

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council

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Welcome Back!



Presidents

Corner...

Hello Everyone,

We have already had a busy start to our 2009-2010 school year. Thank you to all of those who came to our annual President/Treasurer meeting in August. I hope you all enjoyed the information that was presented. I know it was a long meeting, but I feel like we got a lot accomplished. I promise to keep meetings to an hour from now on.

I want to remind you that if there is an area that you have a question about, please do not hesitate to call or email. We are happy to help. I really need to know what you need help with to make your year successful.

As you are aware the School Board has decided to put the levy back on the ballot in November. We will be working to bring you all of the correct information to help in your quest to make an informed decision at the poll. Again, please bring your questions to meetings or email me so that we can get you what you need. We need to keep in mind that this is not about our feelings towards the school district or the school board; it is about the best interest of all the students in the St. Joseph School District. Our goal is to provide the best for all of our students. Please help us help them!

Just a few reminders...

1. Please turn in requested information to Council as soon as possible.
2. Send in audit report to State PTA (form in Tool Kit).
3. File your 990 (N) e-card
4. Council dues are due on October 15th.
5. Check your bylaws for renewal date.

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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 _____ Send request to:
(Plastic Cover, Shell, Pin Back=1 Component) Jena Kirschner
10489 SE State Rt. A
St. Joseph, MO 64507
816-244-1687

Signature _____

Title _____

jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us

Or at TMC 816-671-4390

Send Bill To:

Make Checks Payable to:
ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL

For Council Use Only

Button Machine reserved for _____ Check out date _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Confirmation Sent _____ Check in date _____

Signature _____

Number of Components Issued _____

Number Returned _____ Date _____

Number Used _____ @ _____ Total Due _____

Confirmation

Your Request for the Button Machine is confirmed for _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board

Treasurer's Report
January 20, 2009 through May 18, 2009

Beginning Balance as of 1-20-09 \$17,304.19

RECEIPTS:

Interest on Checking 1-30-09	1.93	
Interest on Checking 2-27-09	1.65	
Interest on Checking 3-31-09	1.76	
Interest on Checking 4-30-09	1.32	
Hyde PTA	50.00	
Truman PTSA	100.00	
Bode PTSA	50.00	
Mark Twain PTA	50.00	
Help A Child to See	2,813.50	
Total Receipts	3,070.16	\$ 3,070.16

DISBURSEMENTS

717 NW Health Services	110.00	
718 Rosenak Optical	190.00	
719 Fields Eye Site	564.00	
720 Bonebrake Vision	145.00	
721 St. Joe Optical	95.00	
722 The Spec Shoppe	721.00	
723 Bonebrake Vision	80.00	
724 Eastridge Vision	276.00	
725 Fields Eye Site	355.00	
726 Rosenak Optical	190.00	
727 The Spec Shoppe	933.00	
728 Tobin Eye Institute	310.00	
Total Disbursements	3,969.00	\$ (3,969.00)

Ending Balance as of 5-18-09 \$16,405.35

Bank Balance Comprised of:

Bank Midwest Checking		6,400.66
Bank Midwest CD 4910014155	Balance as of 11-17-08	10,004.67
		<u>\$ 16,405.35</u>

Council Clippings Article Assignments for October 2009

Articles are due September 10, 2009

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

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

"I can't imagine a person being a success who doesn't give this game of life everything he's got."
Walter Cronkite

"If I've lost Cronkite, I've lost the country."
President Lyndon B. Johnson

Submitted by Shelby Hawkins

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Also, MO State Convention starts on Oct. 23rd in Springfield. Make plans to attend. Lots of great workshops!

We thank you for your help and continued support. We look forward to a great year.

Much success.
Lori Prussman

PS: I want to be a member of each unit. Let me know the cost of your membership.

News from the Treasurer..

After attending a Treasurer and Budget workshop at the Liberty School of Information I have some friendly reminders as you begin your school year!

Treasurer Tips:

- ☺ The single most important thing to do before you accept the treasurer's books is to VERIFY the books have been reviewed and that you agree with the information.
- ☺ It is required / suggested that TWO people sign checks.
- ☺ As the treasurer you are RESPONSIBLE for all funds.
- ☺ Two people must count any PTA money.
- ☺ DEPOSIT money IMMEDIATELY.
- ☺ At each meeting the treasurer should submit a report containing: balance on hand, amounts received and expenditures since the last meeting.
- ☺ The treasurer's notebook should contain: check requests, receipts, bank statements, copies of reports, budget, and IRS information. Also, this is a good place to keep a copy of your bylaws and standing rules.
- ☺ Be sure you get bond insurance (this should be part of your budget).

