

**ST. ALPHONSUS HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 17, 2004**

PRESENT: Sister Ruth Hennessy, Gerri Lipp, Susan Hitchings, Karen Sullivan, Lisa Stefkovic, Bernadette Armstrong, Sue Raggazino, Linda Lillo, Pat McNamara, Joanne Quinn, Kevin Zakrzewski

ABSENT: Monsignor Owens, Bill Hunter, Jane Girondo, and Karen Price

1. OPENING PRAYER - Sister Ruth Hennessy

2. SCHOOL UPDATE - Sister Ruth Hennessy

- There will be a meeting for the parents of grades K-4 on Thursday, March 11th at 7:00 PM. Sister Edward William will speak about the Honors Math Program.
- The March 8th General Home and School Meeting will be moved to May 10th.
- Thursday, February 19th there will be a Flyers Fitness Assembly and “Dress Down Day.” Grades K-4 will attend the assembly 1:00-1:30 PM and grades 5-8 will attend from 1:30-2:15 PM.
- Kindergarten Dad Night is scheduled for Thursday, February 19th from 6:30-7:30 PM.
- Ash Wednesday is on February 25th. There will be a 9:00 AM mass for grades 3-8. Grades K-2 will attend a Prayer Service.
- The Science Fair will be opened up to the parish after all the masses on February 28-29th.
- First Penance for grade 2 is on Monday, March 1, 2004.
- St. Alphonsus will have another Open House on Thursday, March 4, 2004 from 8:30 AM until 2:00 PM. An ad will be placed in The Ambler Gazette.
- Faculty Fun Night is scheduled for March 5, 2004.
- Confessions are scheduled for March and will be on the school calendar.
- Grandparents Bingo will take place on March 17th.
- A room in the new wing will be used temporarily for the auction preparation until room 1 is completed.

- Sister Ruth compiled a classroom materials list with the teachers' requests. Susan Hitchings will speak to the teachers regarding the materials and agreed to research costs. Sister Ruth will speak with Joe Carmean about buying additional phones.
- A digital camera was donated to the school. Lisa Stefkovic will research the price for purchasing another digital camera.

3. AUCTION UPDATE - Susan Hitchings

- Sherry Mischler and Chad Quinn will co-chair the school auction scheduled for November 13th. The theme is "Night at the Oscars."
- Two computers are needed for auction preparation. Market Day and Strip volunteers could also use these computers.) Home and School voted and approved the purchase of two computers, software update, and printer/fax/copier.
- Some ideas discussed such as an Arts and Literature Program and Multi-media for a new ILA series are some of the ways auction proceeds could be used for next year.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT - Karen Sullivan

- Karen Sullivan distributed statements and discussed money left in Science Lab fund (approximately \$11,000.00). Sister Ruth will speak to the science teachers one last time to see if there are any other needs such as laptops or digital microscopes.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- Kevin Zakrzewski distributed a proposal from CardioReady for the purchase of an AED. He is awaiting a second proposal. Once he receives it, he will forward it to Gerri Lipp and the Board will vote via e-mail. It was suggested to purchase two AED's, one near the gym and one near the church. Kevin will talk to CYO about splitting the cost.
- The Father- Daughter Dance takes place on Friday, February 20th. We will not take individual pictures of the families, but will be circulating and taking pictures throughout the evening. We should come in under budget, as we are not buying sodas.
- Mother-Son Olympics will take place March 14th. Joanne Quinn has volunteers. We will use The Parish Center and the cafeteria. Kevin Zakrzewski will assist.

Pizza will be served. Joanne will send home a sign-up form via the Family Envelope.

- The Book Fair Ice-Cream Social will take place March 25th. The time will be announced (probably 6:30-8:30 PM). The Home and School will fund the ice-cream and it will take place in the cafeteria. A form will be sent home on the Family Envelope to get a count of people attending.
- Upcoming Home and School Elections: It was suggested that Treasurer become a three-year position, with the first year serving as Treasurer-Elect, learning the job of treasurer. So next year, Karen Sullivan will stay on a third year, with the position of Treasurer-Elect open. For the 2004-2005 year four positions will be open: Treasurer-Elect (3 yr. Term), and three At-Large Positions (2 yr. Terms). Bernadette Armstrong, Karen Price and Sue Raggazino will be going off the Board. A note will be sent home within a week or two explaining the positions and asking for interested people to contact a Home and School Representative. We will address the issue at the March meeting. An Election Committee will be formed at that time.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Stefkovic and Gerri Lipp

Next General Home and School Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2004, 7:00 PM
Next Executive Home and School Meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2004, 7:30 PM