

St. Alphonsus Home and School Association
Minutes – December 12, 2006

Present: Sister Ruth, Suzie Devlin, Angie McDonnell, Kim Paris, Dianne Signoretta, Deb DeAngelis, Mary Dolaway, Michele Gallagher, Ann Markley, Mark Wolpert

Absent: Monsignor Owens, Lisa Vernacchio, Gina Giuliani, Carolyn Schumann, Joe Wall

Parish Report:
No Report.

School Report: Sister Ruth

Sister Ruth's involvement with a Middle States evaluation gave her a renewed perspective regarding how blessed we are at St. Alphonsus.

The Open House held earlier this month went well. There were about twenty visitors, mainly interested in Kindergarten; about six were interested in Pre-K.

The 6th Grade presented their annual Book Club Awards in November. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to interact and read.

Sister thanked Home and School for the Marionette Assembly, it was a wonderful experience.

Safe Touch Lessons were taught on Monday of this week by the homeroom teachers.

Mrs. O'Connell has had a medical procedure.

Motion: A Formal Motion was made to approve purchasing a \$50 gift certificate for Mrs. O'Connell.

Vote: A vote was taken by the committee and the motion was unanimously **approved.**

Craft Day is scheduled for Thursday 12/14.

Mass and a Band Concert are scheduled for Friday 12/15.

Candlelight is scheduled for 12/21.

The faculty will have an in-service on "Bullying" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on January 2nd. There are no classes for students this day. The topic of "Bullying" is a possibility for the next general home and School Meeting. Sister Ruth will check the date and follow up with Mrs.

Carmean as a possible speaker for this meeting.

Sister and Joe Carmean visited Twin Spring Farms and Monduak to see their rock walls. Monduak's was a better size. Twin Spring Farms had rubber fill with a border which would be a good idea here at St. Alphonsus. Sister is in the process of getting prices.

Treasurer's Report: Dianne Signoretta

Dianne distributed the Auction Income and Expense statement with updated numbers. Two notes were made; some expenses are still outstanding and a close eye should be kept on the California trip so that it is used in a reasonable timeframe.

The Home and School Statement of Income and Expenses was briefly reviewed. No items were noted.

Committee Reports

A.) Community Affairs: Joe Wall
No Report.

B.) Programs: Mark Wolpert

Craft Day is scheduled for Thursday 12/14; there are approximately 20 volunteers for each session. Each class will make two crafts.

Catholic Schools Week is scheduled for the week of January 28th. Suzie will use email to begin coordinating this event. To date, some volunteers have already been identified:

Student Appreciation - - - - - Carolyn Schumann

(Unique Entertainment,
and a treat for the students)

Our Lady of Hope Gift - - - - - Suzie Devlin

Teacher's Lounge - - - - - Beth Peyton

Bingo - - - - - Lisa Stefkovic, Mary Doloway and Deb DeAngelis

Sunday Breakfast, Raffle, Open House - TBD

C.) Publicity: Ann Markley

The Press Corps have been helping Ann with the Bulletin Boards.

The Bulletin Board in the Narthex will use the theme "How will you follow Jesus in 2007?"

D.) Social Activities: Deb DeAngelis, Mary Doloway

Movie Night was fun for the kids, but many did not watch the movie. Next year, a new event may be planned, possibly a Christmas Party or Social.

A Bowling event is being considered for January 15th, the Martin Luther King holiday.

E.) Volunteers: Michele Gallagher

No Report.

F.) Ways and Means: Suzie Devlin

An additional whiteboard quote has been received from Joe Gorman at Office Max.

An additional whiteboard quote will be submitted from Peter Anninos at Neumonics.

In the future, these contacts should be used when possible. Sister Ruth and Kathy Tenzinger should be involved in all technology discussions and will review all quotes with respect to the needs of the school.

Old Business

A.) Blacktop painting – USA Stencil

Will be done in the Spring

B.) Playground Update

Sister Ruth is evaluating options.

New Business

The community should be aware that a violent sexual predator is living at the Quality Inn in Montgomeryville, across from the Target shopping center.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **January 16, 2007 at 8:10 AM**. Please note the time change!

Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Paris