

St. Alphonsus Home and School Association
Minutes – November 22, 2005

Present: Father Crowley, Sister Ruth, Diane DiNenno, Linda Lillo, Pat McNamara, Suzie Devlin, Kim Paris, Kathy Farris, Michele Gallagher, Lisa Vernacchio, Jennifer Princivalle, Kathy Tenzinger, Nick D’Amico, Kathy Morris

Absent: Monsignor Owens, Mimi McCloskey, Jeanne Calhoun, Angie McDonnell, Gina Giuliani

Opening Prayer: Father Crowley

Technology Report: Kathy Tenzinger

Kathy presented a proposal to the Home and School to purchase new Dell computers for the 1st floor computer lab at a cost of \$22,000. The existing 1st floor computers are 3-4 years old and would be moved to the 2nd floor computer lab. The existing 2nd floor computers are 8 years old and would be used to replace the computers in the 1st floor classrooms. The existing computers in the 1st floor classrooms are very old and run on a variety of platforms. With this project complete, the school would have more current computers and all would be running on Dell platforms which would simplify maintenance.

In December, the I.U. will review current technology at St. Alphonsus and will develop a 3 year projection of technology needs of the school.

Parish Business Report: Nick D’Amico, Kathy Morris

Nick and Kathy met with the Home and School to provide an overview of the current financial situation of the parish. The school has an annual operating loss which is absorbed by the parish’s Sunday envelope collection. Last year, approximately 36% of expenses were funded by the Sunday collection, the archdiocese has a goal of 30% or lower.

Nick and Kathy are anticipating financial strain for the parish in the next several years as the parish begins to repay the loan for construction. The parish will face approximately \$190,000 in interest payments alone. In addition, the school is anticipating increased in expenses including: benefits, maintenance and utilities.

School Report: Sister Ruth

3rd – 8th graders attended confessions earlier this month.

Sister Ruth met with the Garcia family and explained that a memorial mass will be planned when the mural in Mrs. Garcia’s honor is received.

The school’s Open House was successful even without much notice. Another is planned for January 10th. The Open House scheduled during Catholic School’s week seems to be late in the decision making process for most families not already in the school.

Mrs. DiNenno is planning a teamwork assembly for November 28th at 1:00 for grades 3 – 6.

Representatives from the Philadelphia Flyers will be here.

The faculty will meet with a consultant from the company which provides the ILA textbooks.

The 6th grade is planning a presentation of the Book Club on November 29th at 1:30.

Treasurer’s Report: Lisa Vernacchio.

Balls for the school yard shed were purchased with donation money received.

Secretary’s Report: Kim Paris

No report.

Committee Reports

A.) Assemblies:

Pat will talk to Suzie Devlin about leading school assemblies until Gina returns.

B.) Community Affairs:

No report.

C.) Publicity: Kathy Farris

The Press Corps is working on 2 articles for the local newspapers.

D.) Social Activities: Michele Gallagher, Jen Princivalle

Movie Night was a success and a learning experience.

Ice skating is the next event scheduled for December 3rd. It will be suggested that helmets be worn by beginners.

Old Business

A.) Survey

The survey results will be available for anyone interested in 3 ways: online, by request and a few copies will be available in the office.

New Business

Because the Secret Santa shop was cancelled, the Home and School is planning to bring Christmas Craft Day back this year. Christmas craft day will be held December 20th. Linda will contact Angie to get it started.

Linda met with all classes (except Mrs. Ronzoni's and Mrs. O'Connell's) to explain use of equipment in the shed during recess. Miss Woertz and Mrs. Di Ginto will monitor the use of the contents of the shed and will decide when the field conditions are suitable for use. Miss Duncan will dismiss classes from lunch to the playground, the field and the recess yard. Linda will e-mail Miss Duncan about asking a lunch mom to stand in the stairwell to maintain order on the steps.

Motion

A Formal Motion was made to approve the purchase of 25 computers for the 1st floor computer lab for \$22,000.

Vote

A vote will be taken by e-mail.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on December 20, 2005 from 7:30 – 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Paris