

## **Mothers' Club Minutes**

### **May 13, 2010**

Our May meeting was our banquet at Mokka on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by the President, Phyllis Yeager, and Kara Leberecht led us in prayer before dinner.

**Secretary's Report** - None given

**Vice President's Report** – None given.

**Treasurer's Report** – None given.

**Principal's Report** – None given.

(In case you are wondering, this is just a meeting to wrap things up, congratulations and thanks are extended and a night of relaxation is intended more than taking care of business.)

The Ways and Means threw a great party with a Lucky Loser game. All those in attendance had their name put into a basket and every third name drawn, won a lottery ticket. (The other two names were losers.)

#### **New Business**

**Next Years' Officers** – President Phyllis Yeager announced that the officers from this year will be returning with the exception of Vice President Carla Bartels, who will not be returning next year. We have not had anyone volunteer, yet, for that position. If anyone is interested, please contact Phyllis Yeager.

**Thanks** to the Ways and Means committee for planning the wonderful banquet. The food was delicious and the chocolate fountain was a great dessert! Also, thanks to the School Board members and Teachers who have joined us for the evening.

**Prayers** were requested for the girls and Notre Dame families affected by the recent car accident.

**Liza Costigan Award** will be awarded at Mass on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** – would like to thank all who purchased flowers from their flower sale fundraiser. They are all looking forward to their class trip to Indianapolis on Wed., May 19<sup>th</sup> and graduation on Wed., May 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Ways & Means –**

**Perfect Attendance Awards** - \$75 towards students' fees for the 2010/2011 school year were awarded to Kara Leberecht, Christine Doeker and Phyllis Yeager.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mom** – Moms who were saying goodbye to the Mother's Club as their last child graduates from St. Therese at the end of this month were honored with a nice gift. Many thanks to Marilyn Goldstein and Paula Bogart for the many, many contributions to the Mothers' Club functions and the school over the past years. We wish your children the best of luck and will miss you, Marilyn and Paula!

**Prior to adjourning** the meeting, Phyllis Yeager passed out a very meaningful paper on motherhood titled, "Invisible Mothers..." for all to read. What a nice way to end the school year! The first meeting for the next school year will be at the end of August. The date will be announced at the parent meeting before school starts. We want to focus on encouraging other mothers to join us next year.

Submitted by Julie Bertsch, Secretary

## St. Therese Mothers' Club Minutes

### April 27, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by President Phyllis Yeager in the undercroft. Ms. O'Leary led us in prayer.

**Secretary's Report** – Motion by Carolyn Eviston and seconded by Jodi Vice to approve the minutes from the last meeting as prepared by Julie Bertsch, Secretary, and then passed by vote.

**Vice President's Report** – No report for this month.

**Treasurer's Report** was handed out by Kim Wood. The beginning balance was \$34,902.39. The closing balance was \$26,957.25. The decrease was primarily due to half of the profits from the Spring Social going to St. Therese School. The available funds balance was \$23,749.27. (Money is always kept aside to cover our known expenses.) A motion to accept the correction was made by Tracy Osburg, seconded by Tessa Car and passed by vote.

**Principal's Report** – Ms. O'Leary thanked all those who supplied the bread, juice, cups, and napkins for the bread service last month. This is a wonderful beginning to the sacredness of the triduum. The children responded very positively to this prayer service. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, two teachers and three students presented our service learning projects at the Duke Energy Center for Global Youth Services Day. 92% of our students were involved in service learning projects this school year. Progress reports for Grades 4-8 go home tomorrow. Testing will be finished tomorrow in the classrooms. Results to go home by end of school or with report cards. Writing portfolios go home May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please read through your child's writings, complete the review paper and return everything to school. Each child then selects 3 pieces to be placed in his/her permanent portfolio. At the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade these are given to the children. Special events coming up : Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>-Day of preparation for the second grade students; May 2<sup>nd</sup>-First Communion; May 3<sup>rd</sup>-Ice Cream Treat for First Communicants at 2 PM given by 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Moms; May 4<sup>th</sup>-May Crowning at 7 PM; May 5<sup>th</sup>-Latin School presents Velveteen Rabbit for Grades K-2; Grades 5-6 Weather Day at GABP; May 7<sup>th</sup>-Grade 4 goes to Appalachian Festival, Flower sale pick up Grade 8; May 10<sup>th</sup>-Campbell County Public Library presents summer reading program; May 11<sup>th</sup>-Snoopy reads to Grades K-3; May 12<sup>th</sup>-Writing Portfolios go home; May 18<sup>th</sup>-Papa John Night, last one for the year; May 19<sup>th</sup>- Grade 8 field trip; May 20<sup>th</sup>-Kindergarten program 7 PM in the cafeteria; May 21<sup>st</sup>-Liza Costigan Award will be presented at 8:15 mass; May 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Spiritual adoption baby showers held this week; May 21<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade special lunch ; May 25<sup>th</sup>-Grade 4 Book sellers project in the cafeteria; May 26<sup>th</sup>-Graduation 7 PM; May 27<sup>th</sup>-Game Day; May 28<sup>th</sup>-Closing School Liturgy 8:15, end of year awards and Dismissal at 11AM. Volunteers' Appreciation was last Friday. We recognized all who have volunteered at school with mass, followed by refreshments and entertainment. Tues., May 4<sup>th</sup> is May Crowning. All students are involved in this special celebration honoring Mary. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are chosen to crown Mary, carry the crown, collect the flowers, lead the students, and lead the rosary beforehand. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students receive scapulars. All library books are due back by May 14<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Green will be working on inventory beginning the 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who have donated books in honor of your child's birthday to our library. Thanks to all who participated in the QSP Magazine program. Mrs. Green will purchase new fiction books and new AR tests with the proceeds from this activity. Student Council would like to sponsor a talent show on May 18<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. May 20<sup>th</sup> is the kindergarten program. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade mothers are in charge of the reception for this event. May 28<sup>th</sup> closing school liturgy, with dismissal for the summer at 11:00 AM. Report Cards will be available in the office beginning June 7<sup>th</sup>. If you would like for us to mail, please send us a self-addressed stamped envelope. School fees paid before May 31<sup>st</sup> - \$10 discount. Cafeteria fees remain \$85. Opening date for school next fall is Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>. Parent Mtg. on Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Calendar will be sent home before end of year. Ms. O'Leary reviewed the financial report handed out and the projected expenditures for the summer: add books to the library, would like to use the money from the stagette to fund purchases since Title funding for the library has been discontinued; Technology upgrade the computers, monitors, operating system, the server - anticipated cost will be over \$40,000. Will use economic stimulus money available to us and overage covered by the walk-a-thon funds; Discovery Education package for 2010-2011 school year cost will be \$2,570; Looking at the need to replace the roof - warranty has expired, will work with the building and grounds of the parish; Upgrade student desks in Grade 3.

**New Business:**

**Mothers' Club Annual "End of Year" Banquet – Ways and Means** – Kara Leberecht reported that the banquet will be at Mokka in Newport at 6:30 PM on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at a cost of \$22 per person. The information on the banquet will be coming home tomorrow in the home folders. Please return forms to Kara by May 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to end the school year and socialize with some of the other moms!

