



## St. Paul of the Cross Home and School Association

January 21, 2010

### Home & School Officers

President – Jill Munce - present

Vice President – Barb Garvey - present

Treasurer – Chris Minasian - absent

Corresponding Secretary – Leah Wolfe - present

Recording Secretary – Clare Boehmer – present

Mrs. Lorelei Bobroff, Principal

Mrs. Carol McClay, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Bobroff opened the meeting in prayer.

Jill Munce called the meeting to order.

### **School Update from the Principal**

Mrs. Bobroff stated that *Waste Free Wednesdays* are going very well. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade SPC students participated in the Future Cities competition and placed **First** in the regional competition as well as receiving additional awards in various areas of the competition. SPC students will compete in the national competition held in Washington, DC in April. Additionally, the students will receive a proclamation from the Mayor of Park Ridge.

On Saturday, January 16, SPC Girl Scouts participated in the Feed My Starving Children organization and made over 16,000 food packets which will be sent to Haiti.

An initial school budget conversation will begin at the next school board meeting on January 26.

The school technology committee is working on updating/upgrading SPC school website. Teacher pages are now being updated monthly.

This year's Lenten Mission collection will be donated to an orphanage in Haiti. Canisters will be placed in classrooms soon. Specific information will be forthcoming.

**Financial Report** – Chris Minasian

Fundraising is on track for 2009-2010 and profits are similar to last year. We expect to raise approximately \$28,000 this year. Family donations this year's Holiday Faculty Fund were generous. Approximately \$23,000 was collected. Each teacher received approximately \$450. Thank you to Leah Wolfe for coordinating this effort.

**District 64 Liaison** – Cathy Balentine

District 64 is sponsoring a spelling bee. Interested District 64 residents can contact the district directly for information. A spelling bee at SPC will be considered for next year.

**Programs** – Amy Bartucci and Jamie Hasemeier

Three stories were chosen from entries submitted to the Child's Play story writing program and will be performed at the all school assembly on February 4. Two performances will be held; one at 9:00 AM for Pk-4 and the second at 10:00 AM for grades 5-8. There are 16 students who will receive honorable mentions for their submissions.

Future parent programs are being explored.

**FUNDRAISING**

**Advent Calendars** – Katie Rathslag

No report. Many thanks to Katie Rathslag for chairing this fundraiser over the years. A chair is needed for 2010-2012 school years.

**Book Fair** - Clare Boehmer, Flo Kiokemeister, Chris Minasian and JoJo Sanfratello

Book sales at the book fair held at Barnes & Noble on Sunday, December 13 totaled 11,340.82. SPC's profit was \$2268.16. Chairpersons are needed for the 2010-2012 school years.

**Book Sox** – Silvana Fischer

No report.

**Box Tops** – Debbie Busam

No report.

**Celebrating the Spirit Benefit** – Aileen Battistoni and Kelly Brown

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 at the Park Ridge Country Club. Parent Grade Socials have been well attended. Committees are busy at work with exciting activities for this year's event. Fundraisers will include opportunities to win student/class artwork, cash raffle, etc. A book describing the many opportunities to cash in on these wonderful opportunities will be available prior to the event so you can plan ahead! There is still time to purchase a 2010 Calendars in the school office or you can contact Aileen Battistoni or Kelly Brown to purchase your copy today. They make great gifts as well as keepsakes. Detailed information will be forthcoming regarding raffle and event ticket purchases.

**Fun Fair** - Carol Iacullo and Aileen O'Malley

No report. New chairpersons are needed for the 2010-2012 school years.

**Innisbrook** - JoJo Sanfratello

No report. New chairpersons are needed for the 2010-2012 school years.

**Restaurant Fundraisers** – Julianne McDermott and Loretta O’Malley

The January fundraiser at Tasty Pup netted approximately \$300 in profit for SPC. Many thanks to those families who participated. Future fundraisers are as follows: Morettis (February 2), Baked by Betsy (March 2-3). Need a sweet treat for a future date; i.e. First Communion, Mother’s Day, etc? Place and prepay for any future orders at Baked by Betsy on March 2-3 and it will qualify for fundraising profits! Further information to follow via the Thursday email AlertNow.

