

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

The minutes from the Jan. 28, 2008 meeting were read and approved.

Theresa Hacker reported on the balance of the PTO account as of April 7, 2008 was \$44,658.50 with two additional payments needing to be deducted - one for \$6250 (the PTO pledge) and the other for \$10,000 for tuition assistance which will bring our balance to \$28,408.50. This balance is before any profits from the golf tournament.

There was much discussion about the possibility of raising the tuition. A motion was made for an increase of \$100 a year, or \$8 a month by Pam Logullo and Dawn Uribe. The motion carried with all in favor. There was a discussion about the criteria for tuition assistance involving the tuition increase, and it was decided that the same guidelines would apply in all circumstances. The current guidelines include income, multiple children, and special circumstances, etc. **PLEASE NOTE:** following the March School Board meeting, the decision was made NOT to increase tuition this next school year because of the large increase for the 2007 -2008 school year amounting to \$520.

Galen Mahle thanked Steve Whritenour for coaching the track team. Galen also said although the volleyball season was plagued by cancellations due to the weather the overall season was successful! Galen thanked everyone for their help throughout the year!

Jennifer Castellari reported that the next Market Day pickup is April 17th and that the average profit per month is between three and four hundred dollars. Our YTD profit is \$6135.12 and June will be our last month till the new school year.

The date for Trivia Night will be Feb.21, 2009, because the second Saturday is Valentine's Day. David Ford will continue to help with Trivia Night, however, the PTO will need to come up with a chairperson to oversee this one night event.

Kathy Shaw reported that we have 53 paid sponsors so far and we should have close to 70 by the tournament. Two sponsors paid \$150 and Schmidt Chevrolet paid for 3 holes. Jack Graham donated the can coolies and the tees were donated by a friend of the Shaws. Door prizes are still needed along with good weather!

Summer Payne reported the first Fish Fry for the 2008 -2009 school year will be during Autumn Fest Sept. 12th, 2008.

After much discussion, a motion made by Kathy Shaw carried with all in favor to sell Kathryn Beich candy bars in August 2008. **PLEASE NOTE:** Sister Barbara learned that Kathryn Beich merged with another company. She was told that after the 2009 -2010 they would not be selling any \$1 bars. They will all be \$2 bars. She also learned that their boxes are smaller quantity and smaller profit margins meaning less profit. Therefore, she is looking into some other alternatives and will discuss this with the PTO board.

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It was decided to have a Sports Banquet on May 12, 2008 at 6 pm.

Field Day will be May 30th. Michelle Kiendl reported a profit of \$1400 from the pizza fundraiser. We will be able to rent four inflatables for just under \$400. We also purchased 25 pizzas for the students to eat for lunch on Field Day. Michele suggested purchasing tye-dyed t-shirts for the students to wear that day and all were in favor. More information will follow in the family envelope.

Kathy Shaw made a motion to continue the pizza fundraiser next year for the same purpose and the motion carried with all in favor.

The new officers for the 2008-2009 school year are as follows: PRESIDENT: Susan Niepoetter, VICE-PRESIDENT: Joe Ray, SECRETARY: Teresa Garcia, TREASURER: Theresa Hacker. Congratulations to all and thanks to Christina Feig for serving a 2 year term.

Sister Barbara showed us the advertisement that will run at the movie theater and the calendar for next school year. School begins on August 21 and the Easter (Spring) Break will only be 3 days – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. However, there will be a **TWO** week Christmas break.

Father Justin Olisaemeka thanked the teachers, staff, and parents for their hard work and dedication! Father announced that God had answered our prayers because we already have 11 Kindergarten students for next year!

Neal Zelasko asked the PTO if they would consider sponsoring a baseball team or at the very least letting his team use the St. Mary name. It was decided that if the Diocese would allow a team to wear our name (even if it wasn't a school sponsored sport), the PTO would only sponsor 1 team a year. Sister Barbara will check with the Diocese tomorrow. **PLEASE NOTE:** The decision was that **NO SPORTS' TEAM** can be sponsored by or wears SMS shirts unless they are through the school's sports program.

The auction committee reported that \$35,000 worth of items had already been donated. Jan Hawkins and Neal Zelasko made a motion to purchase an elite raffle ticket from the PTO funds.

Christina Feig thanked Sister Barbara for all her hard work and dedication through her years of service to SMS.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,
Teresa Garcia
(Secretary PTO)