**Election of New Officers for 2010/2011** – We are accepting nominations for 2010/2011 officers. A nomination form was sent around for anyone interested in becoming an officer. There will be an election for all officers, except the Secretary position that was just filled last year. As per the by-laws, all positions, with the exception of the President and Vice President, will be elected for a two year term.

**Special Thanks to 1st Grade Moms** for tonight's snacks. Reminder to view art work of our honored classes – the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades. There were no new Moms at tonight's meeting.

**Additional New Business.** No additional new business was reported.

**Activity Reports:**

**Market Day** – Jodi Luersen reported the April Market Day sale profits were \$299.72. There are many promotions offered when ordering online. The next Market Day pick-up is Mon., May 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. Jodi discussed the summer schedule for Market Day pick-ups, which will be moving to Thursdays with the time being the same. The June pick-up will be Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Any 7<sup>th</sup> Grader who wants to work the summer Market Days and earn service hours for next year should contact Jodi.

**Sweatshirt & Gym Uniforms** – Jodi Luersen has many extras on hand if anyone is in need of something. She will be putting these clothes out each month at the Market Day pick-up. Please come in and get any uniform clothes needed. Vicki Morgan has found a pair of gym pants available for \$18 (youth sizes) and \$20 (adult sizes), since we can no longer order the old type. After Ms. O'Leary's approval, the order forms will be sent out the first full week of May and be due back by the week before school is out. One pair of each size will be ordered and kept in the office so they can be tried on before purchasing. You can use the old pants for a year or two. Jodi has some of the older ones that can be purchased if you need them now.

**Stagette/Spring Social** – Loretta Buchanan reported the profit for the Spring Social was \$11,876.14. A check for half of the profit or \$5,938 was given to St. Therese School to be used for the library.

**Yearbook/Fundraising** – The yearbooks for last year have been distributed to those who had purchased them in the pre-sale. There are a few extras for sale. Please send in a check to Tracy Osburg by next Monday to purchase one. A lot of the current yearbook is complete, but we still need some pictures from all of the Grades. Please send pictures preferably by disc through school to Attn: Tracy Osburg, Yearbook, or email to [TAOsburg@insightbb.com](mailto:TAOsburg@insightbb.com). As a fundraiser, Kathie Landrum is collecting empty juice pouches which can be sent in and we will receive 2 cents for each one, with a check written to the school twice a year. Please be sure and take the straws out before sending the juice pouches in to her at school.

**Additional reports** – None reported.

**Financial Secretary's report** – Jessica Brockman reports that the beginning balance is \$2,133.16, and the ending balance is \$1,883.66. We had 42 members in attendance, no new members, with four 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Moms hosting and fourteen 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Moms present.

**Ways & Means** – Kara Leberecht asked for the Head Room Moms to send in their financial reports showing the total costs and receipts for events as soon as possible so that they can have them for next year. We would like to have all by the end of the school year. Joy Huber reminded everyone about the banquet next month at Mokka.

**Pot of Gold** – winner was Kim Wood. Please attend for a chance to win!

**Door Prizes** – Jodi Vice, Donna Diederhofer and Mary Schneider won the door prizes. Special drawing for a teacher who attends the meeting was given to Mrs. Rawe, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, and Ms. Phelan, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Meeting was adjourned after a motion by Beth Yeager and seconded by Vicki Morgan.

Ms. O'Leary led us in a closing prayer.

## St. Therese Mothers' Club Minutes

### March 23, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by President Phyllis Yeager in the undercroft. Ms. O'Leary led us in prayer.

**Secretary's Report** – Motion by Marilyn Goldstein and seconded by Tracy Osburg to approve the minutes from the last meeting as prepared by Julie Bertsch, Secretary, and then passed by vote.

**Vice President's Report** – No report for this month.

**Treasurer's Report** was handed out by Kim Wood. The beginning balance was \$21,609.19. The closing balance was \$34,902.39. The increase was primarily due to deposits from the Spring Social. The available funds balance was \$17,911.95. (Money is always kept aside to cover our known expenses.) A motion to accept the correction was made by Tessa Carr, seconded by Jodi Vice and passed by vote.

**Principal's Report** – Ms. O'Leary reported on all of the activities during the Lenten season with a focus on prayer this year. Each week prayers are centered around different stations of the cross. Student Council began its almsgiving project this week called "Eggcellent Opportunity to Share" by giving each student a plastic egg which they were asked to fill with coins as their own contribution to support three causes selected by Student Council. Also, students, teachers and staff all have prayer partners during Lent. On March 31<sup>st</sup> they will have a bread service where they read the scriptures of the Last Supper. The opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation has been made available to the students. Please check the server schedule for times your child may be scheduled to serve. Everybody Counts is this week. Thanks to Kathie Landrum and Donna Diederhofer for organizing the presenters and guest speakers, and thanks to all who have volunteered to help with the presentations. There will be a special liturgy this Fri. and all are welcome to attend. Last week, Grades 7 and 8 participated in the diocesan competition. Congratulations to Nikki Matteoli for her 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the drawing category of art! Good luck to Andrew Jensen, our geography bee winner, who scored high enough on the national written test to participate in another contest at Western, KY Univ. in April. We will have standardized testing for Grades 3, 5, 6, and 7 beginning Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> through Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> in the mornings. This year we will be using the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. There are two sets of tests, the achievement test and the cognitive test. Spring pictures will be sent home tomorrow. Please send in either the pictures or the money by next Wed., before Spring Break. Report cards will go home tomorrow in the home folders. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and encourage support of children and families. We have a tree decorated with blue ribbons in front of school as a symbol of our support. Thanks for participating in the Papa John Pizza night, which is the third Tues. of each month with the next one on Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Virtus training session here on Tues., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. Please register online at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org). Several classes have field trips coming up soon: Grade 2 is going to the Cincinnati Art Museum on Wed., Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>. Grades 6 to 8 are attending NCC's play called All Shook Up on Thurs., Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>. Grades 4 and 5 will be taking part in Southgate's Arbor Day celebration on Fri., Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Most classes have completed their service learning projects. This year we tried to use the corporal works of mercy as our focus and center projects around these. On Sat., Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> some students and teachers will take part in Global Youth Services Day at Duke Energy Center.

#### **New Business:**

**Mothers' Club Annual "End of Year" Banquet – Ways and Means** – We will confirm the date and place at the next Mothers' Club meeting. The dinner is usually in May at an estimated cost of \$20 per person.

**Election of New Officers for 2010/2011** – We are accepting nominations for officers. A form was made available for anyone interested in becoming an officer to sign up at the front table. There will be an election for all officers, except the Secretary position that was just filled last year. As per the by-laws, all positions, with the exception of the President and Vice President, will be elected for a two year term.

**Special Thanks to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Moms** for tonight's snacks. Reminder to view art work of our honored class – the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Welcome to the 3 new Moms at tonight's meeting.

**Additional New Business.** Gina Gray discussed the Relay for Life for Campbell County at the Newport High School football stadium on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM. She has a team and they are looking for someone to start another team. Please see her for more details.

**Activity Reports:**

**Market Day** – Jodi Luersen reported the March Market Day sale profits were \$415.24. There are many promotions offered when ordering online. Jodi discussed the summer schedule for Market Day pick-ups, which will be moving to Thursdays in July and August with the time being the same. The next Market Day pick-up is Mon., Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the cafeteria.

