrickson

The Parents' Club Adoration Hour for October had a good turnout. Parents' Club Adoration is the last Tuesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to stay for an hour or any portion.

Karen Pollard gave an update on the Enrichment Committee. The Enrichment Committee held its first event, a Family Reading Night, on November 11. Thanks to all who helped with the event, and to all families who attended. The Chess Club is meeting on the first and third Monday of the month from 2:30-4:00 in the 3rd grade classrooms. The club has purchased vinyl chessboards that roll up and store easily. There are 36 students signed up for Chess Club. The Drama Club has started meeting and plans to hold a spring production.

Laura Madden reported that over \$8,000 was raised at the Book Fair in November. Apparel sales were also strong during the Parent-Teacher Conferences.

X. Treasurer's Report – Liz Vavrik

No refunds of Spring Musical money were requested by parents. Parents' Club has not received any receipts for Trunk or Treat and has paid for some Winter Carnival expenses, such as the raffle license.

XI. St. Matt's Alumni Engagement Committee – Meg Cline

The St. Matt's Alumni Engagement Committee co-chairs are Meg Cline and Craig Jackson. The committee hopes to start a newsletter, involve St. Matthew alumni in the school, hold an alumni reunion, and raise money for the school endowment fund. The committee would like to have representatives from Parents Club, the Education Commission, and the Finance Committee, as well as interested St. Matt's alumni. Mary Horn mentioned that Ed Comm had discussed the Alumni Engagement Committee at their last meeting and that in addition to engaging alumni, the new committee could also be used to recruit new students.

XII. New Business – Tece Hendrickson

Amy Fruehling raised the possibility of partnering with the Business School to raise money for the Women's Fund. However, there is a question of whether Parents' Club can raise funds for another group.

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Next meeting will be December 9.