

**St. Peter In Chains School
PTO Meeting
September 12, 2011**

Members Present: Colleen Schuster, Pam Schwartz, Megan Halverson, Michelle Luebbe, Bridgette McGuire, Liz Matson, Diane Sinnott, Andrea Brennan, Aimee Hodapp, Amy Siegler, Vivian McDulin, Julie Meece, Katie Crank, Shawna Brandabur, Molly Palechek, Tim Ross, Kathleen Pendergest, Christe Flaig, Erica Millikin, Kristin Sams, Kathy Prough, JoAnn Schutte, Kelley Day, Sharon Noelker, Liz Winner-Honeycutt

Staff Present: Cindy Minton, Lynn Baird, Charlotte Sharon, Terry Jacobs, and Kathy Hart

Meeting called to order at 7:05p.m by President, Colleen Schuster.

Old Business: Kathy Prough motioned to accept meeting minutes from March and April.

Treasurer: Terry Jacobs reviewed the PTO budget for the school year. Budget is available electronically. The only budget item of note was the increased Marketing Budget due to increased efforts.

Kathy Hart reported on acceptable and efficient protocol for sending PTO information and monies through the office. Please refer to her notes available electronically.

New Family Picnic: Megan Halverson reported that the New Family Picnic in August went very well. New families were paired with a current SPS family. Feedback was very positive.

Get the Scoop: Andrea Brennan reported that we will receive proceeds from the KONA Ice Truck (\$105.00) that was present for the event. Still trying to communicate that the event is not the fundraiser it used to be. Focus is for students to reconnect with school and feel settled upon their return to school. Discussed officially dropping the "FUNFEST" name since the event has evolved; fund raising efforts are now directed toward the Walk a Thon. Kathy Hart requested that she not sell raffle tickets as she distributes the family packets. Next year if a raffle is involved, we will need volunteers to sell the tickets.

Sharon Noelker reported that this year's Walk a Thon is scheduled for October 13th. The mailing that prospective donors will receive is a different format this year. It is an envelope with a tear off. Kick off pep rally was fun and seemed to get kids excited. Over \$7,000 has been received from corporate sponsors thus far. This includes \$2,000 for the tuition raffle. Christe Flaig is working on new, creative ideas for the stations along the walk. Lynn Long will be the DJ and Chris Settle, Athletic Director for Miami Hamilton, will attend and have various exercise activities. Students will receive a statement a week before the walk a thon to let parents know the amount collected for their family pledges.

Kathleen Pendergest reported that she would be putting information in The Link to give parents a refresher on how to best turn in box tops and soup labels.

Kelley Day reported that homeroom parents have been assigned and the meeting will be at 6:30 on 9/22 before Parent Teacher Night.

Kathy Prough reported that there was a fabulous response for the Hospitality Committee this year. She will get in touch with those who signed up to volunteer.

Michelle Luebbe reported that both Kroger and Marsh cards are active. 20 additional Marsh cards have been distributed to families. She plans to set up a table at Walk a Thon and is considering enrollment in a similar reward program at Target.

Julie Meece reported that profit at the August sale was \$187.00. Both Pie and Cookie Bonus Sales are approaching for the holidays.

Marketing: Sharon Noelker reported that the Marketing Committee had a positive response from the yard signs placed in the yards of new students. The committee is focusing on communication between St. Peter and St. Julie's parishioners. The group is looking at communication with those newly baptized, enrichment programs after school, guest speakers, and extracurricular clubs. Sharon reminded us that the best marketing is word of mouth by US. We have a great school—tell everyone (and its free to spread the word this way). Will pursue venues in Liberty Township (attend Mom's group meetings) to spread the word about our school!

Skating Parties: Vivian McDulin will put finalized dates for Skating Parties on The Link. Once again, we will focus on evenings before days off of school.

3 for Me: Pam Schwartz reported on her program, Three for Me. Every committee chair has received a spreadsheet of parents who have volunteered to help with their committee. Initial contact should be made by the chairs to notify volunteers that we have received their pledge to help. Chairs are encouraged to call or email their volunteers and ask them for help as needed.

Santa Shop: JoAnn Schutte reported that Santa Shop would be the beginning of December. All items will be \$1. If you see nice items for this price, let JoAnn know! She shops all year...

Spirit Wear: Katie Crank reported that Spirit Wear would be a service of PTO but not a fundraiser. Old styles and order forms have been taken off the web site due to non-interest. The Wisharts are working on a newly designed shirt and are also offering the SPS tie dye shirt that was popular last year. Shirts will be on display at Meet the Teacher Night. Order forms will also be available. Order forms also went home for shirts for parents to wear to fall sporting events. The idea to bring back the SPS blanket was mentioned.

Principal Report: Mrs. Sharon reported on behalf of John and Mindy Fischer re: Night at the Races. Mrs. Sharon shared the idea that we need to re-evaluate the need for sponsors and in-kind donations from area businesses. We want to be sensitive to the fact that these businesses are being asked often for donations.

There was also a question about the McAuley sign in the schoolyard. Although most of our students attend Badin, we are expected to support the other schools in our area if they ask.

Mrs. Sharon encouraged all parents to contact her if they have a school related issue rather than discussing it with other parents on the playground at student pick up time. She thanked everyone for their energy and asked that positive things be shared with others.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Crank