**Sweatshirt & Gym Uniforms** – Jodi Luersen reported she has many extras on hand if anyone is in need of something. She will be putting these clothes out each month at the Market Day pick-up. Please come in and get any uniform clothes needed. Vicki Morgan has found a pair of gym pants available, since we can no longer order the old type. She will meet with Jodi and they will give their recommendations to Ms. O'Leary to make the final decision.

**Everybody Counts** - Kathie Landrum handed out a sign-up sheet for parent volunteers for the week of Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>. This a great program for the students. Kathie is also collecting empty juice pouches which can be sent in and we will receive 2 cents for each one, with a check written to the school twice a year. Please be sure and take the straws out before sending the juice pouches in to her at school.

**Stagette/Spring Social** –Loretta Buchanan thanked all that volunteered for the Spring Social. The profit this year was only \$1,600 less than last year, which was attributable to the admission price of 80 less in attendance. Those in attendance spent more this year than last year, and the responses to the raffles from school families had doubled this year. She gave a special thanks to Paul and Jacob Mellville, who stayed the whole night and helped out a lot. She also thanked Steve Kreutzer and Carl Luersen's boy scout troop and those from the youth group led by Father Berschied that helped with the clean up afterwards. Loretta gave out the Irish Volunteer Award to Marilyn Goldstein along with a manicure gift certificate. Shelley Daunt reported that there was a large group attending the Social from Holy Trinity, about 81 people this year. She suggested giving a \$25 gift card to the lady from Holy Trinity that organizes their attendance. Lorretta sent around a sign-up sheet for those who wanted to go to the Shadow Box Theater.

**Yearbook/Fundraising** – The yearbook for last year should be in by next week before Spring Break. A lot of the current yearbook is complete, but we still need pictures. Please send pictures preferably by disc through school to Attn: Tracy Osburg, Yearbook, or email to [TAOsburg@insightbb.com](mailto:TAOsburg@insightbb.com).

**Spirit Wear** – Christine Doeker has a few extra items for sale. She has some new designs for next year.

**Additional reports** – We collected cash at the meeting for gift cards to be purchased by Mary Schneider, who is in charge of Helping Hands, for Adrienne Redman, a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Mom that had surgery last week.

**Financial Secretary's report** – Jessica Brockman reports that the beginning balance is \$1,986.66, and the ending balance is \$2,133.16. We had 52 members in attendance, 3 new members, with six 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Moms hosting and seven 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Moms present.

**Ways & Means** – The 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Moms are hosting the next meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will display their artwork. Kara Leberecht asked for the Room Moms to send in the total costs and receipts for events as soon as possible. We would like to have all by the end of the school year.

**Pot of Gold** – winner was not in attendance. Mothers' Club will add this to the amount for the next meeting in April. Please attend for a chance to win!

**Door Prizes** – Jeanne Barth, Mary Kreutzer and Jodi Vice won the door prizes. Special drawing for a teacher who attends the meeting was not given since the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers were not present.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM after a motion by Marilyn Goldstein and seconded by Jodi Vice.

Ms. O'Leary led us in a closing prayer.

Submitted by Julie Bertsch, Secretary

## St. Therese Mothers' Club Minutes

### February 23, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 P.M. by President Phyllis Yeager in the undercroft. Ms. O'Leary led us in prayer.

**Secretary's Report** – Motion by Jennifer Gabbard and seconded by Tessa Carr to approve the minutes from the last meeting as prepared by Julie Bertsch, Secretary, and then passed by vote.

**Vice President's Report** – Carla Bartels had nothing to report this month.

**Treasurer's Report** was handed out by Kim Wood. The beginning balance was \$22,866.65. The closing balance was \$21,609.19. The available funds balance was \$12,142.87 (money is always kept aside to cover our known expenses.) A motion to accept the correction was made by Lori Kramer, seconded by Kathy Landrum and passed by vote.

**Principal's Report** – Ms. O'Leary thanked the Room Moms for organizing the Valentine's Day parties. Thanks to the Mothers' Club from the teachers for the money to be used in the classrooms. The parent meeting for the First Eucharist for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders is Monday evening, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria. Catholic Schools Week began the last weekend in Jan. and continued throughout the first week of Feb. We celebrated something each day, awarded prizes for buttons, had a school-wide bingo, special meal, special liturgy and an open house. Thanks for the treats the Moms sent to the teachers on Wed. and for helping celebrate Ms. Levermann's award as outstanding teacher. Family registration forms for next year were due last week. If you have not sent yours in, please do so. Thanks for your support of St. Therese night at Papa John's Pizza, which is the third Tues. of each month. Congratulations to Scott Barrett on his participation in Scripps Regional Spelling Bee on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. After scoring well on the online assessment, Scott came in 10<sup>th</sup> place of 70 spellers from N. Kentucky and Indiana. The 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades are leading a prayer service on contrition, the focus of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, on Thurs. at 2:00 PM. Next Thurs., Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> we will join all the diocesan schools in a prayer for priests at 9:00 AM. Students from 4/5L will help in leading the litany of Jesus Christ and the Rosary. Lent began last week and we are focusing on the Stations of the Cross. There is a mass each Wed. at 7:00 PM and Stations of the Cross each Fri. at 7:00 PM. This week students in Grades 5 and 8 are taking a standardized religion test called Assessment of Catechesis and Religious Education (ACRE), which evaluates religious knowledge, attitudes and practices. This Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, servers from Grade 7 are invited to the Cathedral to receive Serra Club awards. Students in Grades 7 and 8 are preparing for diocesan academic competition on Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be competing in Art, Math, Religion, Story-telling, original oratory, Science and Social Studies. Everybody Counts will be the week of Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>. The basketball tournament will be over in a few days. There will be no school on two Fridays of March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup> due to teacher professional days.

#### **New Business:**

**Special Thanks to** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Moms for tonight's snacks and thanks to the volunteers for the Mustang Classic events including the pep rally, pennant hanging, and desserts for the faculty lunch. There were no new Moms at tonight's meeting. Reminder to view art work of our honored class – the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**Additional New Business.** Marilyn Goldstein had dishes that had been left from a parish event.

#### **Activity Reports:**

**Market Day** – Jodi Luersen reported the February Market Day sale profits were \$424.85. There are many new items to choose from this month and some Lenten specials. Next Market Day pickup is Mon., Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the cafeteria.

**Sweatshirt & Gym Uniforms** – Jodi Luersen reported she has many extras on hand if anyone is in need of something. She discussed gym pants available since we can no longer order the old type. A committee will be formed to meet with Jodi and give their recommendations to Ms. O'Leary to make the final decision.

**Everybody Counts** - Kathie Landrum handed out a sign-up sheet for parent volunteers for the week of Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>. This a great program for the students. Kathie is also collecting empty juice pouches which can be sent in and we will receive 2 cents for each one, with a check written to the school twice a year. Please be sure and take the straws out before sending the juice pouches in to her at school.

**Stagette/Spring Social** – The date for the Luck O'the Irish Spring Social will be on Fri, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>. Loretta Buchanan handed out sign-up sheet for volunteers. Watch for emails and notes coming home with raffle tickets. She can still use any donations and gift bags for the combination raffle. Another sign-up sheet was

handed out by Marilyn Goldstein for volunteers to send in items for the bakery booth. Shelley Daunt has tickets for the spring social and is selling them for \$20 each.

