

## **St. Alphonsus Home and School Association**

### **Minutes – June 13, 2005**

**Present:** Monsignor Owens, Sister Ruth, Diane DiNenno, Linda Robins, Linda Lillo, Pat McNamara, Suzie Devlin, Kim Paris, Mimi McCloskey, Jeanne Calhoun, Kathy Farris, Angie McDonnell, Michele Gallagher, Jennifer Princivalle, Gerard Roldan

**Absent:** Lisa Vernacchio, Gina Giuliani

**Opening Prayer:** Monsignor Owens

**Parish Report:** Monsignor Owens

- Seminarian, Gerard Roldan, is continuing his internship here at St. Alphonsus.
- There is another priest coming to St. Alphonsus. He will move in June 20<sup>th</sup> and will say mass on Sundays. He teaches at Lansdale Catholic.
- The Roofing and Ventilation project is approved and should begin shortly; it should be finished by the end of July.

**School Report:** Sister Ruth

- St. Alphonsus received a glowing report for the 3 year Middle States.
- St. Alphonsus received the Connelly/Sullivan Grant for technology. This will be used for 5 ceiling mounted projectors and will cover the cost of installation.
- St. Alphonsus received a PACT grant which will provide 5 after-school teacher training sessions aimed at integrating technology.
- Jane Houseman has left to bring her son, Matthew, home.
- Mrs. Garcia continues her treatment.
- Mrs. Kerper and Mr. Ronzoni are doing well.

**Secretary's Report:** Kim Paris

- No Report

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Lillo, Pat McNamara (in Lisa's absence)

- A proposed budget for 2005/2006 has been drafted; some items are still under review. The proposed budget will be distributed.
- In the Fall, Lisa will review the budgeting and cash flow processes.

**Co-President's Business:** Linda Lillo, Pat McNamara

**Funds for Desks**

- 249 desks and 114 chairs need to be replaced; this will cost approximately \$15,000. To date, the school has received \$9,000 in donations; Sister Ruth would like to use \$1000 for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math

manipulatives and \$8000 for new desks, leaving \$7000 still outstanding for the desks. This will be covered by Home and School, possibly from the existing balance in the SCRIPT fund. Linda will investigate this option.

### **Phone Survey**

- Over the next several weeks, the Home and School Association will conduct an anonymous phone survey of the St. Alphonsus school parents in order to determine how Home and School is perceived, what parents would like at the General meetings, and whether there is a good understanding of the relationship between the auction proceeds and the Home and School Budget.
- Monsignor suggested that since the Home and School By Laws are a fundamental definition of the Home and School Association, they should be distributed to all St. Alphonsus school families.
- It was determined that the closing year's budget and the Home and School By Laws should be distributed to all St. Alphonsus school families annually in the Fall.
- Mrs. Robins asked about surveying the faculty, but it was determined that the teachers should receive a copy of the Home and School By Laws but should raise questions and issues to Sr. Ruth.
- Pat will E-mail the survey to the Home and School members by the end of the week. Completed Survey forms should be returned to Pat or Linda by July 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **By Laws Review and Structure for '05- '06**

- The By Laws were revised in order to clearly define the role of each member.
- Pat and Linda distributed an organization chart for Home and School.
- Each at-large member responsible for a "box" on the org. chart will have their own committee to help in that area. Angie will help arrange these volunteers.
- Ideas for generating lists of volunteers include putting a note in the Family envelope (this worked well this year) and having sign-up sheets available at Book Day.
- Jen, Michelle, Linda and Pat will meet separately to discuss Social Activities for the year. These need to be decided soon so that the gym can be reserved.

### **Auction Report:**                    Jeanne Calhoun and Mimi McCloskey

- The Paris family won the Flynn & O'Hara Gift certificate and the Hutchison family won the Auction tickets in the donor form raffle.
- The website is up at: [stalphonsus.maestroweb.com](http://stalphonsus.maestroweb.com)
- Donations can now be made on-line. Mimi will send mass e-mail letting everyone know this is an option.
- As an incentive to advertise in the auction booklet, there will be a link on the website to the advertiser's ad for 6 months.
- Mimi is trying to get a jump start in deciding how auction proceeds will be spent and plans to meet with Sr. Ruth and Joe Carmean to discuss ideas, feasibility and maintenance regarding project fun.

## **Committee Reports**

**Assemblies:** Gina Giuliani

- No Report

**Community Affairs:** Jeanne Calhoun

- No Report

**Publicity:** Kathy Farris

- No Report

**Social Activities:** Michele Gallagher, Jen Princivalle

- Will meet over the Summer

**Technology:** Mimi McCloskey

- No Report

**Volunteers:** Angie McDonnell

- No Report

## **Old Business**

- Home and School gave \$600 to update equipment for Dr. Madden's instrumental music program.
- There may be 3 lunch periods next year in order to get kids through the lunch line faster. This would require a longer lunch period and therefore a longer yard duty commitment each day but may also result in a decrease in the number of parents required per day for yard duty and therefore the number of yard duty days assigned to each family per year. Linda Lillo is organizing yard duty next year.
- In the event that someone is unable to make a scheduled yard duty, a call should be made to school

## **New Business**

- Linda read a Thank you note from Mrs. Kerper.

## **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting in September will be held from 7:30 – 9:00; Suzie Devlin will be the time keeper.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Paris