

# Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Joseph PTA Council

Volume 24, Issue 1

September 2008



*Presidents*

*Corner...*

Peggy Wood, Council President

Welcome back!!!! I hope this finds all of you rested, recharged, and ready to begin another school year. Your Saint Joseph PTA Council is preparing for another year of exciting events.

First, I want to say thanks to all of you for making our Major Saver Campaign such a great success. This was a record year for us with the sale of 14,531 cards sold and a district total of \$72,655.00. Now that is AWESOME. I know fundraising is hard and I appreciate all the dedication of everyone and look forward to another record year this upcoming school year.

The 2008-2009 membership drive is certainly at the top of our list. This year's theme is We're Soaring to New Heights....Join PTA Today!. Membership is what PTA is all about. It unites nearly six million parents each year to help their children succeed academically, emotionally and personally by building a bridge between home and school. So, begin your drive early and don't stop until you reach each and every parent. Please don't forget about your OMDR reporting and let us know if we can assist with your drives or OMDR in any way.

A workshop for the incoming unit presidents was held on August 18<sup>th</sup>. At this event the presidents had an opportunity to get to know each other and learn the ins and outs of the summer packet of information provided by the Missouri PTA.

PTA Council will continue to host a number of projects this year. The Reflections theme for this is "Wow!" and will conclude locally in January. Salute to Schools will be celebrated in January and the Spelling Bee and Founders Day in February. There will be other upcoming events that we will let you all know about.

Throughout this school year, your PTA Council will provide each unit with information and updates on Legislative issues concerning our children. I urge each one of you to become informed as to all issues happening. We will again be holding Legislative Forums beginning in January.

Continued on page 2

## Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board of Trustees Annual Report 2007-2008

The Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund was established by the St. Joseph Parent Teacher Association in 1937 in memory of Clarence J. Carpenter, former principal of Neely Elementary School and principal of Bliss Junior High School at the time of his death. A volunteer board of 12 members manages the fund – the St. Joseph PTA Council elects 9 and the Council President and Coordinator of Health Service also serve on the board. The Superintendent of Schools is an advisor to the Board. We currently have 3 Honorary Trustees: Mrs. Vincent Bumbacher, Mrs. Robert Beaver, and Mrs. William Mooney, Jr.

The Board meets in September, November, January, March, and May.

Officers of 2007-2008 were Joyce Clibon - Chairman, Deb Conrad - Vice-chair, Karen Williams - recording secretary, Allene Wright - corresponding secretary, and Cheryl Hale – treasurer.

This year a total of 84 students were helped with eye care. The cost of this care was \$5747.79.

The total for dental care was \$366.00

HELP A CHILD TO SEE 2008 CAMPAIGN received \$2,502.50 in donations.

Lori Prussman former PTA Council President and CC Board officer was honored at the Founder's Day dinner. The St. Joseph PTA Council made a donation to the Carpenter Fund, in her honor.

At the May meeting a budget of \$7,190.00 was approved. New officers elected for the coming year are: Joyce Clibon-Chair, Pat Carrington- Vice chair, Marcia Rippe-recording secretary, Allene Wright -corresponding secretary, Christy Callaway-treasurer.

The Board wishes to thank all the units and individuals for the donations they have made to make it another successful year for the Board to give eye and dental care to the students of the St. Joseph School District.

Submitted by Joyce Clibon, Chair

Continued from page 1

As you are all aware by now, there will be huge decisions made this April 2009 concerning our children. I am personally asking all of you to get behind this campaign and let's make our schools an even better place for our kiddos!!! This will be a very important issue for us this year and I will be calling on each of you for your support.

My e-mail address is incorrect in your summer packet. My correct e-mail is [pswood@magiccablepc.com](mailto:pswood@magiccablepc.com). Let me know if you all need anything.

God Bless,

Peggy Wood, PTA Council President

The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts.

**C. S. Lewis**



**Council Clippings Article Assignments for  
October 2008**  
**Articles are due September 10, 2008**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Presidents Report</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Character &amp; Spiritual</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>American Education Week</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Parent Involvement</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Bylaws</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Council Award</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Reflections</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Regional Director report</u></b>

**All articles must be emailed to Lori Prussman at [aokmom@hotmail.com](mailto:aokmom@hotmail.com), subject: CLIPPING ARTICLE . Thank you for getting your articles to me in a timely manner.**

## Procedure books!!

Each unit should have in place procedure books. They are essential to make your unit run smoothly. Having everyone on the same page will make a world of difference.

What should be included in a procedure book?

The basic sections should be.....

