

**St. Cecilia PTG Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 3, 2009**

Present: Randy Fiorentino-President  
Mary Alvarado-Principal  
Kathy Ayuyao-Publicity  
Rosemarie Bako-VP Volunteers  
Jeanne DePasquale-Teacher Representative  
Traci Hassett-Hospitality  
Sonya Gallegos-Signs  
Roselyn Quileza-Hospitality  
Lisa Busch-Spirituality  
Michelle Cervantes-VP Fundraising  
Brenda Rodriguez-Secretary  
Diane Smit-Treasurer

Guest: Jennifer De Mahy-1<sup>st</sup> grade parent  
Suzanne Mello-1<sup>st</sup> grade parent  
Angela Sparks  
Julie Saputo-Hot Lunch Coordinator  
Eileen McCarthy  
Jackie creed

Absent: Nancy Walz-Corresponding Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Randy Fiorentino. All guests and board members were welcomed. Mrs. DePasquale led us in prayer with a "Prayer for Strength". The minutes for January 2009 will be approved at a later date.

### Mary Alvarado-Principal's Report:

- Wanted to thank everyone who helped with Catholic Schools Week. It went well.
- Unfortunately, the music production to be presented on Special Friends day was cancelled at the last minute. Mrs. Longo did an exceptional job getting choir members together to sing. The organization will give us a refund and perhaps reschedule at a later date, at no charge.
- As a thank you to all our St. Cecilia families, we will be passing out a red recycle bag with the St. Cecilia logo, a sticker for your car and a leather bookmark with the white envelopes tomorrow.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade is currently at leadership camp and having a great time. This is partially funded by PTG.
- Tustin Police Department Officer Ed is very impressed by our community. We have disaster plans in place and manage our parking and safety of our children effectively.

### Randy Fiorentino-President's Report:

- Driveway duty is going well. There have been no altercations. The presence of a person at the driveway has deterred others from parking in our lot. We still need more volunteers.
- The new car line in the afternoon is going well. The flow of traffic impacts safety and our children are the most important. A 3<sup>rd</sup> line has been added to assist in quicker loading of students.
- It has been changed that the riders and walkers are now released first.
- The siblings of the Pre-K students may go to the lunch tables at dismissal to join their younger brothers and sisters.
- There will be a meeting next month to finalize the school uniform which will be mandatory for the 2010-2011 school years. All are welcome to attend.

- A special thanks to Jackie Creed for organizing and running the used uniform sale at Open House. Proceeds were low because there was a limited amount of some sizes in pants.

Michelle Cervantes-Fundraising:

- The recent Souplantation restaurant nights profit amount is pending. However, it will be lower than expected because they lost one day of our receipts.
- The next restaurant nights are at Ruby's Tustin on 02/18/09 and 02/19/09. This is a Wednesday and Thursday. We receive 20% of sales when our school flyer is presented at the time of service. It is limited to 4-9pm.
- There has been a suggestion that we get a new electronic scoreboard in the hall. Sports families have been impressed with the one at St. Simon and Jude. Gigi Colonna has offered to research this. However, Father Al wants it to be portable because it is the Church Hall used for many activities and not a "gym". There was discussion of who should pay for this. It was suggested that there is a fundraiser specifically earmarked for this open to all school families as optional.
- Pizza Shack is still offering \$2.00 per pizza. Ask for the St. Cecilia Special.
- We just received a \$2373.00 check for Innisbrook for internet sales.

Traci Hassett/Roselyn Quileza:

- No Report.

Diane Smit-Treasurer:

- A copy of treasurer's report was handed out. It included all income and expenses for the current school year. There were no questions.

Rosemarie Bako-Volunteers:

- There will be a flyer going out in tomorrow's white envelope for volunteers for the Lenten Fish Bake on 02/27/09. This event will be run by the school community.

Nancy Walz-Corresponding Secretary:

- No Report.

Kathy Ayuyao-Publicity:

- All newsletter items are due by February 11th.

Lisa Busch-Spirituality:

- The family movie night was a success.
- This Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, is FUDGE night. She could use a couple more volunteers. There are still more tickets available for the event.

Brenda Rodriguez-Secretary:

- I would like to see if we could offer teachers with students at St. Cecilia and families with more than 2 children enrolled at St. Cecilia a bigger discount. There is a financial hardship on these families to pay full tuition. Other schools in the diocese do offer greater discounts. It has been my observation that these families are usually the ones that volunteer the most and would be a terrible loss to the St. Cecilia School Community. This will be reviewed by Mrs. Alvarado and considered at the appropriate levels.

## Other business:

- It was recommended that the sports calendar be made available to all families perhaps on the school website. Families that don't have children in sports would like to support our school.
- It was brought up that Health Room is not sending notices home for bumped heads, bloody noses, etc. This will be addressed.
- Several comments were made regarding the new carline:
  - Could we move the Pre-K students away from the extended daycare children at the lunch tables?
  - Is the crosswalk where Ms. Francesca really safer?
  - Is there a way to maintain student safety but bring back the sense of community that used to be by the modulars?
  - Welcome angels really bring a sense of community.
  - Should families be asked to walk between the modulars and the church for safety issues when walking up to get their children?
  - Where else can people meet besides the grass area until 3:15pm?
  - Is there a liability issue having extended daycare children playing in the same area as children dismissed to parents that are talking?
  - All of these observations were welcomed and will be addressed further with the traffic safety committee. Everyone was reminded this is all a work in progress but the utmost goal is student safety.
- Jenn DeMahy was present and let us know she is interested in starting a St. Cecilia Mom's Club. It would be a place for mom's to get together to share ideas and foster friendships while having a fun time. Membership would be exclusive the St. Cecilia Moms. It will be started by dividing children into grades Preschool to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade as the Faith Group. Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Hope Group. Grades 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> will be the Love Group. She will be spearheading the Faith Group. Other interested moms or room moms will need to spearhead the other groups. Jackie Creed has expressed interest.

- A new position has been created in PTG. It is the Vice President of Community Events. Kathy Ayuyao has stepped up to take over this position for the remainder of this school year. There are talks of a Harbor Cruise, family BINGO night and an Adult game night. Look for details of upcoming events.

The next PTG meeting is scheduled for 03/03/09. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Randy Fiorentino if you have something you would like to add to the meeting agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm. Thank you for coming and drive safely.