

St. Alphonsus Home and School Association

Minutes – May 15, 2007

Present: Monsignor Owens, Sister Ruth, Suzie Devlin, Angie McDonnell, Kim Paris, Dianne Signoretta, Mary Dolaway, Michele Gallagher, Gina Giuliani, Ann Markley, Carolyn Schumann

Absent: Lisa Vernacchio, Deb DeAngelis, Mark Wolpert

Parish Report: Monsignor Owens

Monsignor referenced the letter that was sent to all parishioners which outlined the parish's current debt. At this point, Monsignor wants to make sure everyone is clear about the information. In September, the parish will gear up for a three year pledge campaign. .

School Report: Sister Ruth

Playground Update: Nick D'Amico asked George Tenzinger to explore playground options. George will work on this and it will be done over the summer for September 2007.

Smart Boards: They have arrived and will be installed this Thursday and Friday. The MCIU will give the faculty a workshop in October 2007.

End of the Year Awards:

- Sister Mary James & Mr. James Shea award for loyalty, dedication and service to the school community (has been a \$25 bond)
- Joanne Creed Award for integrity, optimism, courage, strength, love (has been a \$25 bond)
- Eleanor Doyle Award for love of God, family, learning, laughter and life. Because this award was given by Mother's Club and the Mother's Club no longer exists, Sister asked if H&S would sponsor this \$25 award.
- General Excellence for highest general average (bond)
- Wilfred F. Maloney Scholarship for love of learning, academic excellence and faith (\$500 tuition given directly to high school)

Motion

A Formal Motion was made to approve funding The Eleanor Doyle award for this year on.

Vote

A vote was taken by the committee and the motion was unanimously **approved.**

Auction Focus for 2007 – 2008: The curriculum is current however; a new math series will be looked into for 2008-2009. The school is very up to date with technology and now the technology focus is learning how to use it well. This year, focus suggestions include enhancements to the original school building such as:

- A/C (the cost needs to be explored)
- Replacing ceiling tiles and lighting in hallways
- Replacing 1st floor carpets replaced with tiles (for health purposes)
- Painting of hallways and classrooms
- Sprucing up the lunchroom

Yard Duty: Parental participation for yard duty is low. Those assigned are arriving late or not showing at all. Several teachers have been the last minute substitute and parents are not sending in \$25 to reimburse the teachers for their time even after being reminded several times. As a result, the school is losing money. Therefore the proposal for 2007 – 2008 is as follows:

- Every family will be required to pay the \$72 upfront for the year.
- Parents will be asked if they would like to be yard duty monitors.
- Parent will be reimbursed on the day they are here for duty.

As a result, there may be more consistency in the yard duty supervision and those parents would become familiar with students. IF a faculty member wants to be assigned, he/she would receive the \$18 reimbursement and be scheduled for time.

New Parent Reception: The incoming Kindergarten parents seem anxious to get to know the school and become involved. Sister suggested a reception or ice cream social for the families. It could be something very simple. Mary and Deb will follow up on this.

Treasurer's Report: Dianne Signoretta

Dianne distributed the Statement of Income and Expenses and the Cash Account Register for the period 5/31/2007 noting that the expense of the Smart Boards was entered this period. Installation costs are still outstanding.

Additional expenses will be posted by June 30th including: teacher start-up for 2007-2008, teacher gifts and some others.

A line item, "Auction – Buy Ahead," will be added to the budget. This money will be used in auction planning for mailings, caterer deposits, decorating deposits and other auction start-up expenses...

There is \$10,000 for Capital Expenditures in the budget. The intent is that \$10,000 is put into this line item each year to be used to for future computer upgrades. \$10,000 from the 06-07 budget and \$10,000 from the 07-08 budget will be moved to a dedicated account for Technology Capital Expenditure 3 Year Plan. Dianne will follow-up on this.

Committee Reports

A.) Community Affairs:

The school is looking for a nurse for next year. This position would require someone to be available during lunch four days a week.

A notice will be placed in the family envelope that the Shelter in Place items will be sent to Manna on Main Street unless families request the items be returned.

B.) Programs: Carolyn Schumann

Feedback on the Velocity program was that the students enjoyed the movement and exercise portion more than they enjoyed the powerpoint presentation, although it included helpful health related information. In general, more movement is better, as long as we consider the interests of all students and don't get too sports oriented. Mr. Delaney felt that the Velocity program was very similar to what he is doing in gym class. This program was given by Velocity at no charge to St. A's H&S.

Unique Entertainment is scheduled for Thursday of Catholic Schools Week. We have contracted with a specific entertainer (Ben Wachstein) to ensure more student involvement next year. We are also receiving a \$200 reduction in the performance fee for the 2008 show.

Other programs are being evaluated for next year.

C.) Publicity: Ann Markley

Ann needs pictures from Trivia Night, she will follow-up with Peggy Cramer.

Ann is working on the 3rd Trimester Newsletter.

D.) Social Activities: Mary Dolaway

A tentative schedule for social activities for next year will be announced in June.

A suggestion was made to have an end-of year thank you lunch for all volunteers. Suzie will follow-up with Mary.

E.) Volunteers: Michele Gallagher

No Report.

F.) Ways and Means: Angie McDonnell

There will be an auction next year. Elena Wall will chair the auction. Peg Cramer will chair Solicitation. Candace McClain and Hillary Blust will chair Gift Distribution. Mary Dolaway will chair Packaging. Sally Scott will chair the Bar. Carmel Stevens will chair Decorating. Michele Gallagher will chair 8th grade closing.

Angie, Gina, Monsignor, Sister and Elena will follow-up to decide upon an auction focus.

Angie will follow-up with Peg Cramer and Heather Dianno to draft an auction solicitation letter. A suggestion was made to mail it in August this year.

Old Business

A.) The new board members are:

Co-President Elect	Sherry Mischler and Liz Fitzpatrick
Secretary	Karen Hornbaker
Members at large	Carla Cooper, Sue Marley, Deana Michie

B.) Suzie shared thank yous from the 2nd and 4th grade for the chick project.

New Business

A.) The following motion was made and voted upon electronically:

Motion:

A Formal Motion was made to approve funding for an overhead projector for the school library. The cost of material and installation should not exceed \$2000.

Vote

A vote was taken by the committee and the motion was **approved** by a majority of 10 “Yes” votes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on June 19th. Angie will follow-up on the time.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Paris