

**ST. ALPHONSUS HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES – JANUARY 20, 2004**

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

ABSENT: Susan Hitchings, Bernadette Armstrong, Bob Hunter, and Karen Price

1. OPENING PRAYER - Monsignor Owens

2. PARISH UPDATE - Monsignor Owens

- The Finance Council will meet tonight to discuss The Five-Year Pastoral Plan.
- Home & School allocated \$35, 000.00 toward the Science Lab. The rectory will give us a list of materials purchased for the new lab.

3. SCHOOL UPDATE - Sister Ruth Hennessy

- Robin Schmidt will be available 3 full days for the Art Program. \$10,000.00 has been allocated for the Art Program.
- Sister announced the space plans. For September 2004 The Intermediate Unit will use Room 18. The second computer lab will be in Room 17. Room 15 and Room 16 will be used for the 4th grade. Sister Madeleine's room will become part of the Teachers Lounge. Room 1 will become Sister Madeleine's new room. The back of her room would be used for Home & School. However, a wall or divider needs to be added to the room. The first grade will move to Room 5. A possible 4-year-old program is being considered for September 2005. Also, in 2005 Room 18 will become a third Fourth Grade classroom. The Intermediate Unit would then move downstairs.
- The Terra Nova Profile for grades 4,6 and 8 for 2003-2004 was distributed and the results were discussed for the content areas.
- Miss Woertz arranged an assembly with the Flyers for February 19, 2004. The topic will be "Fitness." Grades 1-4 will attend between 1:00-1:30. Grades 5-8 will attend between 1:30-2:15.
- Sister Ruth began Formal Observations in the school classrooms.
- Sister Ruth placed an ad for Catholic Schools Week in The Ambler Gazette.
- Flyers about our school will be distributed at the Open House during Catholic Schools Week.
- Progress Reports will go home on February 4, 2004 in the Family Envelope. Parent Conferences will follow upon request.

4. MINUTES APPROVED FOR NOVEMBER AND JANUARY MEETINGS

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – Karen Sullivan

- \$28,000.00 has not yet been budgeted. Sister Ruth is generating a list of the faculty and classroom needs – sports equipment, overhead projectors, white boards, phones for the new building etc.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- Pat McNamara requested a digital camera for the Publicity Club to use at school and sporting events. This will help for the yearbook as well. Lisa Stefkovic will look into the costs for these cameras.
- The Father Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, February 20, 2004 from 7:00-9:30 PM. The DJ is already booked.
- Jeanne Calhoun will coordinate the Book Fair this year. It will be held the last week in March. To increase attendance there may be an Ice-cream Social.
- On Monday, February 2, 2004 at 7:30 PM there will be a Parish Assembly. St. Alphonsus Home & School Association presents “The Treatment and Prevention of Youth Sports Injuries.” Parents, Coaches and all 5th to 8th Graders are invited to the meeting. This information will be posted in the Parish Bulletin.
- Plans are in progress for Catholic Schools Week.
- On February 23rd the assembly will be “Bach to Rock.”

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Stefkovic

Next General Home and School Meeting: Monday, March 8, 2004, 7:30 PM

Next Executive Home and School Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2004, 7:30 PM