



***2009-2010 St. Monica PTO***  
**GENERAL PTO MEETING**  
**August 17, 2009**

The General PTO Meeting was called to order at 10:35a.m. in the Downstairs Lounge of the Family Center.

Pat McCain began the meeting with a special toast for the “New Year”, welcomed all in attendance and introduced the 2009-2010 PTO Board. Approximately 55 people attended. Introduced were Craig Lengyl and Barbara Malin with the School Advisory Committee (SAC), Chris Pointsatte with the Dad’s Club, Principal Pat Dulac, Assistant Principal Camille Antes and Nancy Poinatte.

Anne Perez gave an opening prayer.

**President’s Report – Pat McCain**

Pat thanked Eileen Garvey for her hard work in keeping with a New Year theme. She reminded all in attendance about St. Monica’s Mission Statement and then introduced the Board members. This year begins the ‘tightening’ up of safety on the school campus. As of September 8, 2009, all parents will be required to have their badges. Pat reminded everyone the schedule for safe environment training is posted on the school website and especially encouraged the new parents to begin the process. The PTO will be creating their own website this year with pertinent links such as spirit store, volunteer opportunities and online directory. Hopefully the site will be in place in the next couple of months. She also distributed PTO note cards to be used by all when thanking people that have helped them along the way. She reminded everyone about the PTO’s contribution to the new Play Ground in the amount of \$55,000 and hopes that our budget will allow another large donation to the school at the end of the year.

**Library Presentation – Nancy Poinatte**

Nancy spoke about the planned changes and improvements the school hopes to make to the library. It is felt that the beautiful space is not being utilized to its fullest potential. The new plans call for age appropriate areas with seating and user friendly library stacks. Computers would be moved to an open area so students could utilize them in their searches. The circulation desk would also be moved and made more accessible to the students. The hope is to remodel during the summer of 2010 and be open for the beginning of the 2010-11 school year. Financing will be sought through grants, donations and – possibly – the PTO.

### **Dad's Club – Chris Poinsette**

Chris spoke about the Dad's Club and their contribution to St. Monica with sweat equity, Dads socialization and fund raising through Casino Night, scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2010. He invited all new Dads to join them on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Sparkman Pool Meeting Room. This year's first meeting is on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. He reminded everyone that they have a website and information can be seen via the Dad's Club egroup. A new event for the Dad's Club will be welcoming the troops home on Martin Luther King Day in January. Their first large event will be recruiting/staffing for Autumnfest.

### **Autumnfest – Deanna Walker**

Deanna gave us a comprehensive report about Autumnfest scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2009. Her committee started the summer in June with a kick off party seeking Underwriters for this year's event. Several changes have been made to this year's format: hours will be from 12 noon -9 p.m.; there will be a live band, the Rusty Brothers, from 7 -9 and adult beverages will be available for purchase; new games have been planned; a candy wheel has been added; volunteers in the lower grades will only need 1 adult per hour. The biggest change is there will not be any baskets or \$1 raffles. The committee has gone to a traditional raffle situation with 6 to 7 theme packages available with a value of \$1500-2000. Families will be encouraged to buy and sell raffle tickets during a three week period with incentives for ticket sales.

### **Officer Reports**

**President Elect – Anne Perez** spoke about a New Comers guide that was being developed for the new families. When finished, it will be sent out via email.

**Treasurer – Sally Wengierski** said the budget is still being tweaked and will be ready for the PTO to vote on in the September meeting. She reminded everyone about reimbursement forms that are available both at the front desk and on the web. Autumnfest forms will be in a different format this year.

**Secretary – Laura Williamson** reminded everyone that babysitting would be by RSVP.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President (PK thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) – Juliet Erwin** reminded everyone that the Kinder-5<sup>th</sup> grade coffee would be on Wednesday, Aug. 19 from 7:30-9:00 in the library. Home Room Parent selection would be on Monday, Aug. 24 at 9:00 in the Family Center and Back to School Night for Kinder-2<sup>nd</sup> would be at 7:00 on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The first day for preschool 3's, 4's and DK is August 31 and the other 3's class is September 1 with their coffee scheduled for September 1<sup>st</sup>. She introduced any Grade Level Reps in attendance.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade) – Kathie Wood** spoke about the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Mother Daughter tea scheduled for Sunday, August 23. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Back to School Night would be Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Third grade had cafeteria and playground duty for the month of September. She also introduced her grade level Reps.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade) – Stephanie Nelson** reminded everyone of the 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade coffee to be held in the library on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Back to School Night for the Middle School is scheduled on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Stephanie introduced her Grade Level Reps.

**Principal - Pat Dulac**

Mrs. Dulac welcomed us all back to school and thanked the PTO for all it has done and continues to do. She also emphasized the importance of having a hard badge. The school will not allow parents to volunteer, help with parties or chaperone without a badge this year.

**Closing Remarks – Pat McCain**

Pat reminded everyone about the busy schedule on Tuesday, August 18 with Meet the Teachers, Used Uniform Sale and the opening of the Spirit Store. She also thanked Judy Curtis and Diana Eppard for their hard work at the New Family Party on August 16<sup>th</sup> and invited everyone to Father Bierschenk's blessing of the new playground at 9:00 on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

A drawing was held and Nathalie Anderson won.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2009 in the Downstairs Lounge of the Family Center beginning at 12 noon.