

St. Alphonsus Home and School Association

Minutes – April 17, 2007

Present: Monsignor Owens, Sister Ruth, Suzie Devlin, Angie McDonnell, Kim Paris, Dianne Signoretta, Deb DeAngelis, Michele Gallagher, Gina Giuliani, Ann Markley

Absent: Lisa Vernacchio, Mary Dolaway, Carolyn Schumann, Mark Wolpert

Parish Report: Monsignor Owens

Monsignor mentioned a new initiative by the archdiocese, a circular which highlights achievements of students throughout the archdiocese.

Monsignor has received a response to his financial report from the Archdiocese. They raised some questions about the parish's funds – parish vs. Home and School vs. CYO.

The parish is in the process of mailing a survey to all parishioners. The survey was developed by the parish council and the finance committee regarding the parish's debt and parishioners' commitment to help reduce it.

School Report: Sister Ruth

Sister Ruth has received feedback regarding the low attendance at the general Home and School meetings. Feedback includes too many things to juggle i.e.) homework, dinner, bedtime, sports and often one parent out of town; and the time of 7 pm is difficult if only one parent is home. In September, H&S will survey to determine if there may be a better time for general meetings. Several options for school shoes are being evaluated. A decision will be made before the end of the school year and at least 2-3 options will be available. Vendors and styles currently under consideration are as follows.

- Dimmers carries Skechers Cool Cats (brown); Skechers Oilers (black); Bass / Rough Cat (brown); Skechers Alley Cat (adult), Bass Tufts and School Mate. Dimmers is willing to come to school and fit students for shoes and will also donate one dollar for every pair of shoes purchased. They would also offer Scrip.
- Rose's Uniform can carry our uniform shoes and would give the school a percentage.
- Lands End carries School Kids All Weather Mocs (slip ons / \$24.50), Boy's Leather Oxford Ties (\$29.30), Girls All Weather Mary Janes (\$29.50 / navy), and Classic Mary Janes (navy).

Tom Murt, a state representative, visited and read to Miss Houseman's second grade class.

Sister Ruth spoke with Ben Wakskin from Unique Entertainment (610-265-3244) and gave him feedback regarding the quality of the show this year. He spoke with Dan, our host, who said there was a lack of interactive experiences this year due to the 'time limit.' They need at LEAST ONE FULL HOUR to do the show well! Ben would be willing to rebook us with a \$200 discount.

The Grade 8 Money Fund in the Home and School budget has been used to pay for a small reception for the graduates and their parents after the graduation mass which is planned for June 13th at 6 pm.

The reception will be coordinated by the 7th grade parents.

Progress Reports will be distributed April 25th; we are almost ½ way through 3rd trimester.

Treasurer's Report: Dianne Signoretta

Dianne distributed the Statement of Income and Expenses and the Cash Account Register for the period 4/30/2007 noting that although the register was light this month, several bills were just received for the kindergarten projectors, the SmartBoards, United Streaming, and Parent Broadcast. Dianne mentioned that the outstanding balance should be around \$30,000 by the beginning of the Summer.

Committee Reports

A.) Community Affairs: Suzie Devlin

Extra shorts from the uniform exchange were sent to the Drexel Neumann School in Chester. Money that was collected at the exchange will be sent there as well. A thank you was received from them. Suzie will take over the uniform exchange next year.

B.) Programs:

The Velocity program is set for April 30th. Sister Ruth will follow-up with Mark for A/V and other requirements for the day.

C.) Publicity: Ann Markley

Ann is working on a poster for the Mother/Son Olympics.

Ann is running out of money in her budget. She will investigate purchasing a permanent display board to use in narthex of the church next year.

D.) Social Activities: Deb DeAngelis

The Mother Son Olympics was a big success.

Teen Trivia Night is set for April 20th.

Sister Ruth asked the Social Activities Chairs to start thinking about the calendar for next year. Sister will follow-up with Deb and Mary.

E.) Volunteers: Michele Gallagher

Michelle is getting volunteers for Teen Trivia..

F.) Ways and Means: Angie McDonnell

A Help Wanted flyer was sent to the St. Alphonsus school community looking for volunteers to help with the Auction this Fall. Several people have stepped forward including: Peg Cramer and Candace McClain for Gift Distribution, Mary Dolaway for Packaging, Sally Scott for the Bar, Sherri Mischler to help with database work, and Michelle Gallagher to help with Solicitation. A co-chair and solicitation chair are still needed.

Heather Dianno will send an email outlining the slots that are filled and vacant.

Old Business

Playground Update

- \$10,000 for the playground was moved to a dedicated account. Receipts for playground equipment must be given to Home and School.
- St. Stan's just put in new playground with a rock wall and rubber mulch. Sister will visit there and will get their contact.

Tile for 1st Floor Classrooms Update

Gina is working on estimates for flooring and has two possibilities. Gina will have her contacts follow-up with Sister Ruth so she can coordinate this.

New Business

Nominations for the opening Home and School board positions have been received and a ballot is being developed. The ballot should be distributed during the first week of May.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2007 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Paris