**Yearbook/Fundraising** – Please send pictures preferably by disc through school to Attn: Tracy Osburg, Yearbook, or email to [TAOsburg@insightbb.com](mailto:TAOsburg@insightbb.com). Please take pictures of the tournament and other group pictures of students.

**Spirit Wear** – Christine Doeker has a few extra items for sale.

**Additional reports** – Kara Leberecht reported that Mary Schneider, who is in charge of Helping Hands, has requested meals or gift cards for the Fornash family. A sign-up sheet was handed out for volunteers. Adrienne Redman, a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Mom, is also in need of prayer and is to have surgery in mid-March. Her name was added to the list for volunteers for meals or gift cards.

**Financial Secretary's report** – Jessica Brockman reports that the beginning balance is \$2,036.26, and the ending balance is \$1,986.66. We had 42 members in attendance, no new members, with ten 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Moms hosting and thirteen 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Moms present.

**Ways & Means** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Moms are hosting the next meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will display their artwork. Joy Huber announced there will be a benefit for her sister, Tracy Siemer, at St. Therese on Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>. Please see Vicki Jones-Morgan for tickets at \$20 each, which includes food, drinks and music. She also has raffle tickets to win a trip to Las Vegas and sweatshirts for sale.

**Pot of Gold** – winner of \$22.50 was not in attendance. Mothers' Club decided to donate this to Doreen Fornash. Don't miss the March meeting for a chance to win.

**Door Prizes** – Ann Schultz and Carla Bartels won the door prizes, and Christine Doeker won the \$20 attendance prize. Special drawing for a teacher who attends the meeting was given to Ms. Levermann. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM after a motion by Leslie Muck and seconded by Missy Melville. Ms. O'Leary led us in a closing prayer.

Submitted by Julie Bertsch, Secretary

## St. Therese Mothers' Club Minutes

### January 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by President Phyllis Yeager in the undercroft. Ms. O'Leary led us in prayer.

**Secretary's Report** – Motion by Loretta Buchanan and seconded by Marilyn Goldstein to approve the minutes from the last meeting as prepared by Julie Bertsch, Secretary, and then passed by vote.

**Vice President's Report** – Carla Bartels requested 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents sign and return the forms for the Opening Ceremonies at the Mustang Basketball Classic.

**Treasurer's Report** was handed out by Kim Wood. The beginning balance was \$30,788.90. The closing balance was \$22,866.65 with the reduction primarily being the donation of half of the profit from the Walk-a-thon to St. Therese School. The available funds balance was \$18,434.57 (money is always kept aside to cover our known expenses.) A motion to accept the correction was made by Tessa Carr, seconded by Jodi Luersen and passed by vote.

**Principal's Report** – Ms. O'Leary thanked the Room Moms for organizing the Christmas parties. The next parties will be for Valentine's Day and held on Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> before 2:15 PM when the Pep Rally will start for the St. Therese Mustang Tournament. The Sacrament of Reconciliation went well for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders and thanks to Jenny Zimmerman for organizing the reception afterwards. Congratulations to the top 10 scorers on the NCC placement test including Alyssa Blanchet, Nick Bogart and Joanna Goldstein. Joanna received a partial scholarship from NCC. Classes discussed Vocation Awareness this month since it is the "Year of the Priests" and the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders went on a field trip to St. Mary's Seminary. They visited Mr. Riehle, a prior teacher at St. Therese, who gave them a tour. Students in Grades 3 to 8 were in a Spelling Bee on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>. Scott Barrett was the winner and he took an online test in the office to see if he will go on to the regionals. The 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are collecting for the relief of Haiti, and there will be an out of uniform day on Thursday for those students giving donations. The 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will be giving a presentation to the students on the devastation in Haiti. Scoliosis tests tomorrow for 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders. Nationwide next week is Catholic Schools Week and the theme this year is "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life." A flyer is coming home tomorrow detailing each day's events and there will be a student speaking at each mass this weekend. Open House is Sun., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and student work will be on display for everyone to see. Registration for new students will be this Sat., and family registration forms for next year will be sent home in home folders next Wed. Papa John night is the third Tuesday of each month. Thanks to all who continue to use their Remke cards, we made \$1,000 for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2009. Thanks to Mary Kreutzer for taking care of sending in the Box Tops for Education, we received a check for \$997 from them. This Thurs. is the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school (will be Monday for Kindergartners) and some classes may have special activities. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair will be during the school day on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. The awards will be given out at the end of the day. Lent starts on Wed., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. The basketball tournament starts in a few weeks and the children were given pennants to decorate due Feb. 1. There will be no school on two Fridays of March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup> due to teacher professional days. There is a research study on children with ADD or ADHD and reading problems. Let Ms. O'Leary know if you are interested.

#### **New Business:**

**By-Laws.** Phyllis Yeager reported that a motion to accept the final approval of the St. Therese Mothers' Club amended by-laws was conducted and approved at the November 2009 meeting. Copies were made available at the meeting and are also on the school website.

**Volunteer request** has been made to Mothers' Club for the St. Therese Mustang Classic for the opening ceremonies and the Pep Rally from 2:15 PM to 2:35 PM on Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> including passing out t-shirts to winners of the pennant contest. The Athletic Club will send out an email on this.

**Special Thanks** to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Moms for tonight's food and thanks to the 4<sup>rd</sup> Grade for their great artwork. Thanks to all volunteers and attendees at the Terri Krebs' benefit.

**Additional New Business.** Ann Schultz asked if anyone would like to help with the scoliosis testing tomorrow morning. Joy Huber announced that there will be a benefit on March 13<sup>th</sup> for her sister and there are sweatshirts for sale. She is also selling raffle tickets for a trip to Las Vegas for this benefit at St. Therese. See Vicki Morgan for tickets to the benefit.

### **Activity Reports:**

**Market Day** – Jodi Luersen reported the December Market Day sale profits were \$1,101.69. The January sale was \$425. Pie sales profits of \$808.50 from November went to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade as a fundraiser for their class trip and class present to the school. There are many new items to choose from this month. Next Market Day pickup is Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the cafeteria.

**Sweatshirt & Gym Uniforms** – Jodi Luersen reported she has many extras on hand if anyone is in need of something. She discussed gym pants available since we can no longer order the old type. A committee will meet with Jodi and give their recommendations to Ms. O’Leary to make the final decision.

**Stagette/Spring Social** – The date for the Luck O’the Irish Spring Social will be on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Loretta Buchanan stated that we will not have goodie bags this year. She needs help with the bakery booth and the jewelry booth, and is accepting gifts for the combination raffle. They need wood items. There will be another spring social meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 P.M before the monthly Mothers’ Club meeting.

**Yearbook/Fundraising** – Please send pictures preferably by disc through school to Attn: Tracy Osburg, Yearbook, or email to [TAOsburg@insightbb.com](mailto:TAOsburg@insightbb.com). Last year’s yearbook is almost finished. This year’s yearbook is in process. Please take pictures of the tournament and other group pictures of students.

**Spirit Wear** – Christine Doeker will bring extra items, including cinch sacks and decals, to sell at the tournament.

**Additional reports** – Phyllis Yeager reported the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade girls’ volleyball is in need of a volunteer to coach. If they do not get one, they may not have a team.

