

SCM Parent Service Organization (PSO)

March 22, 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: Jeb Bertolatus, Kelly Cheng, Nicole Luijer, Vy Collett, Jaime Middleton, Lyndsey Ray, Kelley Bruso, Mary Tysor, Angela Fowler, Catherine Barber, Tracey Ledoux, Adam Bayer, Devin Weiss, Edith Napoleon, Matthew Millik, Candace McCaddon, Stacy Tunggadjoya, Jelani Kendrick, Kristin Zipple-Shedd, Taj Abou Harb.

Meeting Minutes

1. Opening Prayer

- a. **Matt did opening prayer**

2. Treasurer's Report - Mary Tysor

- a. Budget started at \$4,315 between school funds and donation. We have spent \$2,344.05 and now have a balance of \$1,970.95.
- b. Please turn in receipts ASAP as the end of the school year approaches.
- c. There is a link on the SCM PSO website to submit receipts.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Friends of the Arts – Candace
 - i. Singing Valentine's were big success. Nothing else to report.
- b. Friends of Athletics – Kristin
- c. Friends of Atrium – Catherine
 - i. School mass 4/29 for Catherine of Siena.
 - ii. Need extraordinary ministers of holy communion
 - iii. Dominican Study group will meet again
 - iv. Rosary and meditation are planned as well
- d. Friends of Garden – Devin, Christie, Adam, Kelley
 - i. Tuesday 4/16 – parent education seminar – Cosmic education and Dominican values in relation to environmental stewardship
 - ii. Spring work day 4/27
 - iii. Prairie restoration program ongoing
- e. Friends of Library – Karine
 - i. No updates
 - ii. There are enough volunteers to help Melissa
 - iii. Considering another book fair for primary level

- f. Book club – Nicole & Edith
 - i. Friday 4/12
 - ii. Book: *Catholic All Year*. It's about celebrating Catholicism all year.
- g. Faculty and Staff Appreciation Committee – Mary
 - i. Dessert Soiree – 5/9
 - ii. Week of 5/6 is Teacher Appreciation week throughout Houston
 - iii. There is leftover money in this budget, so Mary will think about a small event or gifts before end of year.
- h. Potlucks – Tracey
 - No report
- i. Ambassadors – Mary
- j. No report
- k. Fall Fest – Jaime and Sabina
 - No report
- l. Spring Fling – Adam
 - i. Interest in standard tables and participation are expected
 - ii. Spring Fling is 5/4, so families will be encouraged to dress up or honor the “May the 4th Be With You” theme from Star Wars be included for fun.
- m. Works of Mercy – Mary
 - i. Mary trying to set up a relationship with Casa Juan Diego, which helps refugees and immigrants. They provide food, housing, clothing, and support to these families. Exploring options for an event with Casa Juan Diego that could occur every spring. The dates Casa Juan Diego has open this year do not work with our school schedule, but Mary is going to talk to Lina about an event we could do this spring only at the school.
- n. Sociables – Lyndsey
 - i. Tie Dye and Holi Festival of Color and Capture the Flag and Mother's Day Tea are the only remaining Sociables left for this year.
 - ii. So far we have earned maybe about \$13,245 from Sociables this year. This money goes into the operating budget. The focus is on building community not the financial piece.
- o. Steps for Students – Nadia
 - i. No updates

4. Announcements

- a. PSO volunteer breakfast is 4/10

- b. Great Conversations – 4/20 at Giant Texas Distillers. Proceeds are to purchase playground equipment. Tickets open.
- c. Grandparents Day – RSVP deadline is 3/25 and event is 3/28

5. Old Business – None

6. New Business

- a. Invitation for attendees to nominate chairs and officers for next year

7. Q&A

- a. There will be school events on the solar eclipse day. Parents will have to sign a waiver to allow kids outside with glasses.

8. Adjournment at

Minutes submitted by Tracey Ledoux 3.22.24