

St. Alphonsus Home and School Association

Minutes – March 6, 2006

Present: Monsignor Owens, Sister Ruth, Linda Lillo, Pat McNamara, Kim Paris, Kathy Farris, Angie McDonnell, Michele Gallagher, Lisa Vernacchio, Gina Giuliani

Absent: Suzie Devlin, Mimi McCloskey, Jeanne Calhoun, Jennifer Princivale

Opening Prayer: Monsignor Owens

Project Fun Report

- Kathy Tanner explained that part of the All Sports Court was delivered 3/6; the remainder is scheduled to be delivered 3/8.
- Installation will begin as early as next week, possibly 3/15.
- George Tenzinger will contact Sister Ruth to discuss recess safety during the installation of the court.
- Project Fun received 25 entries in the contest designed to generate ideas from the students.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Vernacchio.

- Linda and Suzie started working on the budget for next year.
- It was noted that some of the auction expenses are still outstanding.
- It was noted that Family Bingo spent more than was made this year. More was spent on prizes mostly due to multiple winners in a high prize category. It was discussed that the prizes are very generous and that next year the amounts could be adjusted or actual prizes (ie. \$5 Below items) given instead.
- Half of the cost of the All Sport Court has been paid.
- It was suggested that access to the Auction/ Mr. Richmond's office be more limited. Sister will address this issue.

Secretary's Report: Kim Paris

- No Report.

Committee Reports

A.) Assemblies: Gina Giuliani

- Drama starts this week. Mrs. DiNenno will monitor this after school activity. The groups will start their meetings in the science lab and later will move their meetings to the gym. 20 students from the lower grades and 24 students from the upper grades are enrolled.
- April 3rd, an all day workshop, "Lights, Camera, Action" is scheduled. All grades will attend workshops on TV and movie production.
- May 12th, the Walnut Street Theater Company is scheduled to present a play on bullying to grades 1-3.
- All American Tae Kwon Do does classes on self defense. Sister Ruth will talk to Mr. Richmond about bringing them in during gym classes.
- A question was raised about whether Grandparent Bingo will be held again. Although it is unlikely there will be time this year, it will be kept in mind for next year.
- The possibility of an assembly regarding myspace.com was raised. Sister Ruth will put a notice of caution regarding this site in the family envelope. Sister also mentioned that St. Alphonsus will be invited to a discussion by Paul Di Francesco, Director of Technology for the Archdiocese, later this month.
- Pat and Linda will meet to determine the topic for the 3/29 General Meeting.

B.) Community Affairs: Jeanne Calhoun

- No Report.

C.) Publicity: Kathy Farris

- The 2nd grade's Chinese New Year celebration was published.
- 2 press corps members are working on archiving.

D.) Social Activities: Michele Gallagher

- The Father/Daughter Dance and the Mother/Son Olympics were great events.
- The Gym is reserved for an upper grade social activity – details are still being worked out.
- May 6th, a walk for Muscular Dystrophy is scheduled and is being organized by Kathy Weglos and Kathy Reilly.
- There was discussion of an end of year event and/or a beginning of school event. – details are still being discussed.

E.) Volunteers: Angie McDonnell.

- Donna Marzullo is organizing volunteers for the Ice Cream Social.
- Angie is organizing volunteers for photographing the Science Fair on Thursday 3/9.

Old Business

A.) Catholic Schools Week

- There was a brief review of the activities that took place during Catholic School's Week. All activities were well received and students again enjoyed Unique Entertainment.

B.) Auction

- Approximately 10 people attended the auction wrap-up meeting. No chair for the coming year has been identified to date. Alternative ideas were debated at that meeting with no resolution. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled; the date and time are TBD.

C.) Budget Prep for '06 – '07

- Linda and Suzie started working on the budget for next year, specifics will be available shortly.
- Linda and Suzie will be forming a budget committee.

D.) Motion – Amend Home and School By Laws to Reconstitute a Ways and Means Committee

- Pat suggested an amendment to the Home and School By-Laws be considered in which we reinstate a Ways and Means Committee. The Auction and any other Home and School Fund Raisers would fall under this committee. It was mentioned that the Ways and Means Committee might replace the Home and School's Technology's Committee.
- Pat will check to see how amendments to the by laws are made.
- This motion will be addressed at the 3/21 meeting.

New Business

A.) Member at Large Position, 1 year term

- Terri Peel has expressed interest in the Treasurer Elect position.
- One Home and School Member at Large Position is a one year term. If any member is considering leaving after this year is complete, please let Pat or Linda know.

B.) The Choking Game: Follow-Up

- This was a good presentation.
- Linda will be sending a donation to "Stop the Choking Game".

C.) School Show

- The school show is scheduled for April 6th.
- Mrs. Stack inquired about any available budget in order to purchase T-shirts for the students. Sister Ruth will follow up with Mrs. Stack.
- Due to the fact that kindergarten and 8th grade are working on their own, separate end-of year shows, they are not in the April 6th production; perhaps they can be involved in other ways – distributing programs etc.?

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2006 from 7:30 – 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Paris