During the basketball tournament, the Athletic Club will provide a lunch instead of a dinner for the teachers, and the Mothers’ Club was asked to send in homemade desserts. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Julie Bertsch reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders had made \$1,196.90 on the Avon fundraiser for their class trip and class gift to the school.

**Financial Secretary’s report** – Jessica Brockman reports that the beginning balance is \$1,639.26, and the ending balance is \$2,836.26. We had 53 members in attendance, no new members, with ten 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Moms and four 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Moms present.

**Ways & Means** – The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Moms are bringing in the snacks for the next meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will display their artwork.

**Pot of Gold** – winner of \$20 was Marilyn Goldstein. Don’t miss the February meeting for a chance to win.

**Door Prizes** – Donna Diederhofer won the door prize, and Jodi Luersen won the attendance prize.

Special drawing for a teacher who attends the meeting was given to Ms. Levermann.

Meeting was adjourned after a motion by Tracy Osburg and seconded by Carolyn Eviston.

Ms. O’Leary led us in a closing prayer.

Submitted by Julie Bertsch, Secretary

## **Mother's Club Minutes** **November 17, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 P.M. by President, Phyllis Yeager in the undercroft. Ms. O'Leary led us in prayer.

**Secretary's Report** – Motion by Loretta Buchanan and seconded by Amy Carver to approve the minutes from the last meeting as prepared by Marilyn Goldstein, Acting Secretary for the October Mothers' Club Meeting, and then passed by vote.

**Vice President's Report** – Carla Bartels was absent due to out of town work.

**Treasurer's Report** was handed out by Kim Wood. The beginning balance was \$32,992.47. The closing balance was \$30,788.90. The available funds balance was \$13,763.52 (money is always kept aside to cover our known expenses.) A motion to accept the correction was made by Marilyn Goldstein, seconded by Jeanne Barth and passed by vote.

**Principal's Report** – Ms. O'Leary thanked the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Moms for hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation reception on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for the wonderful response to the Student Council canned food drive. Over 2,000 canned food items were brought in by the students and contributed to the Brighton Center. There will be an out of uniform day for everyone on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Supportive Reading Development Program will be presented this Thursday evening at 7 P.M. in the cafeteria by a representative from Springer School. Parent meeting for first reconciliation will be Monday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 P.M. in the cafeteria for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade parents. Service learning activities are beginning. 6<sup>th</sup> Graders have been studying measurement and are baking for Welcome House. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade is beginning a project on animal rescue. They have a speaker coming this week and hope to design Christmas cards with a pet theme. Thanksgiving prayer service to go with our second quarter focus on prayers of Thanksgiving will be next Tuesday at 2 P.M. led by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Advent begins Sunday, Nov. 29. At school we will be trying to keep expectant waiting as the theme. This year we will use the Jesse tree as the focus of our advent observance. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are leading prayers on Tuesdays. Picture retake day is Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. LifeTouch should get us the pictures soon. Progress Reports will be sent home Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. St. Nicholas Day will be celebrated on Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. St. Nick usually pays a special visit to school. On Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, NCC is having open house for parents and students of Grades 5 - 8 from 6 to 9 P.M. Two lucky 8<sup>th</sup> Graders in attendance will receive a \$250 gift certificate in a special drawing. The Health Fair will also be held at the school on the 4<sup>th</sup>. They will do hearing, eye, weight and scoliosis checks. Need volunteers for screenings. Reminder to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade parents to get a medical exam and adult tetanus for students within one year prior to entry into 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Students in Grades 1-3 will be attending Children's Theater performance of Holiday Follies on Fri. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Taft Theater. Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. We will not have class this day. The high school placement test will be given at all diocesan high schools on Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered to students in gr. 3 - 8 on Tuesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Students in Grades 1 - 5 will have their Christmas program at 7 P.M. in church on Tuesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have a dress rehearsal that afternoon. Students from Latin school will be here to present a play for Grades 3 - 5 on Monday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. Tuesday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the last day before Christmas break. Dismissal will be at 11 A.M. There will be no after school care this day. Classes resume Monday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. Room mothers please contact homeroom teachers about class Christmas celebrations held that last week before Christmas break. Papa John nights begin again next Tuesday and will be the third Tuesday of each month. Flyer sent home regarding 5 P.M. Christmas Eve liturgy with this week's homefolder. Sr. M. Francello asks for prayers. She has a broken femur and is wheelchair bound for the next month. There will be 3 nonpublicized sessions of H1N1 vaccinations for the diocesan schools administered by N. KY Health Dept. at no charge. One clinic in each county. Dates and locations have not been announced. There will be staggered dismissals for the schools in the county to enable parents, children, and school personnel to attend. Parents will be responsible for transporting children to the vaccination site. A letter will be sent home explaining the process as well as a permission slip for each child as soon as I receive the info. from the superintendent. This is scheduled to happen this week.

### **New Business:**

**By-Laws.** Phyllis Yeager asked for any additional changes, corrections or questions on the amended by-laws submitted for a second vote. Jodi Luersen made a motion to accept the final approval of the St.

Therese Mothers' Club amended by-laws to be effective November 2009. Motion was seconded by Jodi Vice and put to vote by the members. More than 2/3<sup>rd</sup> voted to accept the amended by-laws

**Terri Krebs benefit** is scheduled for Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Therese. Requesting volunteers to work the Combination Raffle for one hour shifts.

**Special Thanks to** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Moms for tonight's food and thanks to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for their great artwork. Thanks to all volunteers/participants in making the Fall Festival a success, including Tessa Carr for putting together baskets.

**Additional New Business.** Marilyn Goldstein reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade did a trash pickup fundraiser. Request for prayers for NCC senior girls retreat this weekend. Marilyn Goldstein reported that the R.C.I.A. is hosting a night in March for the Hosea House and asked Mothers' Club for a donation for this event.

**Activity Reports:**

**Market Day** – Jodi Luersen reported the October Market Day sale profits were \$469.15 and the November Market day profits were \$1,129.47, including pie sales profits of \$808.50 that go to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade as a fundraiser. There are many specials to help with your holiday dinners and parties. Next sale date is Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Sweatshirt & Gym Uniforms** – Jodi Luersen reported she has many extras on hand if anyone is in need of something. Orders should be in by Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Walk-a-Thon** – Joy Huber reported that we will need to set a date for the principal for a day with Clint Bartels being the first one for the older age group.

**Fundraising** – Papa John's to start.

**Yearbook Committee** – Please send pictures preferably by disc through school to Attn: Tracy Osburg, Yearbook, or email to [TAOsburg@insightbb.com](mailto:TAOsburg@insightbb.com).

**Spirit Wear** – Christine Doeker reported she has plenty of cinch sacks and decals for sale.

**Fall Festival** – Lisa Watts thanked all who volunteered. She does not have the final numbers, yet.

**Health Fair** – Ann Schultz reported that it will be held on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 12 noon. They will screen all children for hearing, vision, height and weight, when appropriate. Scoliosis test will be given to 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grades. Any volunteers can contact Ann Schultz.

**Spring Social** – Loretta Buchanan said that the date for the Luck O'the Irish Social will be on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be an organizing meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 P.M.

**Financial Secretary's report** – Jessica Brockman reports that the beginning balance is \$1,641.01, and the ending balance is \$1,639.26. We had 53 members in attendance, two new members, with 10 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Moms and 8 3rd Grade Moms present. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Moms are bringing in the snacks for the January meeting and the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade will display their artwork.

