

PSO Meeting Agenda and Minutes

11/14/2025

The mission of the Parent Service Organization (PSO) is to enhance and support the educational environment of St. Catherine's Montessori by building community through family involvement and service.

In attendance: Nadia Ali, Catherine Barber, Samantha Edussuriya, Mary Gibson, Douglas Haskovec, Stephanie Landis, Tracey Ledoux, Nicole Luijer, Misty Matin, Jesus Mayorga, Michelle Mayorga, Candace McCaddon, Jaime Middleton, Edith Napoleon, Nicole Nathoo, Briseida Palacios, Karine Schepers-Cheng, Mary Tysor, Devin Weiss, Lyndsey Ray

- Welcome and reading of mission - Karine
 - The meeting began at 8:24 am
- Opening prayer - Catherine
- New business - Karine
 - Announcement of PSO officers for 2026-2027
 - Catherine Barber, President
 - Candace McCaddon, Secretary
 - Nicole Luijer, Treasurer
- Treasurer's report and current budget - Candace
 - \$4675 budget for 2025-2026
 - \$981.10 spent to date
 - Reminder: Please submit reimbursement requests online through the parent portal!
- PSO Committee reports and upcoming events
 - Friends of the Arts - Tracey, Jaime
 - The Christmas concert will take place on December 12.
 - Volunteers needed December 11-12 to decorate the gym.
 - New decorations have been purchased!
 - Friends of the Garden will provide natural elements to help beautify the gym for this event.
 - Commercial activities (Hive, Nest, etc.) will take place in the hall rather than in the gym during the event.
 - Classy, festive attire is requested. 😊
 - No after-school rehearsal on concert day.
 - Friends of Athletics - Nadia, Kristin
 - Basketball season is underway!

- All are strongly encouraged to attend games and/or volunteer (e.g., for concessions), even if your child doesn't play in the sport. This is a great way to support students and build community but also an opportunity for lower school families to observe upper school students in action!
- Nadia and Team Parent will leverage SCM on the Whim to create a signup genius and send to the entire community. Included in the email is that it is a great way to observe upper school students and learn more about our school through their actions, as well!
- High school games are at 5:30pm.
- Steps 4 Students: February 14. Registration is underway. The SCM t-shirt contest is open through January 6.
- Friends of the Atrium - Laura, Mary, Catherine
 - Atrium workdays: No special skills are required. It is light crafting work (painting, gluing, cutting, etc).
 - November 14, 12:30-2:00: Prepare Advent projects that children complete in the Atrium.
 - December 12th: 12:30-2:00: Pack the completed project.
 - Rosary will be offered on December 12.
 - The next school Mass takes place on November 21.
 - Dominican Study Group: All are strongly encouraged to attend, regardless of faith background. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Atrium, our school's Dominican heritage, etc.
 - The October meeting involved a lesson from Sr. Theresa Josephine on the Mass.
 - Our next meeting will take place on January 29 and will feature Sr. Carol Mayes.
- Friends of the Garden - Candace, Devin
 - The next work day will be at Japhet campus on November 21.
 - The next teaching day will be in early 2026.
- Friends of the Library - Mercedes, Jazmin, Hailey, Nicole
 - Book Fair: December 8-12
 - Volunteers are needed; please sign up via the link in the Globe (11/12).
- Book Club - Edith, Angela
 - The first book ("When you wonder, you're learning") was well-received.
 - January 30: "Dream school" - finding the right college for your child.
- Fall Fest - Jonica, Michelle
 - Great success, despite the weather!
- SCM on a Whim - Molly
- Works of Mercy - Mary

- Casa de Esperanza pajama drive will be set up November 19 in the Welcome Center. Please bring PJ donations back to school beginning December 1, with a hard deadline on December 8.
 - 120 children will benefit from this project!
 - Additional needs are listed in the 11/12 Globe.
- Announcements:
 - Looking ahead: Mark your calendars for the 60th anniversary gala, February 6, 2027
 - Reminders from Development: The end-of-year giving period is coming up. Participation is just as important as the size of donations!
- Adjournment - Karine
 - 9:09 AM

Submitted by Catherine R. Barber, PSO Secretary