

St. Alphonsus Home & School

Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2010, 8:15 am, Adult Faith Formation room

In Attendance: John Steck, Jeanine Duncan, Deb DeAngelis, Emily Klammer, Kathy Tavolaro, Judy Morrissey, Kathie Reilly, Colleen Araco, Terry Zajac, Beth Perri, Tricia Loftus, Maura Zimmerman, Kellie Brogan, Liz Fitzpatrick, Meg Pensabene, Maura Jennings, Steve Shegogue, Michele Hand, Katie Greene, Bridget Barton, Michele Gallagher, Carolyn Schumann

Opening Prayer: John Steck

School Report: John Steck

- Mr. Steck thanked the outgoing board members and welcomed the new members.
- End-of-year testing started today.
- Mr. Steck's summer haircut, courtesy of the eighth grade, is scheduled for Thursday afternoon.
- Our eighth graders were awarded five high school scholarships.
- Curriculum Updates:
 - Our new Math Program is from Prentice Hall (Grades 1 - 6).
 - We have received new grammar and phonics workbooks.
 - The fourth grade Social Studies books will be updated.
- We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of 32 notebooks with a cart and printer. Judy Felix's father has matched the grant with 32 more notebooks.
- The teachers involved in the Powerful Learning Practices (PLP) consortium presented their project in the Culminating Celebration on April 23, 2010.
- There is a Technology Night planned for the fall.
- The office will be open sporadically over the summer.

Installation and Welcome of New Board Members: Deb DeAngelis

The following were introduced and welcomed to the 2010-11 Home and School Board:

- Emily Klammer – President
- Meg Pensabene – Treasurer Elect
- Bridget Barton – Community Affairs
- Katie Greene – Social
- Michele Hand – Volunteers
- Maura Jennings – Programs
- Steve Shegogue – Programs

Treasurers Report: Judy Morrissey

- *Budget for 2010/2011*
 - Current Balance and 2009-10 Budget Reports were distributed for final review and approval.
 - Judy asked the new board members to review the line items with their committee.
 - We have the same budget as last year; however, the funds are appropriated a little differently.
 - All present voted to approve the 2010-11 Home & School Budget.

- *Response to New Lunch/Yard Duty Schedule*
 - We need 80 volunteers for the new lunch/yard duty schedule. We are 24 people short. We will put a reminder in the family envelope this week. Judy Felix, Tom and Jamie Cardosi are working on the schedules.

- We plan to have two training sessions on Book Day. Mr. Steck will send out an e-mail in June and a reminder in August. An “instruction sheet” with lunch/yard duty guidelines will be distributed at the training sessions.
- **Scrip**
 - We have received great feedback on new Scrip options.
 - We may need to evaluate our current voucher system.

Old Business: Deb DeAngelis

- Field day –Home and School will provide the treat for Field Day (Minute Maid push up pops).
- *Staple Schoolkidz Program*
 - Information will go home with students today. This is an optional program and is not a fundraiser. The order deadline is June 11. The student kits will arrive on Book Day. We will need to have volunteers take the boxes from the delivery truck and store in the gym for parent pick up. This may be an opportunity for a Confirmation Service project.

Committee Reports:

Social: Colleen Araco

- Colleen has received 61 responses to the Home and School Social Events Survey. Most respondents answered yes or no and did not provide comments or suggestions.
- Some new ideas include an Outdoor Movie Night, a Back to School Family Social, a Mother/Son Miniature Golf outing, and a Themed Father Daughter Dance (luau or square dance).

Ways and Means:

- *Auction Update* (Michele Gallagher, Carolyn Schumann)
 - The auction theme will be a Mediterranean Cruise which will be reflected in the eighth grade performance, the decorations, and the food.
 - The Distribution, Clean-Up, and Solicitation chairs have not been filled.
 - Michele and Carolyn are surveying the teachers for feedback--asking for specific ideas and how they would like to be involved.
 - The mailing list and initial solicitation letter are ready to mail.
 - There is a new computer in the auction office.
 - The auction team is working on new ideas to encourage families to solicit new businesses.
 - We discussed a Christmas ornament with a cutout of Saint Alphonsus as the promotional item for the Auction. Tricia will research options and costs.

Publicity: Kathie Reilly

- Kathie has created a “Frequently Asked Questions” list for new families for the Ice Cream Social.
- She has assembled two sample Auction baskets – a Twilight basket and a younger child basket.
- The posters and logos for the Auction are complete.
- Kathie or Michelle Hand will be the official photographer for Mr. Steck’s haircut.

Community Affairs: Emily Klammer

- The New Family Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Thursday, June 17. So far, we have 44 children attending from 20 families.
- *Playground Committee update* (Kellie Brogan)
 - Kelly Palazzo has given Mr. Steck a proposal with various options (street sweeper to sweep gravel from parking lot, use of fields, restrictions of games).
 - Mrs. Steck will meet with Monsignor Owens to discuss, and they will review over the summer.
- Emily distributed Mentoring Assignments. Bridget Barton will send reminders to the mentors to call the new families in June and in August to answer any questions.

New Business: Emily Klammer

- *Appreciation of Service:* Many thanks were extended to the following members, who have completed their terms, for their dedication, time, and service to our school.
 - Sherry Mischler
 - Liz Fitzpatrick
 - Terry Zajac
 - Beth Perri
 - Judy Felix
 - Maura Zimmerman
 - Kellie Brogan
- Emily gave some heartfelt welcoming remarks as the new Home and School president.
- The committees met to discuss plans for next year in break-out sessions.
- We discussed having our meetings on Friday mornings next year. We need to be careful not to schedule on the first Friday of the month because it will conflict with First Friday Mass.

Next meeting, **Wednesday, September 1, 9:00 am in the Library.**

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Tavoraro.