

St. Monica School PTO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 2nd 7:00pm

Call to Order: 7:10pm-Paula Beals at Puerto Vallarta Restaurant
Opening Prayer-Kathie Van Gheem

Members Present:

President: Paula Beals
Vice-President: Kathie Van Gheem
Public Relations: Alyssa Preddie-Allen
Teacher Rep: Jennifer Faulk
Admin: Michelle Boyd
PT Liason: Sharon Ely

Members Absent:

Treasurer: Colleen Teasley
Teacher Rep: Jane Seib
Secretary: Lisa Bauserman
Past President: Denis Kelly
Gifts and Grants: Scott Storms
Admin: Tim Weaver
Auction Chair: Janice Sanders

Parents Present:

Beth Becker (2010-2011 Treasurer)
Anne Shea (Garage Sale Chair)
Hether Driggers (2010-2011 PT Liaison)

Old Business:

A. School Commission Meeting update from May Meeting- Paula Beals

- Report on election and new members
- June Meeting will be attended by Anne Shea

B. Garage Sale- June 26th chaired by Anne Shea

- Things are going well
- Discussions of tables, marquee, hanging racks, shopping bags, possible use of flags/signs
- Anne requested that she have access to the gym and Michelle will assist with that
- Anne said volunteers are stepping forward but we need more
- Discussion of big items and possible pick-up-group not sure if that is a good idea
- Several individuals volunteered to make phone calls or send emails to remind people about Garage Sale and ask for help
- Reiterated that donations would count as 1 service hour-discussion still on going about how many service hours to credit for donations
- Goal is to get those who donate to “stay and help!”

C. Awards- update

PTO Leadership Award - Paula Beals

- Might be a good idea to begin the process earlier this year-April?
- 8-9 teachers were on the nominations committee and nominated students
- Students presented 2 letters of recommendation, one a teacher and one from the community
- Deserving student won award-Matt Lang
- \$500 check was presented to Matt Lang for use at his chosen high school as well as a trophy and his name was/will be engraved on a plaque in the school
- Tim Bush coordinated process and did a good job

D. PTO Events

- Discussion of Trivia Night
 - the Exlines wouldn't mind not having it this year due to the amount of work involved in planning and executing event
 - maybe have an event that is more family friendly?
 - the fact that Monster Mash is only a few weeks prior to Trivia Night was mentioned
 - teachers are in charge of trivia night, so it is likely that they will make the decision to continue it or not
- Discussion of Chili Cook Off
 - do we continue this or do we add it as part of the Monster Mash?
 - Kathie suggested we add chili to the menu for Monster Mash and many agreed
- Discussion of Directory
 - all agreed that format was good
 - most liked the folder format
 - Sharon will contact Jessica and confirm that we will handle the directory in the same manner next year
 - Sharon will make sure an auction page and PTO page are included
 - Michelle said things went well last year with compiling of all the info
 - PTO has budget to fund supplies
- Discussion of New Family Mentor Night
 - most PTO members were not aware this was planned for June 29th
 - Michelle said PTO should have a presence there
 - event will likely be moved to the end of July due to many families being on vacation in June and early July
 - Beth and Anne indicated that they had many questions as new kindergarten parents
 - they were asked to get together and give PTO a list of questions that can be addressed that evening

New Business:

A. Positions for 2010-2011 PTO Board:

- Jennifer Faulk has one year left as Teacher Rep.
- Another teacher is to be appointed by Michelle Boyd

B. Strategic Planning Committee-Paula

-A strategic planning team was formed last month and a contract has been made with Institute of School and Parish Development to create a dynamic vision, long range plan, for St Monica Parish. This plan will be developed through input from many St Monica Committees and each parishioner. The goals will be outlined by January 2011. The core team of 18 people will keep committees and parishioners informed of updates. Input sessions will take place in August so parishioners can share thoughts and ideas about our parish, our ministries and our direction. Invitations to these input sessions will be communicated in various ways, including personal phone calls. Core Team members, Michelle Boyd, John Gamble and Paula Beals will keep PTO informed and act as link for school parents.

C. PTO Role/Events

-Michelle suggested that PTO assist with pick-up and drop off procedures at the beginning of the school year

-Maybe have parents volunteer to stand in lots before and after school to direct traffic?

-Hether suggested laminated signs that could be used in the future

Good of the Cause: Anne Shea shared a family story about overcoming obstacles

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Next meeting, Tuesday, August 3rd at Kathie's House