

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

Present: Sister Ruth, Diane DiNenno, Suzie Devlin, Angie McDonnell, Kim Paris, Dianne Signoretta, Deb DeAngelis, Mary Dolaway, Michele Gallagher, Gina Giuliani, Ann Markley, Joe Wall, Mark Wolpert

Absent: Monsignor Owens, Lisa Vernacchio, Carolyn Schumann

School Report: Sister Ruth

- Sister, Monsignor and Ms. Tonelli attended a workshop on the new National Catechetical Directory.
- September's mass and service project went well. The students assembled snack packs for kids. These will be distributed by the Nutritional Development Office.
- Students have been extremely cooperative with the fire drills and did well when the fire department was here to observe, the building was clear in under the required 2 minutes.
- Sister expressed great thanks to all for the Mercy Day Luncheon.
- The Faculty attended an in-service day on "Religion, Rigor and Relevance." This was a presentation of a framework for teaching and learning in the 21st century. It was based on the rigor of knowledge and the relevance of application.
- Barbara Waschenko was recently hired as a full-time secretary in the office.
- Sister Ruth is arranging speakers for curriculum night.

Treasurer's Report: Dianne Signoretta

- Dianne distributed the Statement of Income and Expenses and the Cash Account Register for the period ending 10/31/2006 as well as the Auction Income and Expense Statement. It was noted that expenses from the Back to School New Family Social and the Fall Festival are still outstanding. It was also noted that the Mercy Day Luncheon expenses were the first expenses entered against the Teacher Appreciation line item.

Committee Reports

A.) Community Affairs: Joe Wall

- Kathy Tenzinger and Joe Wall have a conference call scheduled to kick-off the program with Quickmind. After this initial call, a training day will be set. Sister Ruth needs to arrange 10 substitute teachers for this training day. No date has been set; Joe and Sister Ruth will coordinate.

B.) Programs: Mark Wolpert

- Mercy Day went very well and the luncheon received rave reviews.
- Monday April 30th has been set for "Velocity," a 35 – 40 minute assembly on nutrition and fitness. There will be 2 sessions (K-3 and 4-8). The sessions will be scheduled in the afternoon and the children will wear their gym uniforms.

C.) Publicity: Ann Markley

- Ann will coordinate with Pat McNamara with respect to the Press Corps.
- The bulletin boards have been updated with pictures from the Fall Festival.
- The 1st trimester newsletter is underway.
- Ann has been working with Gina to publicize the Auction and the School Open House.

D.) Volunteers: Michele Gallagher

- No Report.

E.) Social Activities: Deb DeAngelis, Mary Dolaway

- The Fall Festival was a HUGE success, families really enjoyed themselves. Mary and Deb are compiling notes for next year and are working to get the finances for the event finalized. One item to note was the need for access to restrooms; this will be addressed next year.
- The next scheduled Home and School social event, bowling on November 1st, will be cancelled.

F.) Ways and Means: Gina Giuliani

- The School Open House is scheduled for this weekend, October 21st and 22nd. During the open house, iPod raffle tickets, tuition raffle tickets and Auction tickets will be available to purchase.
- The Auction is in need of “Live” donations.
- The deadline for the Auction program is this Friday, October 20th.
- The RSVP deadline is the Saturday, October 21st.
- There is a need for people to sell raffle tickets and other items the night of the Auction.

Old Business

A.) Playground Enhancements

- This is still outstanding and may not be completed until the Spring.

B.) New Family Reception

- There was a light turnout for this event and there was discussion as to how to improve the event and attendance. A suggestion which received a lot of positive feedback was to combine this event with the Fall Festival next year.

New Business

A.) Coordinating with CYO

- Going forward, Home and School needs to coordinate better with CYO in terms of scheduling events and facilities.

B.) Shelter In Place

- This item will be carried forward but needs to be resolved by early Spring.

C.) Stipend for Curriculum Night Speakers

Motion: A Formal Motion was made to approve a \$50 stipend for each teacher speaking at Curriculum Night, for a total amount of \$300.

Vote

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

D.) Playground/Recess

- Drew Markley has updated the equipment in the shed. This may need to be done again in the Spring.
- Ms. Woertz and Katie DiGinto are working on a schedule for using the fields at recess.

E.) Unredeemable Auction Item

- Last year’s “Dinner with Fr. Crowley” may need to be covered by the Home and School.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on November 21st at 8:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Paris