Please note that as with every school fundraiser, the goal is school support. The dollar level is not as important as it is for students and families to get out and support the effort. That might mean buying the family dinner once-a-month, or just stopping in for an ice cream cone, or even buying a pop. These local restaurant proprietors are willing to donate 10%, 15%, or more in some cases, of their sales back to our school. Every dollar you spend translates to funds that our school can use. Every receipt, no matter how big or small, adds up! In order to get an out-of-uniform pass you must participate in that month's restaurant fundraiser and bring in your receipt. (Bringing in canned goods for the food pantry does not make a student eligible for the fundraisers' out-of-uniform incentive. That was offered as a one-time option at the holidays.) And remember, one receipt can be copied for every sibling to use for the Out-of-Uniform Day.

**School Supplies** – Debby Usher

No report.

**Shop and Share** – Julie Sullivan

The December Shop and Share was not as profitable as in the past. Please remember to print future Shop and Share vouchers from the SPC website.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEES**

**Directory** – Judy Powers and Marianne Armstrong

No report.

**Green Bag Lunch** – Beth DiMeo, Patti Kelly, Peggy Prendergast

SPC students are still participating in Green Bag Lunch. Information is available via the SPC website.

**Hot Lunch** – Angela May, Kelly Spanos and Jen Svanacini

The pizza hot lunch on Friday, January 15 went well. The dessert treats were donated by Noodles & Company located in Uptown. Please continue to support the local vendors that support our school!

**Information Fair** – Julianne McDermott

No report. New chairperson(s) are needed for the 2010-2012 school years.

**Jr. High/Elementary Volunteers** – Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Foy

No report.

**Room Parents** – Liz Meyer and Missy Meyer

No change for next year.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEES**

### **Family Ski Trip** - Veronica Kohlendorfer and Carolyn Wine

The ski trip went smoothly and everyone seemed to think it was a success. Over 60 families attended with 140 skiers purchasing lift tickets thru St. Paul H & S. New chairperson(s) are needed for the 2010-2012 school years.

### **Hospitality** – Aileen O’Malley

Teacher soup lunches are still being provided. Contact Aileen O’Malley if you’re interested in donating a soup, bread or dessert. The SPC Home & School Association will provide a Teacher Appreciation Lunch on February 3. A hot dog lunch will be provided by the SPC Home & School Association to all students, faculty, maintenance and rectory staff on Thursday, February 4 for Student Appreciation Day. The lunch will consist of one hot dog, bag of chips and a dilly bar.

## **OTHER SCHOOL COMMITTEES**

### **80’s Prom** – Jacqui Crawford and Julieanne McDermott

The “Prom” will be held on January 30, 2010 in the Morello Parish Life Center. Tickets are \$30 pp and include: one drink, chili, Italian sausage, pasta, pizza bread, salad and dessert. Additional beverages can be purchased: beer & wine \$3 ea, soda and water \$1 ea. Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday after school and on Saturday. Contact Jacqui Crawford, Stephanie Debon or Julianne McDermott for more information or tickets.

### **Ad Hoc** – Barb Garvey

Do you want to get involved in St. Paul of the Cross School events but don’t know how to get started. Contact Barb Garvey. The SPC Home & School Association encourages all parents to get involved.

### **Market Day** – Leanne Bertucci, Mary Purciarello and Tammy Sidner

Sales are the same as last year. Market Day order forms are available in the church and will continue to be sent home or via marketday.com.

### **Market Research**

No report.

### **TRIP** - Margaret Coyle, Chrissy Romano and Karen Reardon

The first semester of getting SPC families up and running with using an online gift order site is a success! There are nearly 75 families and faculty/staff signed up with [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com).

We have sold \$120,450.03 worth of merchandise since the beginning of the 2009/10 school year. Families have earned \$6907.31 in rebates. Twenty percent of this totaling \$1,381.45 is retained for administrative fees for the school.

Nearly ten families accrued at least \$300 in rebates. One family’s participation resulted in over \$500 in rebates.

Many families have commented on how easy it is to use the online program. They have also commented that if you pay attention to the rebate percentages that it can really pay off when they are shopping. For example, Fannie May, Land’s End and L.L. Bean offer some of the highest percentages. A shopper using the cards can save 15 to 25% automatically.

**Spirit Day** – Sheri Gibbons and Kim Soifer

Suggestions will be presented to SPC Home & School Association and Mrs. Bobroff in February.

**Vision/Hearing** – Aileen O’Malley

Funding from Cook County has been cut for this year. SPC applied for funding for next year. The paperwork has been submitted to Lutheran General to see if we can receive services from them. Information will follow as it becomes available.

Adjourned at 9:06 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Clare Boehmer  
Recording Secretary