

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School
PTO Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 5, 2008

The St. Michael School PTO board met on Monday, May 5th, at 8:15 am in the school conference room. School Principal Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler, PTO President Marylynn Fitzgerald, President-elect Peggy Thompson, Treasurer Louis Prosser, VP of Fundraising Colleen Ueland, VP-elect of Fundraising MaryBeth Brejnik, VP of Education Cheryl Reid, VP of Volunteers Maureen Beeler, VP-elect of Volunteers Robin Evans, VP of Social Sheila Schlageter, and Secretary Laura Usher were all present. In addition to the current board members, the newly elected officers were also in attendance, along with guest speaker, Marianne Burger.

Mrs. Fitzgerald welcomed the new board members and had them introduce themselves. Laura Greck will serve as President-elect, Sandy Lyons will be the VP of Social, Kermit Dowdy will be the new Treasurer, Jenipher Free is the new VP-elect of Fundraising, Jennifer Cullen will serve as the new Secretary, and Therese Flaherty was unable to attend, but is the new VP of Education.

Guest Speaker Marianne Burger:

Mrs. Burger is a Nurse Practitioner with Cary Cardiology and has two daughters that attend St. Michael School. After the incident at a Cardinal Gibbons Lacrosse game in which a player was struck in the chest with the lacrosse ball and was treated with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), much interest has been generated in purchasing several of these devices for the St. Michael campus. After investigating several different AED's on the market, Mrs. Burger presented a proposal for the Zoll AED Plus, which she feels is the device best suited for our needs. The Zoll AED Plus has the number one market shares for AED's and is the only CPR driven unit on the market. The Real CPR Help feature of the Zoll Plus is a tool that actually sees what the rescuer is doing and provides audio and visual prompts to help that person provide high-quality CPR. The Zoll Plus also has a local representative that will provide in-services and training. Because there are so many causes of Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Monsignor Tim, the school administration, PTO Board, and Mrs. Burger all agree we have the responsibility to provide everyone in our community access to one

of these life saving devices. Time is crucial when a sudden cardiac event occurs, the rescuer must be able to access the AED within one minute. Therefore it is the board's recommendation that multiple devices be purchased; one for the school, one for the church, one for the Parish Center, and at least one portable device for the athletic department. The lacrosse team will be reimbursed for the device that was bought with donations from the parents and coaches. The board agreed to quickly move forward with this endeavor by forming a smaller interest group to access the needs of the entire St. Michael Campus.

Update by Marylynn Fitzgerald and Peggy Thompson:

Mrs. Fitzgerald presented the members with a detailed printout of this year's PTO expenditures and profits. This information will also be available on the PTO website, but Mrs. Fitzgerald wanted to highlight the profits from each of the following events:

Original Artworks:	\$2,274.51
Jingle Bell Run:	\$9,043.30
Christmas Tree Sales:	\$2,857.00
Family Bingo Night:	\$1,523.66
Auction:	\$108,896.12
Angel Bucks:	\$34,870.86

Mrs. Fitzgerald will present Dr. Wannemuehler with a check for \$70,000 on behalf of the PTO for the Building Fund. This amount is comprised of over \$21,000 that was in reserve from last year's Capital Building and Improvement area and 30% of this year's net fundraising profits. The PTO will be purchasing batteries for all of the middle school laptop computers this summer. All committee chairs are encouraged to submit any outstanding expenditures by June 15th. Mrs. Fitzgerald reminded everyone of Tuesday's General PTO Meeting and reviewed the agenda.

