

SCM Parent Service Organization (PSO)

January 19, 2024

PSO Mission Statement: The mission of the PSO is to enhance the educational environment of St. Catherine's Montessori while building community through family involvement and service.

Attendance: Vy Collett, Mary Tysor, Tracey Ledoux, Devin Weiss, Lyndsey Ray, Mercedes Reynal, Karine Schepers Cheng, Kelly Cheng, Nicole Luijer, Monica and Phong Tang, Adam Bayer, Kelly Bruso

Meeting Minutes

1. Opening Prayer

- a. Monica gave opening prayer

2. Welcome and Announcements

- a. Vy reviewed the PSO Mission Statement

3. Treasurer's Report - Mary Tysor

- a. \$4000 starting budget; Current balance \$2021.29
- b. Notable Expenses:
 - i. Faculty and Staff luncheon expenses = \$1436 (includes \$315 cash donation & in-kind donation \$540)
 - ii. Works of Mercy: new Xmas tree purchased for \$229, so we are over budget by \$129

A total of \$109.95 purchase of poinsettias for bookfair, Christmas concert and faculty and staff appreciation luncheon was allocated to Friends of the Arts and Faculty & Staff Appreciation Luncheon committees. (Amount was already allocated at the time of PSO meeting today.)

4. Committee Reports

- a. Friends of the Arts – Monica
 - i. Monica will look into getting a tree company to provide greenery for xmas concert next year
 - ii. Spring music events with Ms. Snow are in planning mode
- b. Friends of Athletics – Kristin
 - i. Steps for Students is Feb 10th and pancake breakfast by HS immediately following in school gym
- c. Friends of Atrium – Catherine
 - i. The Dominican Study Group will resume this spring. All welcome. See Globe for details.
 - ii. Eucharistic ministers are needed for mass.
- d. Friends of Garden – Devin, Christie, Adam, Kelly

- i. 4H started this year – doing community service, public speaking, and photography. They are choosing officers.
 - 1. National 4H is doing a food drive as they do every year around super bowl. It is not a SCM initiative, but there was some confusion about whether it was SCM event or national 4H event.
 - ii. Planting project near pond is underway. AC has participated but it will be a community wide project.
 - iii. Garden day: April 27th
 - iv. Parent teaching day about Native Plants on January 23
- e. Friends of Library – Karine
 - i. Everything is going well. Book fair went well. Raised less than last year, but received \$1078 eligible rewards came in (total sales = \$4813)
 - ii. They have enough volunteers, but more are always welcome.
 - iii. Considering other vendors like Scholastic or Usborne. Literati had too many issues and limited selection.
- f. Book club – Nicole
 - i. Next book is the *Emotional Lives of Teenagers* by Lisa Damour and book club will meet 1/26 in gym.
- g. Faculty and Staff Appreciation Committee – Mary
 - i. Went great. Lindsay said it was beautiful and thoughtful. The theme of luncheon was “joy.” Volunteers were wonderful (Monica, Phong, Doug, Mercedes, Brooke, Catherine, Jazmine, and others.
 - ii. Childcare worked out well for luncheon.
 - iii. Chili Luncheon is coming in February. Mary will send out the Sign Up Genius to sign up for making chili.
- h. Potlucks – Tracey
 - No report
- i. Ambassadors – Mary
- j. No report
- k. Fall Fest – Jaime and Sabina
 - No report
- l. Spring Fling – Adam
 - i. Nothing much yet, but 4H would like a table and the new grounds service will have a table.
 - ii. Book trade table was requested
 - iii. Will invite the compost company again too

- m. Works of Mercy – Mary
 - i. Looking for a philanthropy type of event or partnership to do every spring. We have annual initiatives for Casa de Esperanza in summer and fall/winter, but now looking for something for spring (maybe Casa de Juan Diego?). Other idea was to have one “volunteer” day when everyone is encouraged to go out and do their own volunteer work as a family.
- n. Sociables – Lyndsey
 - i. Vy explained what sociables are.
 - ii. Lindsey will send Mercedes the list. She joined SCM in October, so she missed all the sociable sign ups.
 - iii. This weekend – Breathwork, Mom’s and Martinis, and Smart Core Labs
- o. Steps for Students – Nadia
 - i. Nothing to note

- 5. Old Business – None**
- 6. New Business - none**
- 7. Q&A - None**
- 8. Adjournment at 8:55a**

Minutes submitted by Tracey Ledoux 1.19.2024