Budget Tidbits:

- ☺ A committee (according to your bylaws) should prepare a budget at the beginning of the year if one has not already been made.
- ☺ Some items to consider when preparing a proposed budget: last year's budget, your goals, your fund-raiser(s), and your school's make up.
- ☺ Make sure that the items you put in your budget support the mission and purpose of PTA, your school, and your students.
- ☺ Once the budget is prepared it needs to be presented at the first general meeting for adoption.
- ☺ Any line item in the budget can not be changed without an amendment being approved at a general meeting. For example, if

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Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund

Board of Trustees Annual Report 2008-2009

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 2008-2009 were Joyce Clibon - Chairman, Pat Carrington – Vice-chair, Marcia Rippe - recording secretary, Allene Wright - corresponding secretary, and Cheryl Hale - treasurer.

This year a total of 111 students were helped with eye care. The cost of this care was \$9,149.99. This was an increase of 27 students from the previous causing an increase of \$3447.20 for this care.

The total for dental care was \$110.00 a decrease of \$256.00.

HELP A CHILD TO SEE 2008 CAMPAIGN received \$2,675.50 in donations.

Gertie Beaver, a long time CC Board member 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 \$6,600.00 was approved. New officers elected for the coming year are: Sandy Frazer-Chair, Lori Prussman- 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.

School Of Information 2009

Thanks to everyone who made the Council SOI such a wonderful success. First to the members of the units that came (over 50) you are truly great people to volunteer to keep your units active and strong. Thanks to Leechia Jones from Family Guidance for motivating and inspiring us to continue the work of PTA and giving us tips for stress management. Thanks to the unit officers for leading the workshops, Peggy Wood-President, Christy Callaway-treasurer, Lori Prussman-membership, Sharon Kosek-secretary and Azure Hailey-Reflections. I appreciate the time each of you took to prepare packets of information for each school, for those who did not attend, the packets are being sent to you through inter school mail.

The winners of the door prizes were: Presidents-Becky Huntsman from Spring Garden won Four Council members working Two hours at any PTA sponsored event, Treasurer-Bibi Miller from Mark Twain won a free audit of the PTA books, Secretary- Christina Lund from Bode won pens and notebooks-Memberships-Amy Drake won 10 memberships being sold for their unit, and Reflections-Sherril Lewis from Central won trophies for their Reflection contest winners in their school. The grand prizewinner for an all expense trip for two to the State Convention was won by Beth Kosse from Central!

Again thank you for being so generous of your time and talents to help the school children in St. Joseph.

Joyce Clibon, Chair of School of Information 08-09

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your fundraiser does AWESOME and your unit decides to purchase something not in the budget for your school it must be approved first.

☺ Budget income and expenses should equal each year:

You might want to consider adding a budget line to give you a carry over.

If you are saving money for a long term goal or project put that money in a separate line item.

Reminders:

☺ Send your audit report to state!

☺ Fill out your 990 IRS report on time!

☺ Council dues are due October 15th.

☺ Send in your membership dues to state at the beginning of each month.

☺ HAVE FUN!!

Have a great year,
Mary Kelly
PTA Council Treasurer

Major Saver Sales

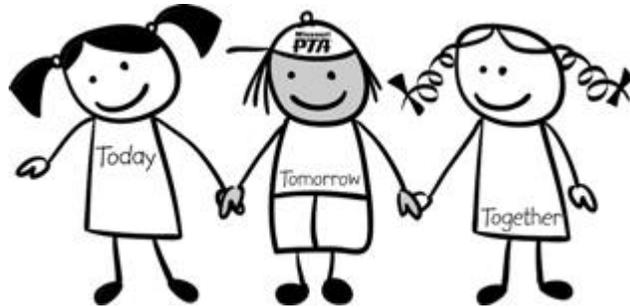
2009 Major Savers was a success with the total number of cards sold being 13,092. The St. Joseph PTA Council earnings totaling \$32,730 were less than the 2008 earnings due to 1,851 fewer cards being sold. However, the 2007 year card sales were 13,079 so 2009 numbers were up from the 2007 year. The St. Joseph PTA Council would like to thank the vendors that participated in our 2009 success, they were as follows, The Old Hoof and Horn, Culver's, Godfather's Pizza, Whiskey Creek, Cabana Grill, 54th Street Grill and Bar, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Crumbly Burger, Olympia Lanes, San Jose Steakhouse, St. Joe Mustangs, Pizza Shoppe, Carlos O'Kellys, Grandslam Ice Cream Co., and Waffle House. Major Savers representative will begin the sales with the Kick Off Assemblies on April 21st and 22nd. Collections will be starting on April 26th and end on May 3rd. Major Savers will have a follow up through May 7th for wrapping up late orders.

With all of the PTA Council and the schools support we will look forward to an even more successful year to come.