School Update by Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler:

Dr. Wannemuehler began by thanking everyone for his or her participation in the SACS visit. The team was so impressed with our students, teachers and building and with the highly unusual meeting with Bishop Burbidge. The 8th grade lock-in will be held in the Parish Center on Thursday night, with a few surprises in store for the students. The first informational

gathering regarding building plans for the parish and educational building will be held on Wednesday, May 7th, in the Archangel Centre Gallery. The architects will present a computerized virtual tour of the proposed expansion. Dr. Wannemuehler, Monsignor Tim, and members of the building committee will also be available for discussion and questions. Tuesday, May 13th, has been declared “Pat Ward Day” in honor of longtime educator, Mrs. Pat Ward, who will be retiring at the end of this school year. There will also be a reception that evening from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Archangel Centre Gallery to honor Mrs. Ward and our departing Assistant Principal, Mrs. Molly Carlin. Everyone is encouraged to attend this reception as we say goodbye to these two wonderful women. Mrs. Ward will receive a monetary gift from the PTO along with an engraved crystal plate as a token of appreciation on behalf of the entire St. Michael School community. The plate will be presented to Mrs. Ward at the closing Mass so that all of the students can be present to see her receive this special gift. The Sports Appreciation Night will be held on Tuesday, May 20th, in the Parish Center. With the addition of the two StMS Lacrosse teams and a larger cheerleading team, there will be over 130 athletes and their parents attending this celebration. Dr. Wannemuehler announced that Mrs. Debbie Sondag and Mrs. Carol Tinsley have decided to return as the cheerleading sponsors for the 2008-2009 school year.

Education Update by Cheryl Reid:

Mrs. Reid asked the board for their thoughts on whether or not Mary Ronan should be brought back as an educational speaker next school year. Although the parent portion of her talk was not very well attended, those who did hear her felt like the subject matter was relevant and would like to see her return. Mrs. Rudiger was to poll her eighth grade students for their opinions and report this back to Mrs. Reid and she will forward that on to the new VP of Education, Therese Flaherty. Mrs. Ronan gears each talk to the level of maturity in each grade and the students have developed a level of comfort with her. Most board members felt like it was important to give the students the opportunity to continue with these series of discussions by Mary Ronan. Mrs. Reid reminded everyone that guest speaker Jason Curtis will speak at the Tuesday night’s General PTO Meeting on “Extracurricular Activities in High School.”

Social Update by Sheila Schlageter:

This year's Teacher Appreciation Week was a huge success and the final 7th & 8th Grade dance and 5th & 6th Grade bowling night too place on April 25th. At this time, the dates of January 30 and 31st have been reserved for Family Bingo Night. The committee chairs will make the final decision on whether to hold this event on that Friday or Saturday night.

Volunteer Update by Maureen Beeler and Robin Evans:

Approximately 150 completed volunteer checklists have been submitted and Mrs. Evans is in the process of entering them into the PTO database. There will be one more push for people to fill out their checklists by placing another one in this week's Wednesday folders. Forms will also be available at the General PTO Meeting on Tuesday night. Mrs. Beeler and Mrs. Evans would like to have all committee chairs in place before the end of the year and they will develop a system for choosing a chair when more than one person has volunteered for the chair position.

Secretary Laura Usher:

Mrs. Usher will acquire the new student contact information from Mrs. Carlin and will send out "Save the Date" post cards for the New Parent Social to be held on Monday, August 18th. This list will also be used to pair up veteran StMS families with the new families for the purpose of passing along valuable information about our school.

Fundraising Update by Colleen Ueland and Marybeth Brejnik:

This has been a great year with many successful fundraising events. Mrs. Brejnik stated that she and Mrs. Jenipher Free will now focus on those events that worked well, such as the Jingle Bell Run, and will add new events such as the March Madness Parent Social and the Spring Bazaar. Next year's Saint Nicholas Workshop will be a PTO sponsored event and will be held on December 8,9, and 10th.

Ticket sales for the Back to School Social hosted by the Lutz Family will be on sale through May 15th. This event was an auction item that was extended to let everyone have the opportunity to purchase the tickets even if they did not attend the auction. To date, 26 couples have bought tickets at the price of \$100 for two.

Closing:

The final PTO Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28th, at 8:15am. In order to make a smooth transition, the outgoing board members are encouraged to meet with the person coming into their position prior to this last meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22am.