

**SASEAS PTO  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2009**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Tom Devolve (Principal)	X		Justine Lakatos (Pres.)	X	
Paul Herriott (Treasurer)	X		Jenn Dannemiller (VP-Seton)	X	
Julie George (Secretary)		X	Christine Becker (VP- St. A)	X	
Donna Reinhart (MAL St. A)	X		Ericka Steffen (MAL Seton)	X	
Becky Christoff (MAL Seton)	X		Lory Devolve (MAL St. A)	X	
Judy Virzi (MAL Seton)	X		Stacy Giebler (MAL- Seton)		X
Kim Wheat ( MAL St. A)		X	Angela Foulks (MAL St. A)	X	

**Visitors:**

None
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**Prayer/Opening**

Justine led us in a “prayer before meetings.”

**Principal’s Update**

Tom announced that there will be no parent-coordinated Valentine’s Day parties for Grades 1-5 this February. Jenn Dannemiller will propose alternatives for the PTO to provide treats for children on the Seton Campus without taking away classroom time and contact parents who signed up to assist. Parties will be held in the Kindergarten classrooms, coordinated by parents. Teachers in Grades 1-5 will coordinate Valentine’s Day card exchanges.

Tom talked about the SAC’s marketing efforts for SASEAS School. A committee comprised of 10-12 parents, faculty members, and a paid consultant will meet Wednesday (11/18). Tom asked PTO Board members for input on points to highlight during this marketing effort. SASEAS school parent, Michelle Hendrickson, is working on updating the school website. SAC’s efforts are being made at this time in an attempt to retain current families and recruit new students for the 2010-2011 school year.

Tom announced the In Control Program for students in Grades 6-8. A parent meeting is scheduled for Nov 23, and students will participate in the program the week of Dec 14.

The MARC building in Milford is available for meetings. The center has 30+ computers the PTO may be able to use for Grand Event software training.

**October/September Minutes Approval**

**Old Business**

Halloween Parties/Treats: Another successful effort. Jenn forwarded receipts to Paul.

Family Pizza Night: Attendance was down (235), and the entertainer from The Amazing Portable Circus was well-received by children. Suggestions made to change the time to 6-7:30 pm next year and ask parents to keep an eye on their children and keep them out of the front lobby. Children were running in the hallway and playing the piano, in spite of direction from PTO Board members to return to the cafeteria. Thanks to donations (soft drinks and desserts), our cost was below budget. Final accounting will be distributed next month.

Market Day/Pie Sales (Jenn Dannemiller): Jenn reported profit of \$630. We sold 180 pies, 32 of which are being donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Out-of-uniform day for pie sellers is Dec 3.

Make A Difference Day: Kim reported via email that approximately 100 children participated. Suggestion for next year: make sure keys to the school and kitchen are secured prior to the event. Volunteers supplied more than enough desserts. PTO paid for pizza, plates and napkins. Soft drinks were donated.

Central Committee (Becky Christoff/Donna Reinhart): Next meeting is Wednesday, Nov 18.

Grand Event (Lory Devolve): Angela provided logo options for this year's theme, "Fabulous '50s", and one was agreed upon. Out-of-uniform day is Thursday, Nov 19. Students can donate \$1 that will be used to purchase a student gift that will be raffled off at the Event.

An Adult Euchre Tournament is set for Jan 30. Kathy and Steve Kroeger are chairing. Flyer is being produced. Cost will be \$20 per person and will include two drink tickets, appetizers, and prizes.

Grand Event proceeds will be used for textbooks and technology enhancements. Discussed need to get this word out and to be specific about what items and/or technology will be purchased.

Discussed need to drive home that the Grand Event is a fundraiser, not just a social event. Other "friends" of SASEAS school will be targeted to attend and/or contribute to the Event (i.e., CYO families, PRP families, parish families, alumni, etc.) School families will be encouraged to bring non-school family guests to the Event.

The Grand Raffle will be one year's tuition or \$2500 cash. Five weekly early bird drawings (prize, \$100) will be held again this year.

Restaurant Night (Christine Becker): Next night is at Applebee's Wednesday, Nov 18.

### **New Business**

St. Gertrude Request for Volunteers: Teachers from area schools score Archdiocese Writing Samples three times a year at St. Gertrude, and we were asked for 2-3 parent volunteers to assist with recording. Donna, Justine and Jenn signed up for Dec 3. Becky is available in February or March.

Catholic High School Placement Test: Saturday, Nov 21. Pray for our eighth graders.

Operation Shoebox (Renee Hoderlein): Last day to drop off boxes (either campus) is Friday, Nov 20. Pastor blessing will be Monday, Nov 23, afternoon.

### **Closed Executive Session:**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Budget Review (Paul Herriott): Awaiting a \$1,500 rebate from the Archdiocese for the OCEA conference held in September. Magazine Drive final results will be in shortly; it appears we met our budget of 20K.

Justine to review staff/faculty list for Christmas checks, forward the list to Paul for check generation, and prepare a cover letter. Distribution planned for week of Dec 8.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, Dec 7, Justine's, 7:00 pm