**Ways & Means** – Kara Leberecht reminded Room Moms to send out letters for \$5 for teacher's gifts right after Thanksgiving before it gets too close to Christmas break. The teacher/staff wish lists for Scripps certificates are available for the Room Moms to review for Christmas gifts.

**Pot of Gold** – to be added to Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, since winner was not in attendance. Don't miss the January meeting for a chance to win.

**Door Prizes** – Lisa Steffen won the door prize, and Melissa Quandt and Jodi Vice won the attendance prizes.

Meeting was adjourned after a motion by Tessa Carr and seconded by Doreen Fornash.

Ms. O'Leary led us in a closing prayer.

Submitted by Julie Bertsch, Secretary

## Mother's Club Minutes October 27, 2009

Father Heitzman led us in prayer and the dinner line was formed in the cafeteria. The alumni table, followed by the teachers table were given first dibbs. A fried chicken dinner was served with a huge selection of homemade sides and desserts provided by the mom's. A picture montage was showing during dinner from the Walk-a-thon. It provided a chance for all the mom's to see the activities that took place that day. With full stomachs, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice President Carla Bartels.

**Secretary's Report** - Copies of the minutes were on the tables for review. Lori Kramer motioned to accept, and Jean Barth seconded. Motion was passed by vote.

**Vice President's Report** – Carla Bartels had nothing new to report.

**Treasurer's Report** was handed out. The beginning balance was \$11,717.10. The closing balance was \$32,922.47. The available funds balance was \$14,217.89 (money is always kept aside to cover our known expenses.) A motion to accept the correction was made by Beth Yeager, seconded by Christine Doeker and passed by vote.

**By-Laws** - Copies of the amended By-Laws had been sent previously by E-mail. Loretta Buchanan motioned to make the first approval of the By-Laws. Melissa Spangler seconded, and a vote was taken. No "Neigh's" were voiced. A second vote will take place at the November meeting.

**Terri Krebs Benefit** – A benefit to raise money to help out with the medical bills for Terri is being held on November 28<sup>th</sup>. A brief background was given explaining not only the parish aspect but the Mother's Club connection for the Krebs family. A volunteer sheet was passed around for anyone who could help out on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Principal's Report** – Ms. O'Leary had a lot to report. A special thanks to all who helped with the Walk-a-thon, especially Joy Huber and Ann Schultz. It was a huge success with a few changes this year that were hits. Thanks to Kara Leberecht and other's who made sundaes for the Feast of St. Therese. Special thanks to Jody Luersen and Jill McIntosh for helping with picture day. Retake day is scheduled for December 1st. Retake pictures will be on the composites so the class pictures won't come out till after that date. Report Card/Teacher conferences will be Thursday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. The Scholastic Book Fair concludes on Thursday evening. No School on Friday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. October is the month of the Rosary and 2B, 2F, and 6B had a beautiful living rosary. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class visits NCC on October 29<sup>th</sup> for the day. Student Council is sponsoring a canned food drive for November 11-17<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will have Confirmation on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Parents meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation will be Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are going to Notre Dame High School for the Northern Kentucky Symphony. On October 16<sup>th</sup> a group of BMX stunt bikers came to school for an Anti-Drug presentation. It was a big hit with the students, who were joined by students from Southgate. Springer School is coming with a presentation for parents who may be looking for ideas on helping with reading. This will be on Monday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 7PM. We are still collecting Campbells soup Labels, Box Tops for Education, and Tyson Labels. Also remember that if you are a Remke shopper to make sure you are signed up on your shopper card for St. Therese.

### **Activity Reports:**

**Next Meeting** – Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, our November meeting will be on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Market Day** – Jodi Luersen was sick so we didn't have any totals. Order forms are due Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Walk-A-Thon** – Joy Huber and Ann Schultz reported that approximately \$19,415 was raised. There will be a wrap-up meeting to discuss pro's and con's and to celebrate another great fundraiser on November 7<sup>th</sup> at First Watch. The out of uniform day will be November 4<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> (the students choice). There were several changes, mixing up the grades, like on game day, and that had a good response from the teachers. Teacher Trivia was also a big hit. A big cheer for Ann and Joy for taking on this big fundraiser again, and looking for ways to keep it fresh for the kids. The video was great and there were great pictures from the day.

**Yearbook Committee** – Please send pictures through school, Attn: Tracy Osburg, Yearbook, or at [TAOsburg@insightbb.com](mailto:TAOsburg@insightbb.com). She also has La Rosa Buddy Cards for sale for Mother's Club if anyone is interested in selling them. Contact Tracy to get the cards.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class** - is selling Market Day Pies and Avon if anyone is interested in ordering either. You can contact an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student or place your pie order on your Market Day form. Proceeds will be used for their 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class trip, school gift, etc.

**Spirit Wear** – Christine Doeker said that almost all of the orders are completed at this time. She was still waiting for the ball caps to come in. Car window decals and cinch sacks are available any time.

### **New Business**

**Fall Festival** – November 14<sup>th</sup> is the date for our festival. A signup sheet was being passed around for workers for the Kids Games. Tessa Car requested Mother's Club donate a \$75 basket for the Basket Booth. Mel Ludwig asked for a motion for Mother's Club to donate \$150 for the Bid & Buy booth. A motion was made by Melody Ludwig and seconded by Doreen Fornash for Mother's Club to donate \$150 for Bid & Buy and \$75 to the Basket booth for a total donation of \$225. The motion was passed by vote.

**NCC Winner's Circle** – NCC contacted its feeder schools and asked that they sponsor a ½ table. Sue Mairose motioned that we pay \$125 to ½ sponsor a table and it was seconded by Mary Schneider. Motion was passed by vote.

**Financial Secretary's report** – Jessica Brockman reported that there were no new moms in attendance. Special thanks to Mary Kreutzer and Debbie Paolucci for organizing the great pot-luck dinner. Many thanks to everyone who brought a great dish to share. Thanks to Teri Haas for organizing the Alumni Night again, we had 15 alumni in attendance. The beginning balance is \$1,488.01, and the ending balance is \$1,641.01. We had 53 members in attendance, with 16 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Mom's (honored) and 16 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mom's (hosting). The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will host the November meeting and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will display their artwork.

**Parish Raffle Tickets** – are still available if you haven't purchased one yet.

**Jackie Stephens** – has NCC Football t-shirts on sale for \$5 each if anyone is interested.

**Teacher Birthdays** – Kara Leberecht thanked all who signed up for the special treats for the year for our teachers and staff.

**Pot of Gold** – Candi Jones was the winner for \$44 and a second winner of \$35 was Becky Mueller. Congrats to our two winners this month.

**Door Prizes** – Tracy Osburg won the door prize and Jeannie Theis, Vickie Morgan and Becky Mueller won attendance prizes. Ms. Feeback won the Teachers prize of a Staples Gift Card. We appreciate our teachers who attend our meetings!

**Costume Contest** – The teachers voted for three winners, Tammy Litmer for her "Father Litmer" costume (she has volunteered to hear confessions), Loretta Buchanan as the Cereal Killer, and Marilyn Goldstein as a bottle of Frangelico.