Thank you,

Casey Loch; PTA Council Ways and Means representative

PTA... Today, Tomorrow, TOGETHER



94th Annual Missouri PTA Convention

October 23-25, 2009

University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center
Springfield, Missouri

All PTA members are invited to attend the 94th Annual Missouri PTA Convention!

PTA members from around the state are invited to attend this valuable opportunity for training, networking and renewal.

Today..... mark your calendars for October 23-25, 2009.
Tomorrowplan to bring your ideas and prepare to be inspired at the 2009 Convention in Springfield.
Together..... we will continue to make a difference in the lives of Missouri's children.

Go to www.mopta.org for more details.

DON'T FORGET....

EARLY BIRD AWARDS

Early Bird Membership Awards will be given out during State convention in October.

These awards go to Units that send in the

HIGHEST MEMBERSHIP

based upon last year's

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

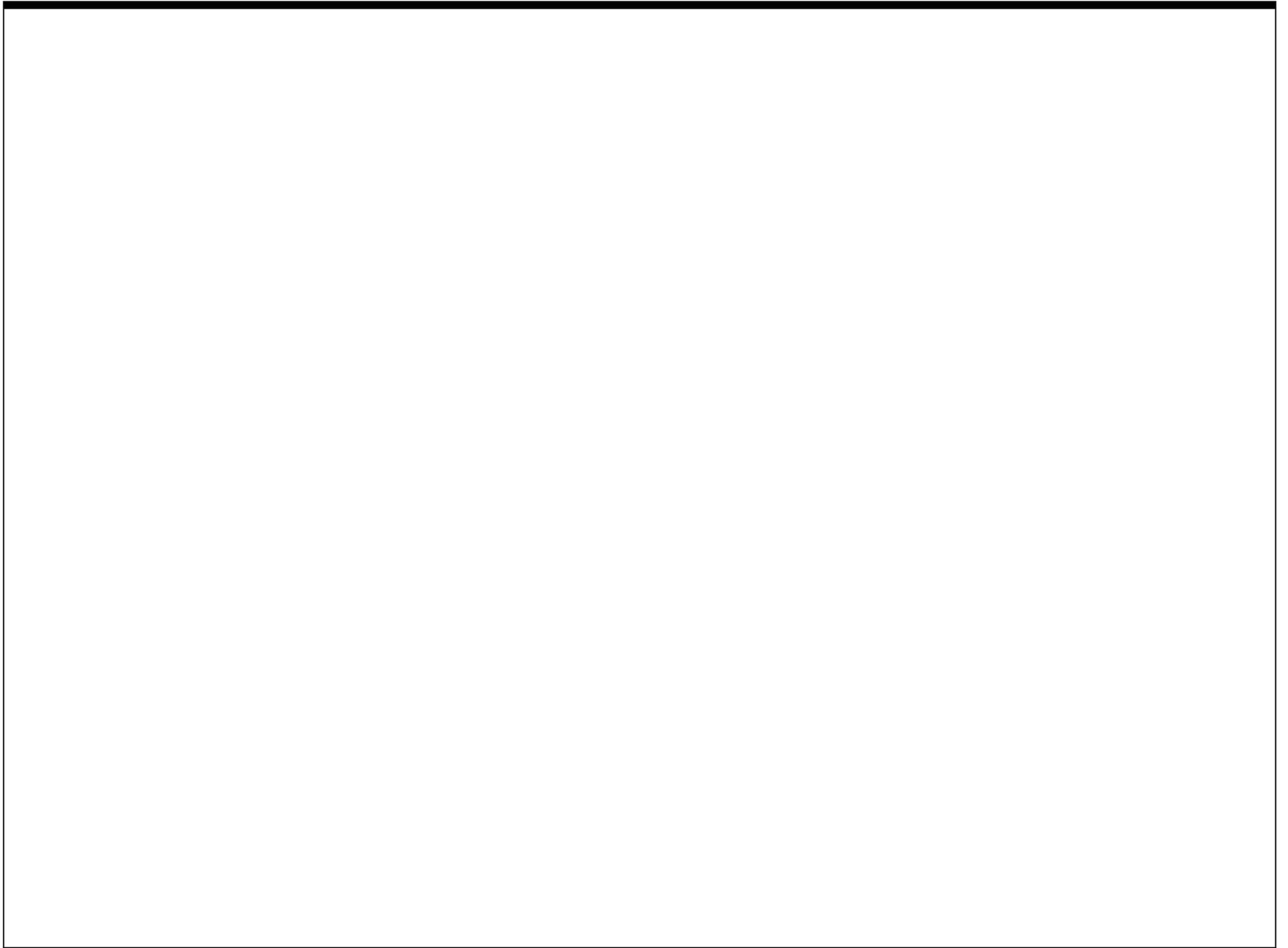
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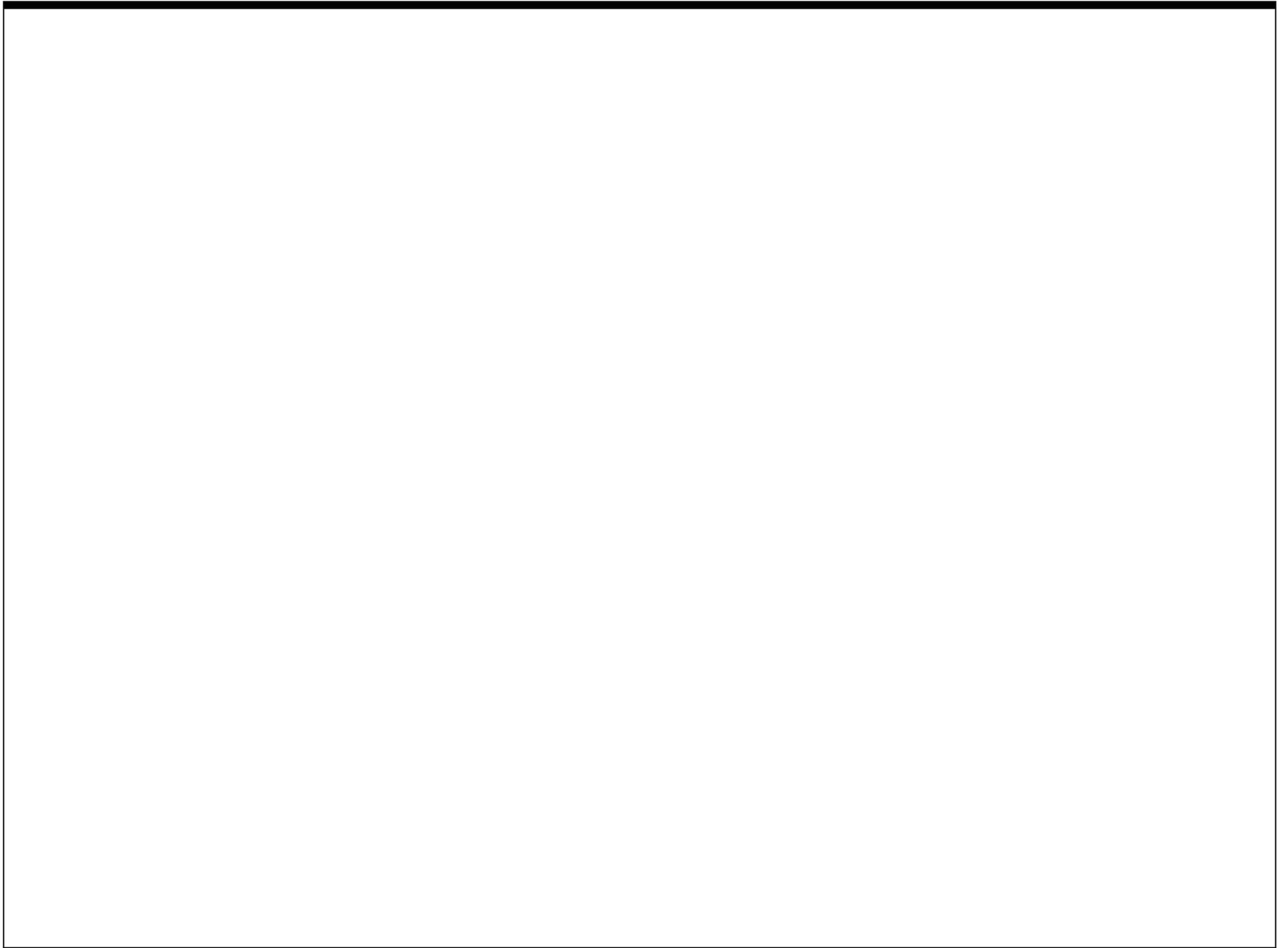
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Be a Winner!

Get those membership dues sent in.

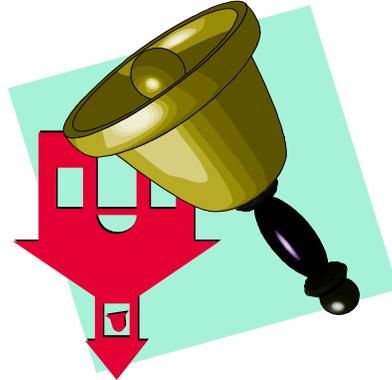






NOTICE FOR PARENTS

COMMUNITY CENTER



ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL

St. Joseph PTA Council
c/o Lori Prussman
2504 Ashland ave St. Joseph, MO 64506