- First each should have a copy of "The Purposes of the Parent Teacher Association" and the "Mission Statement of the Parent Teacher Association" . This can be found in your tool kit that the state office will send out.
- Next should be a copy of your roster (officers list) including chairman. Please include names, numbers and email addresses for all of these people.
- Next should be your budget for the year. This should include all line items (Salute to school, Founders Day, Principals Day, etc.). At a glance you will have all of your financial numbers.
- Next a working calendar for the year. Makes planning a breeze if you have all of your dates sets before school starts.
- Next your current bylaws. These need to be updated every three years. The state office will have a list of when to renew and make updates.
- Next a section for your meeting agenda's. It is good to have them on hand in case you need to go back and verify a task.
- Next a section for your meeting minutes. Again, a good thing to have on hand in case a question arises and you have them to refresh everyone's memories.
- Next a section of your treasurer's reports. Always good to have to keep track of spending.
- Presidents, I suggest you include your tool kit (supplied by the state office). This will contain valuable information you will need. Make copies of sections and distribute them to appropriate officers or chairman, but keep a complete copy for your records. This will help keep a handle on things if a copy is lost; you have an original to fall back on.

Optional sections may include....

- A list of current PTA members. Remember, only members have a vote in matters concerning PTA. If a membership has not been purchased then they do not have voting privileges. (The membership chair and the secretary should have this list at all times.)
- Standing rules. These are a record of items that your PTA traditionally follows. Such as; the annual Founders Day dinner held by the Council will be attended by....or the scholarship committee will consist of.... Anything not spelled out in your bylaws.
- A running "Wish List" from your school staff. If extra funds are available ask your staff for a list of items that would be helpful.

Submitted by Lori Prussman

**Clarence J. Carpenter  
Memorial Fund Board**

**Treasurer's Report**

**05/19/08 - 07/31/08**

**Beginning Balance as of 05/19/08**

**\$18,811.70**

**RECEIPTS/INCOME:**

Interest on Checking 05-30-08           \$3.73  
Interest on Checking 06-30-08           \$3.08  
Interest on Checking 07-31-08           \$3.07  
CD Interest at Maturity                 \$207.24

**Total Receipts:**                         \$217.12

**\$217.12**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Ck #699 - Allene Wright                 \$70.03  
Ck #700 - Northwest Ins. Co.             \$100.00  
Ck #701 - NW MO Oral/Maxil  
Surgery                                     \$366.00  
Ck #702 - Bonebrake Vision               \$240.00  
Ck #703 - East Ridge Vision Ctr         \$45.00  
Ck #704 - Fields Eye Site                 \$95.00  
Ck #705 - Rosenak's Optical  
Options                                     \$95.00  
Ck #706 - The Spec Shoppe                \$917.00

**Total Disbursements:**                 \$1,928.03

**\$1,928.03**

**Ending Balance as of 07-31-08**

**\$17,100.79**

**Balance Comprised of:**

Bank Midwest CD 4910014155

\$9,872.74

**PTA... the People's Choice**



**93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Missouri PTA Convention**

**October 18-19, 2008**

**KCI Expo Center**

**Kansas City (near KCI Airport)**

**Clarence J. Carpenter  
Memorial Fund Board**

**Year End Summary Report 8/27/07 – 7/31/08**

**Beginning Balance as of  
08/27/07**

**\$16,994.80**

**St. Joseph PTA Council  
Request/confirmation Form  
For Button Machine**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # Home\_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Work \_\_\_\_\_

Project or function \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Components Needed \_\_\_\_\_

(Plastic Cover, Shell, Pin Back=1 Component)

Send request to: Jena Kirschner

10489 SE State Rt. A

St. Joseph, MO 64507

816-244-1687

[jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us)

Or at TMC 816-671-4390

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Send Bill To:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: *ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL*

Send Payment to: St. Joseph PTA Council

PO Box 1271

St. Joseph, MO 64501

For Council Use Only

Button Machine reserved for

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Check out date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Check in date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Components Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Number Returned \_\_\_\_\_

Number Used @ \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

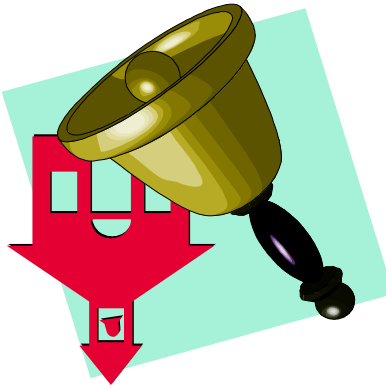
Confirmation

Your Request for the Button Machine is Confirmed for \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR PTA USE ONLY**

SONIA P. HENDON



ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL

St. Joseph PTA Council  
PO Box 1271  
St. Joseph, MO 64501