Motion to close was made by Loretta Buchanan and Jackie Stevens seconded, motion passed by vote. Father Heitzman led us in closing prayer and thanked Mother's Club (especially 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Moms) for the wonderful meal that they served and appetizers. It was very much appreciated by all the Priests in attendance.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Marilyn Goldstein (filling in for Julie Bertsch)

## St. Therese Mothers' Club Minutes September 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 PM by President Phyllis Yeager in the undercroft. Ms. O'Leary led us in prayer. New correspondence was on display.

**Secretary's Report** was handed out by Julie Bertsch for the August meeting. The minutes will also be online for all to view under the St. Therese web site. There was a motion by Tessa Carr to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Tracy Osburg.

**Vice President's Report** – Carla Bartels was not present. She was traveling for work.

**Treasurer's Report** was handed out by Kim Wood. The beginning balance was \$22,078.08. The closing balance was \$11,717.10. The available funds balance was \$10,564.19. (Money is always kept aside to cover our known expenses.) A motion was made to accept this report by Marilyn Goldstein, seconded by Jodi Vice and passed by vote.

**Principal's Report** – Ms. O'Leary reported that Grandparents Day will be this Friday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, celebrated with a mass at 8:15 AM, grandparents visiting the children's classrooms and then a reception in the cafeteria. Progress reports will be coming home tomorrow, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, for students in grades 4 to 8. St. Therese Feast Day is on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, with an ice cream social for the students. Closing of 40 Hours will start on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> and end on Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade having prominent parts in the ceremony. Next week the Family Nurturing Center will be here for "Kids on the Block" to teach children about recognizing and reporting child abuse, which is approved by the Diocese and required at least once every two years. The fourth grade field trip is Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are preparing for Confirmation which will be held on Wed., Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. The Confirmation parent meeting is Monday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders have an Insights Retreat next Thursday and will work with Catholic Charities. Enrollment for Confirmation is Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at the 10:15 AM mass. Title 1 Reading Program with Ms. Daum will start with a Monday night meeting if you are a resident of Newport. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Card conferences will be held on Thursday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, sign-up sheets will be in the cafeteria. We began lunch with parents 2 weeks ago. If there is only a certain day that you are available, please let Rita Eads in the school office know. Virtus training will be here at St. Therese on Thursday night, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the cafeteria. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders began project R.I.S.E., which takes the place of the DARE program, with Officer Rowland. The Walkathon permission sheets were already turned in and the pledge sheets are due Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Teachers have professional service days on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. On Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, there is an assembly for all at 2:00 PM of service projects we did last year. N. KY Celebration of Philanthropy will be attended by some of the faculty on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. H1N1 reminder to keep hands clean, and not send children to school who have a fever or are showing symptoms. Head of the Health Dept. said it is coming soon and you need to be aware of it. On Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, seasonal flu shots for adults will be given at St. Therese from 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM by St. Elizabeth Business Health Center for \$20. School pictures are on Wednesday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, packets will be coming home.

### **New Business -presented by Phyllis Yeager, President**

**St. Therese Feast Day** will be Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Kara Leberecht volunteered to oversee this event. Passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers needed to be at school by 12:45 PM due to early dismissal that day.

**Closing of 40 Hours Priest Dinner** was assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade this year. Requesting appetizers from Mothers' Club volunteers to be brought to the cafeteria on Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, between 4:15 – 4:30 PM.

**St. Therese Parish Weekly Raffle** – Mothers' Club will purchase two tickets at \$50 each.

**By-Laws** will be sent home via email to the Mothers' Club group for initial review and first vote of approval will be at the Oct. meeting, with the second and final vote at the Nov. meeting.

**Everybody Counts** – Kathy Landrum volunteered to coordinate this program for school.

**Welcome new moms to tonight's meeting.** There were two new moms present.

**Special Thanks** to Jodi Luersen and the Market Day Rep. for providing samples and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade mom's for providing complimentary sides and desserts

**Additional new business** – Events for Terri Krebs will be held on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, which will be sponsored by the St. Therese Athletic Club. Amy Carver reported that they need workers for the children's games at the Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Meeting for volunteers will be on Tuesday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Marilyn Goldstein reported that there will be a parish chicken dinner on Friday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Desserts are needed.

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**Reminder** to view our Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade art work on display for all to enjoy.

**Halloween Dinner** – Our October meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out for the reservation paper to come home.

**Programs/Activity Reports:**

**Market Day** – Jodi Luersen reported that the September Market Day profit was low at \$297.54 with only 50 customers. She introduced the Market Day Rep. that was present – Debbie Mershon. She discussed an online voucher for new customers and mentioned that those who order \$40 or more for 2 months will get a nice lunch bag.

**Sweatshirt & Gym Uniforms** – Jodi Luersen reported that she is still waiting on Miller Imprints. They should be there by tomorrow morning. She has some items on hand that are available for sale. Please call her.

**Walk-A-Thon** – They have the t-shirts in with 49 sponsors on the back of them. Please contact Vicki Jones if you still need a t-shirt, she has a few extras. Joy Huber and Ann Schultz reported that all money is due by 3:00 PM on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. For those children with \$25 or more of donations, they will receive a voucher for one day out of uniform, with the date to be set by the school. They are going to be walking in teams vs. grades this year and will be doing a scavenger hunt. Need volunteers to walk. Thanks to all who are working so hard to make this a great success.

**Fundraising** – Tracy Osburg has Buddy Cards for LaRosa's that are good through next October for sale by Mothers' Club. We will be selling them for a month. She is trying to contact Papa Johns' corporate office to set this up as a fundraiser soon.

**Yearbook Committee** – Please send pictures through school, Attn: Tracy Osburg, Yearbook, or at [TAOsburg@insightbb.com](mailto:TAOsburg@insightbb.com). The yearbook for the 08/09 year is just about complete. She had a little problem with the number of pictures to take care of and then it will be returned to her.

**Spirit Wear** – Christine Doeker reported that the orders are in. She does have the decals for sale.

**Faculty/Staff Birthday treats and cards** – The Ways and Means will send an email from Mothers' Club for volunteers, and then you can respond by email to them.

**Opportunity to Help Mothers' Club Grow** – We broke into groups of 3 or 4 and discussed ideas on how to help Mothers' Club grow. Handouts were collected and thanked moms for their help with this.

**New Business**

**Financial Secretary's report** – Jessica Brockman reported that the beginning balance was \$1,436.71, and the ending balance was \$1,488.01. We had 48 members in attendance, with two new members, six 8<sup>th</sup> grade moms and ten Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade moms.

**Ways & Means** – The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will host the October meeting, which is a Halloween dinner that will start at 6:30 PM. Information will be sent home. You can wear a costume if you want and win a prize. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will display their artwork. Head room moms should have their letters to the parents sent out by now, and many have already organized chaperones for field trips and started planning for the year.

**Pot of Gold** – Winner was not in attendance and the money will be rolled over into next month's total.

**Door Prizes** – Tracy Osburg won a \$20 gift certificate and many won delicious caramel apples.

Carolyn Eviston motioned to adjourn. It was seconded by Mandy Haigis, and was carried by vote.

Ms. O'Leary led us in a closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Julie Bertsch, Secretary

## **Mother's Club Minutes** **August 25, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 PM by President Phyllis Yeager in the undercroft.

**Father Heitzman** discussed our parish audit and that every organization in the parish is asked to give a financial report at least quarterly to the Parish Council. He thanked everyone for all that is being done for the school and the parish and for our stewardship. Father Heitzman invited everyone to attend 40 hours and then he gave a blessing.

