

**ST. ALPHONSUS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES - MAY 18, 2004**

**PRESENT:** Monsignor Owens, Sister Ruth Hennessy, Jane Girondo, Gerri Lipp, Karen Sullivan, Lisa Stefkovic, Joanne Quinn, Linda Lillo, Sue Raggazino, Bill Hunter, Pat McNamara, Kevin Zakrzewski

**ABSENT:** Susan Hitchings, Bernadette Armstrong, Karen Price

**1. OPENING PRAYER** - Monsignor Owens

**2. PARISH UPDATE** - Monsignor Owens

- The building project is still on schedule for July 26, 2004.
- The church dedication will take place on November 7, 2004. Cardinal Rigali will join us.

**3. SCHOOL UPDATE** - Sister Ruth Hennessy

- The Franklin Institute Assembly was enjoyed by everyone.
- The band concert was a delightful evening.
- Mary Finley is temporarily covering for Carol Garcia in the school office.
- The Gratitude Dinner at North Hills Country Club was lovely.
- Paul Francesco spoke about Internet Safety at the General Home and School Meeting, May 10, 2004.
- The May Procession went well.
- The 8th grade trip to Annapolis and Baltimore was a success.
- Helen Eckenrode's Piano Recital will be on Monday, May 24, 2004.
- The week of June 1st is the final testing week.
- Monday, June 7th, is a clerical day; there is no school.

- Tuesday, June 8th, is Field Day for grades 5-8. There is no school for grades 1-4.
- Wednesday, June 9th is Field Day for grades 1-4. There is no school for grades 5-8.
- The 8th grade graduation is at 6 PM on Wednesday, June 9, 2004.
- Thursday, June 10th, dismissal will be at 12:00 PM.
- Friday, June 11th, there will be a 9:00 AM mass followed by dismissal.
- There was a discussion on having the St. Alphonsus School Open House in the fall rather than during Catholic Schools Week.

#### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT - Karen Sullivan**

- Karen reviewed the expenses and revenue for 2003-2004 as well as the Home and School Budget for 2004-2005.
- A discussion was held on whether or not we should continue the Scrip Program for next year, as only 10 families participate in this program. We will look into the yearly profit and vote on a decision at the next meeting.

#### **5. MISCELLANEOUS**

- We need to motivate everyone to collect the Box Tops for Education. Should we have class contests next year?
- St. Alphonsus will offer an Art Program for the 2004-2005 school year. This will be held after school similar to the way we offer Science Explorers.
- The New Family Welcome is on June 3, 2004 at 7:00 PM. All board members are asked to help with this evening. Speakers for Market Day, Auction and School Information will attend.

- Linda Lillo will get the popsicles for the Field Days as Home and School supplies them.
- We now have two AED's and will keep one in the Parish Center and the other in the Church. We will offer AED training.
- Kevin Zakrzewski will shop for fans for the school classrooms after Sister gives him a count of hw many are needed.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lisa Stefkovic

Next Executive Home and School Meeting: Monday, June 14, 2004, 7:30 PM