

# St. Alphonsus Home and School Association

## Minutes – September 19, 2006

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

### **Motion**

At the Back to School Nights, a motion was made to amend the Home and School By-Laws as follows:  
Proposed By-Law Amendment to: Article V, Section 5A, At Large Members, #6  
Replace #6 – Technology Chairperson with #6 – Ways and Means Chairperson  
The duties of the Ways and Means Chairperson will be defined as “Identify and oversee fundraising activities needed to finance the Home and School Association’s annual budget.”

### **Vote**

The motion was made and **approved**.

### **Parish Report:** Monsignor Owens

- St Alphonsus has two seminarians in residence; both have all safe environment requirements in place.
- St. Alphonsus will have an internal audit of their safe environment practices on October 11th.
- Monsignor has been meeting with selected parishioners to discuss and brainstorm about ways to bring down the principle of the parish’s loan.

### **School Report:** Sister Ruth

- School is underway with 3 new faculty members: Mr. Delaney, Ms. Bauer and Mrs. Speese.
- There will be a visit from the Office of Catholic Education in January. There are six benchmarks of quality in catholic education: Catholic Identity, Mission and Witness; Curriculum/Academic Quality; Leadership; Enrollment, Marketing and Development; Physical Plant and Facilities; and Wellness.
- The new science series is up and running with on-line access and e-text for grades 4- 6.
- The website for the math series has changed.
- There has been a good showing of parents for yard duty.
- The recess shed was purchased and stocked by Project Fun. Sister raised the issue of maintaining and stocking the recess shed going forward. Sister will get of list of what is needed and email it to Suzie. A suggestion was made to put part of the \$2500 budgeted annually for playground mulch toward maintenance and stocking of the shed.
- The school calendar has an error and should read: October 9<sup>th</sup> is an in-service day; there is no school for students. October 10<sup>th</sup> is a regular school day.
- Deb Sasinowski has submitted her resignation.

### **Treasurer’s Report:** Lisa Vernacchio.

- Lisa distributed the statement of income and expenses and the cash account register for the YTD.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **A.) Community Affairs:** Joe Wall

- No Report.

#### **B.) Programs:** Carolyn Schumann, Mark Wolpert

- Unique Entertainment is booked for Catholic Schools Week.
- The Marionette Theater will perform on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Sister and Mark will follow-up to schedule a performance by Velocity as the 3<sup>rd</sup> program for the year.
- The theme for the Mercy Day luncheon is a Luau.

**C.) Publicity:** Ann Markley

- Ann has created a back to school picture board. It is on display in the Narthex.
- Ann is working on a Home and School newsletter.

**D.) Social Activities:** Deb DeAngelis, Mary Dolaway

- Fall Festival - Mary and Deb met with the Fall Festival volunteers and many activities are planned for children of all ages. There will be a charge of \$5 per child to a maximum of \$10 per family. Those planning to attend will be asked to RSVP for planning purposes.
- The Back to School Bash will fall under Social Activities next year.
- A new event planned for the Spring is a Family Fun Night at Mondauk.

**E.) Volunteers:** Michele Gallagher

- Michelle has 40 general volunteers and three volunteer coordinators.
- Volunteers will be helping with the Back to School Bash, Mercy Day and the Fall Festival.

**F.) Ways and Means:** Gina Giuliani

- The auction focus is laptops and white boards for each classroom. This will cost approximately \$1800 per classroom.
- In addition, Sister will forward a list of requested science equipment to Gina to be included in the auction focus.
- An auction flyer will be sent to all PREP students and will be placed in the church bulletins.
- Anyone entering their donation on-line by September 29<sup>th</sup> will be entered in a raffle for a family trip to Baltimore.

**Old Business**

**A.) Motion:** A Formal Motion was made to approve Sister Ruth to spend up to \$10, 000 to replace mulch with synthetic fill and possibly some other playground equipment. This would close out Project Fun

**Vote**

A vote was taken by the committee and the motion was **approved** 15 yes to 1 no.

**B.)** Sister Ruth will forward a copy of the bylaws to Kim who will update them to include a Ways and Means Chair.

**C.)** ParentBroadcast was purchased for the year.

**New Business**

- The new family reception has merged with the Back to School Bash.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will create a DVD with Mrs. Stack. It will be available for \$50 a piece at the auction.

**Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be held on **MONDAY**, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Paris