

PSO Meeting Minutes

3/27/2026

In attendance: Sabrina Abdulla, Heather Alexander Dahl, Catherine Barber, Mercedes de Alvear, Samantha Edussuriya, Laura Haskovec, Nicole Holub, Stephanie Landis, Tracey Ledoux, Jesus Mayorga, Michelle Mayorga, Candace McCaddon, Briseida Palacios, Andal Radhakrishnan, Lyndsey Ray, Karine Schepers-Cheng, Renee Smith, Mary Tysor, Michelle Verduzco, Devin Weiss

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.

- Welcome and reading of mission - Karine
 - The meeting opened at 8:20 AM.
 - Introductions of attendees
- Opening prayer - Karine
- Treasurer's report and current budget - Candace
 - Current balance: \$3,423.44.
 - Please submit expenses for reimbursement and in-kind amounts for record-keeping.
- Old business and reminders - Karine
 - Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day: April 2 at 9-11 AM.
 - Announcements for the Globe should be sent to globe@stcathmont.org.
- PSO Committee reports and upcoming events
 - Friends of the Arts - Tracey, Jaime
 - Currently inquiring whether there will be a spring concert; stay tuned.
 - Friends of Athletics - Nadia, Kristin
 - Come out and support the SCM teams, including varsity soccer and track!
 - Friends of the Atrium - Laura, Mary, Catherine
 - Rosary will be on May 1 after drop-off.
 - Atrium work day will be May 1 at 1:00-2:30.
 - Dominican Study Group meeting occurred on March 5, with great attendance. We might have one more session before the end of the year, focusing on supporting our children in their prayer life. Date and specifics TBD.
 - Friends of the Garden - Candace, Devin
 - Spring gardening day is on April 18.
 - To prepare the grounds for Spring Fling, attendees will do light gardening, stick collection, mulching, etc.
 - Tools are provided!

- Friends of the Library - Mercedes, Jazmin, Hailey, Nicole
- Book Club - Edith, Angela
 - The next meeting is April 24.
 - The book selection is TBA; please send suggestions to Karine (psa@stcathmont.org) ASAP.
- Faculty and Staff Appreciation - Mary
 - The end-of-year appreciation luncheon is May 29.
 - Numerous volunteers are needed to make this beautiful event a success!
 - Please sign up for a slot. Babysitting (by AC 9th years + a few parents) for faculty and staff children will be available; some spots are also available for volunteers' children, though volunteers are encouraged to make alternative arrangements for their children if possible.
- Sociables - Molly, Ami
 - Please see the calendar for upcoming events.
- Spring Fling - Nicole, Briseida
 - This event is a potluck that will take place on April 25.
 - This year, the school will provide a selection of dessert and popsicles. Families are encouraged to bring dishes other than desserts to help with variety!
 - Volunteers are needed, and there are numerous options for helping; please sign up through the link provided in the Globe.
 - If anyone has yard games to share (e.g., corn hole, giant Jenga), bring these! Parents are also encouraged to participate in these activities, too.
 - Suggestion: Have an area with picnic blankets away from the "active" play zone. This may be enticing to the adolescents in attendance.
 - Consistent with Montessori tenets, the entire community should feel empowered to support safety, social cohesion, and care of the environment through simple, clear directions to children as needed.
 - Raffle gift donations are needed! If you would like to donate a small gift (e.g., gift certificate, tangible items), please contact Mary Tysor.
- Announcements and new business
 - PSO volunteer breakfast will be April 10 after drop-off. All parents are welcome! Challenge yourself to bring a friend to this event.
 - Please share ideas for next year's Sociables with Renee Smith.
- Adjournment - Karine adjourned at 9:21 AM.

Submitted by Catherine Barber, 4/2/26