

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School
Parent Organization Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2006

The fourth meeting of the parent teacher organization was held on Thursday, August 31, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. in the school conference room. School principal Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler, Assistant Principal Molly Carlin, parent organization President Marylynn Fitzgerald, Treasurer Louis Prosser, Secretary Jennifer Butler, VP of Fundraising Colleen Ueland, VP of Social Betsy Nalesnik, and VP of Education Luann Wiggenhorn were in attendance. Mrs. Carlin led the board in opening prayer.

Minutes

The board unanimously approved the July meeting minutes.

Volunteers

Since our last meeting, Greg Grazen has had to resign as VP of Volunteers. Mrs. Nalesnik has been temporarily acting on his behalf.

We are still in need of additional hot lunch volunteers on Mondays and Fridays. Co-chairs are being actively recruited for Friday hot lunch. At some point this year the board would like to review the current hot lunch volunteer program to determine ways in which it may be improved.

Kindergarten has returned to its traditional system of having two parents volunteers present at lunchtime.

President

Due to the resignation of Mr. Grazen, the board discussed the method by which his position should be filled in concordance with the current by-laws. Mrs. Fitzgerald will ask the school community for nominees for the VP of Volunteers role, and a vote will take place at the general meeting on September 12th. There will only be one ballot accepted per school family, and at least one parent must be present at the meeting to vote.

The name of the PTO will also be voted on at the September 12th meeting. The board has created a short list of possible names; Mrs. Fitzgerald will ask school parents for additional suggestions.

Some of the other issues discussed by the board that relate to the by-laws include managing the resignation of a committee chair, in which case the board will select a replacement from the pool of volunteers (as indicated by volunteer forms), as well as the necessity of parents being made part of the agenda when they wish to speak at the general parent organization meetings.

Mrs. Fitzgerald suggested that the board find ways to include student council members in our activities. She would also like to see a parent organization bulletin board on display in school. We briefly discussed having a parent survey online, facilitated by software.

Fundraising

The Jingle Bell Run will be on December 2nd with Cid Cardoso and Colleen Ueland as co-chairs. The run will be opened up to the Town of Cary as an “official event”. Mrs. Ueland has a meeting scheduled with Tim Appleby, chair of the StMS Booster Club, to discuss how the run will be integrated with the annual school sale of Christmas trees. Mr. Appleby would like to see a craft fair on the same date for attendees to purchase additional Christmas items.

The SCRIPS fundraising effort, co-chaired by Ellen Dalbo and Lisa Miles, is moving forward quickly. The program will go by the name “Angel Bucks”. The software has been ordered, and an office is being created in the basement complete with the necessary computer equipment. “Angel Bucks” currently has an email account and will soon be found as a link on the school website. Mrs. Dalbo and Mrs. Miles will introduce the program at the general parent organization meeting on September 12th. Once the “Angel Bucks” effort is established at school, participation will be open to all St. Michael parishioners.

The “Harvest Moon Saloon” event will be at 7:30 on October 28th in the Parish Center. The ticket price will be \$20 per person. Live music and a DJ will provide entertainment and dancing opportunities. There will be beer, wine, Urban Oasis margaritas, and heavy appetizers. A “needle in the haystack” game with random prizes will be available for a nominal cost.

Social

The board members received considerable positive feedback regarding the New Family Wine and Cheese. Mrs. Nalesnik will create an evaluation document to detail the event and list suggestions for changes or improvements for next year. An evaluation will also be constructed for the Ice Cream Social.

Due to potential scheduling conflicts at the parish center, some of the dates for school feasts, middle school dances, and school bowling events may now need to be changed. Mrs. Nalesnik will confirm the dates as soon as possible.

Treasurer

Mr. Prosser is working on setting up two separate accounts for PTO use—one being a general fund and the other to be exclusively used by SCRIPS. The SCRIPS account will be reconciled monthly, at which time the profit totals will be communicated to school parents.

The board agreed that there would be ongoing communication over the next weeks in preparation for the first general parent organization meeting on Tuesday, September 12th. Closing prayer was said with the school announcements, and the meeting concluded at approximately 2:50 p.m.