**Introductions** - We took 5 minutes to introduce ourselves to someone next to us and then the officers introduced themselves to the group. Julie Bertsch was welcomed as our new Reporting Secretary. New correspondence was on display.

**Secretary's Reports** were handed out for the April meeting and May Banquet. Motion to accept was made by Tracy Osburg and Tessa Carr seconded. The motion was passed by vote.

**Treasurer's Reports** were handed out by Kim Wood. On the May report, the beginning balance was \$19,585.57 and the closing balance was \$17,878.76. The available funds balance was \$11,619.33. (Money is always kept aside to cover our known expenses.) A motion to accept the May report was made by Carolyn Eviston, seconded by Jody Vice and passed by vote. On the June, July and August report, the beginning balance was \$17,878.76 and the ending balance was 22,078.08, with available funds of \$17,148.19. There were numerous deposits and checks written at the end of the school year with the sweatshirt sale, 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraisers and 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip, student awards, graduation reception, kindergarten reception, summer Market Days, etc. A motion to accept the report was made by Marilyn Goldstein, seconded by Jeanne Barth and passed by vote.

**Vice President's Report** – Carla Bartels noted that cafeteria workers are still being recruited to fill in several days that are very short handed. Please consider talking to Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, etc. to fill in a few days. We appreciate all of your help! The teachers like their welcome gifts from Mother's Club (Smiley face cookies/notes).

**Principal's Report** – Ms. O'Leary, as can be expected for the new school year, had a lengthy list to cover. She welcomed everyone back and started out with thank you's to those who came to school and assembled the packets for the Parents' Meeting before school started. We have 319 students in K-8 this year and 21 teachers in 15 home rooms. We are having a smooth start to the school year and thanks to the parents for their efforts in drop off and pick up. Reminder, if the children go home in a car, please pick them up in the parking lot and not on the neighboring streets. Walk-a-thon info. packets will go home in the homefolders soon. A reminder that early dismissal is the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month, which will be Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> next month. On the monthly calendar, she tries to indicate which class is planning a particular liturgy. The children really appreciate when parents are able to come to mass with them. A reminder that all information forms need to be turned in, if not already done. Parents will be invited to join the students for Thursday/Friday lunch starting in two weeks on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. New religion text books were purchased this year for all grades. Please visit the new teacher websites for homework info. (The school bulletin board is gone.) Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> is Grandparents' Day – look for invitation to come home. Need reservations. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> for Parents. A reminder that you must be Virtus trained and fully compliant with all materials to participate in class trips, volunteering in school, etc. There is a website which shows schools having Virtus trainings. Background checks will be updated every five years. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be going on a field trip in Sept. for Grow it, Eat it, Wear it, and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade has an Environmental Day Camp in late Sept. or early Oct. Don't forget to save Campbell's Soup labels and Box Tops for Education. We are also part of the Remkes Caring Neighbor program and Meijer's Community Rewards program. We plan to have Papa John Pizza nights once a month as a fundraiser, looking at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month. Ms. Green wanted to express her thanks for all the Birthday Books that were purchased for the library.

### **New Business**

**Welcome New Moms** – We are grateful for the new Mom's who have come to the meeting. There is a lot to do each school year and we are happy to see so many new faces.

**By-Laws** – Final review has been completed and they will be distributed to members at the next meeting for first approval/acceptance. A second vote is required, final approval vote will be done at the October meeting.

**Everybody Counts** – Ann Schultz previously coordinated this event and has resigned. We will need a new coordinator and it may work better with two people. It is a great program that gives the students insight into challenges that disabilities and diseases can cause in daily life and how they are overcome. Please see Ann Schultz if interested. Kathie Landrum agreed to head it up and could use any help.

**September Meeting** – Market Day rep. will present new fundraising opportunities and samples of Market Day products will be available for tasting.

**Special Thanks** – Thanks to the present/outgoing/incoming officers for their contributions for tonight's snacks/desserts.

**Reminder** – Parish spaghetti dinner on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for desserts.

**Market Day** – Jodi Luersen reported that the May Market Day profit was \$436.07, June was \$288.46, and July was \$152.94. Check out the Market Day website for specials and closeouts. She reminded us that the Market Day has great options for quick meals. She is passing around a sign-up sheet for anyone willing to work a Market Day pickup, which is usually the second or third Monday of the month. She is hoping to get 4 teams, so it would only be working 3 times a year.

**Sweatshirt & Gym Uniforms** – Jodi Luersen reported that she has placed another order, which will be in soon. The gym pants are being discontinued and she will be looking for a new type of pants. She welcomes any ideas or catalogs.

**Cards** – Jodi Luersen is also the contact for cards to be mailed from Mothers' Club for illness, sympathy, etc. Please let her know of any from St. Therese School.

**Walk-A-Thon** – Joy Huber and Ann Schultz are heading this year's Walk-A-Thon, which is one of our largest fundraisers for the school and is used to raise money for our Technology Department. Information packets, sponsor sheets, volunteer sheets and permission slips will go home in the homefolders the first week of Sept. The theme is the St. Therese "Magnificent Mile" and the date is Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, which is the day before a four day weekend. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun event!

**Yearbook Committee** – Please send pictures through school, Attn: Tracy Osburg, Yearbook, or at [TAOsburg@insightbb.com](mailto:TAOsburg@insightbb.com). She is waiting on 8<sup>th</sup> grade pictures, which should be in by the end of Sept. The yearbook for the 08/09 year is just about wrapped up for the printers.

**Fundraising** – Tracy Osburg will be in charge of the fundraising committee this year. We will be doing a fundraiser next month selling LaRosa's Buddy Cards. Kathie Landrum is saving juice pouches for St. Therese School. She will have a box in her room at school to collect them, and she will send them in.

**Spirit Wear** – Christine Doeker will order Spirit Wear again this year, which will be in before Christmas. Information will be sent home in the homefolders in Sept. Car decals orders are due in by Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Spring Social** – This is another big fundraiser for the school and is headed by Loretta Buchanan. She has the date set for March 19<sup>th</sup>, which is a day that we are off of school for teacher in service.

**Faculty/Staff Birthday's** – Mary Schneider is manning this project this year. Volunteers are asked to take a staff member and make a treat or supply a small gift for that person to recognize their special day. A sign-up sheet will be passed around.

**Other reports** – Jackie Stephens said many thank you's to all for the help and support last year with the eighth grade fundraisers for their class trip and other room mother responsibilities.

There is an upcoming fundraiser for Terri Krebs on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Asked Mother's Club to consider a donation.

### **New Business**

**Financial Secretary's Report** – Jessica Brockman reports that the beginning balance is \$1,405.84, and the ending balance is \$1436.71. We had 63 members in attendance, with 8 new members.

**Ways & Means** – We still need an 8<sup>th</sup> grade head room mom for 8C. All folders for the room moms were passed out. In September, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will host and Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade artwork will be on display. List of dates of meetings with grades hosting and grades being honored will be on the website.

**Pot of Gold** – Kathie Landrum was the winner.

**Door Prizes** – The 3 door prizes were awarded. Doreen Fornash motioned to adjourn and seconded by Candy Jones. It was carried by vote.

Ms. O'Leary led us in a closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Julie Bertsch, Secretary