

FRIENDS OF SPPS meeting minutes-September 23, 2008

*Jen called the meeting to order

*Jane opened with a prayer

*Our guest speaker was resource teacher Pat Roche: She discussed memory and test preparation skills. She gave us important information on how to enhance our children's study skills encouraging homework to be a positive and consistent experience.

*Principal's Items:

*McTeacher night is October 7th

*Send her (Lisa) an e-mail of anything that you would like included in the October newsletter

*October is the month of the rosary-all school rosary October 1st

*Halloween parties will be October 30th for the students as the 31st is a no school day

*ITBS testing will start October 1st

*Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled October 30th

*President's Items:

*We are in the process of establishing a formal bank account with the goal of having an organized system of checks and balances

*We are scheduled for a Papa Vitos Pizza fundraising night Monday November 17th. We will need 8-10 volunteers that evening from 4:00-9:00pm. SPPS gets 50% of the earnings for the night and we keep all of the tips and donations. The profits will be applied to items/educational purposes for our teachers.

*A "penny war" was discussed as a fun competition between the classrooms at some time this school year

*The possibility of investigating a scholastic book rewards/warehouse program was mentioned as well

*Plans for our annual Vendor night were discussed. Attendees overall were responsive to having this event again. It is scheduled for November 25th during our regular meeting time at 7:00 in the cafeteria. We will request a small charge to the vendors to benefit our Friends of SPPS program.

*Task for the month: our attendees stuffed Education First envelopes

*Event/Committee Reports:

*Scrip: \$27,000 has been ordered thus far this year with a profit of \$1200 for our school. You are now able to order and pay on-line. Scrip was available for purchase at the meeting. Contact Kit Foster with questions.

*Secret Pals: Barb Reinholz is requesting more volunteers

*Crop Camp details are still being worked out

*Carnival is scheduled for Friday September 26th.

*Reminder that our next meeting is scheduled October 28th. We will have a reading specialist as our guest speaker.

*Meeting adjourned