

**St. Alphonsus Home and School Association**  
**Minutes – May 16, 2006**

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

**Absent:** Jeanne Calhoun, Gina Giuliani

**Opening Prayer:** Monsignor Owens

**Parish Report:** Monsignor Owens

- In the parish bulletin and at mass this Sunday, Monsignor will explain the parish's current financial situation and his decision to accept additional students into next year's 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes allowing up to 27 per class in these 2 grades.

**School Report:** Sister Ruth

- The school is updating to the "American Journey" Social Studies series for grades 7 and 8.
- The school is updating to Houghton Mifflin's science series for grades K – 6. The cost of the new series is approximately \$18,200. The school will pay \$9,600 and the remainder will be given to the school by Houghton Mifflin along with the "I" text (online textbook) and teacher resource materials. Sister is asking the teachers to review the grade level equipment kits that coordinate with the series but feels we already have these items among the existing supplies in the science lab. An additional feature of the science series is that it coordinates with the ILA curriculum.
- Sister Ruth expressed interest in purchasing the National Geographic content videos that coordinate with the new Science series.
- Sister Ruth expressed interest in renewing the subscription to United Streaming. Lisa Vernacchio will look into whether a discount is given for subscribing to multiple years up front.
- Sister Ruth surveyed the faculty regarding their thoughts on school assemblies next year. The faculty would like 1 assembly per trimester; suggestions are: a Franklin Institute presentation around Halloween, Unique Entertainment during Catholic School's week, and the Marionettes in the Spring.
- The school band held a concert for the school on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade's gratitude dinner held on May 12<sup>th</sup> was very nice.
- The May Procession is scheduled for this Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- A school mass in honor of Mrs. Wenhold's retirement is scheduled Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:15.
- A farewell for Fr. Crowley is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 mass.

**Motion**

A Formal Motion was made to approve spending up to \$2000 on the National Geographic content videos that coordinate with the new Science series.

**Vote**

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

**Motion**

A Formal Motion was made to approve spending up to \$1200 on the United Streaming subscription.

**Vote**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Vernacchio

- The preliminary budget for the Home and School Association for 2006-2007 was distributed. It was noted that earlier this year, a suggestion was made to incorporate computer lab upgrades as an on-going, line item in the budget. This, along with changes to classroom start-up and family bingo expenses will be incorporated. After revisions are made, the budget will be submitted to and approved by the parish.

**Committee Reports**

**A.) Assemblies:** Linda Lillo for Gina Giuliani

- As outlined in the School Report, Linda will follow-up with Gina.

**B.) Social Activities:** Michele Gallagher, Jen Princivalle

- The last social activity scheduled for the year is Kids Trivia Night for grades 6 – 8.
- Many of the student council's ideas are social; perhaps the student council & social committee can work together next year.
- Michele plans to meet with next year's social committee before the end of this year.
- The Muscular Dystrophy Walk/Run was cancelled, but 300 people made contributions for Muscular Dystrophy.

**C.) Volunteers:** Angie McDonnell.

- 18 of the 80 volunteers were not used to date this year, they may be called upon for Kids Trivia Night or Field Day.

**Old Business**

**A.) Elections**

- This year, 6 at large members, a Treasurer Elect and a President Elect are being elected to the Home and School Association Board. The 2006-2007 Home and School Nomination Ballot will be distributed in the family envelope this Wednesday. All votes will be tallied on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**B.) Fence**

- A fence is to be installed on the 2 sides of the basketball and new volleyball courts which face parking lots that are in operation during recess hours. The fence is intended to stop balls and other equipment from rolling into the parking lots. George Tenzinger and Mimi McCloskey presented various fencing proposals to the board. Various options were discussed: aluminum vs. chain link, 4' vs. 6' in height, and different layout configurations. After much discussion, the board is leaning towards a 6' black chain link fence. Suzie Devlin, Joe Carmean, George Tenzinger, Monsignor and Sister Ruth will follow up to finalize the layout and materials to be used.

**Motion**

A Formal Motion was made to approve spending up to \$5000 on the fence.

**Vote**

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

### **C.) Project Fun: Final Committee Report**

- George Tenzinger is following up with the company that installed the Sport Court to make sure the new surface is secured to the ground and the new basketball poles are stabilized.
- There was discussion about undertaking additional projects before the end of the year specifically: painting a giant Map of the US on the blacktop, enhancing the 4-square and hopscotch areas and adding to the playground. Suzie will continue the discussion about adding to the playground at the June meeting. Mimi will follow-up with Kathy Tanner about painting the map, 4-square and hop scotch.

#### **Motion**

A Formal Motion was made to approve purchasing a giant map stencil for \$169.

#### **Vote**

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

#### **Motion**

A Formal Motion was made to purchase blacktop paint for 4-square and hop scotch.

#### **Vote**

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

### **D.) “Flushers”**

- \$2500 was budgeted last year for mulch for the playground. Due to excess mulch purchased last year, new mulch was not needed. Joe Carmean suggested adding automatic flushing systems to the toilets in the old part of the school .

#### **Motion**

A Formal Motion was made to use \$2500 allocated for mulch towards automatic flushing systems.

#### **Vote**

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

### **E.) Auction Update**

- The 2006 auction is on, a date needs to be set. A few chair positions still need to be filled. Angie will contact volunteers on her list to try to fill these positions.
- Mimi suggested starting a new, 6 month contract with maestroweb.com . Linda will get information on maestroweb to Heather Dianno, the data entry chair.

### **F.) Uniform Exchange**

- The uniform exchange is underway. There is a collection bin in the hallway and it is being publicized in the family envelope. A “shopping” date is TBA.

### **New Business**

#### **A.) Mrs. Wenhold’s Retirement Gift**

- Linda will follow-up on the gift. Angie will follow-up with Mary Francis Kelley about having Mrs. Wenhold's name added to the vestments Monsignor wears for the school masses.

### **Next Meeting**

- The June meeting is TBA.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Paris