

St. Alphonsus Home and School Association

Minutes – February 20, 2007

Present: Monsignor Owens, Sister Ruth, Suzie Devlin, Angie McDonnell, Kim Paris, Dianne Signoretta, Mary Dolaway, Michele Gallagher, Ann Markley, Carolyn Schumann

Absent: Lisa Vernacchio, Deb DeAngelis, Gina Giuliani, Joe Wall, Mark Wolpert

Parish Report: Monsignor Owens

Two seminarians are back at St. Alphonsus for the 2nd semester.

Father's Steve's talk had a good turnout.

Monsignor urged everyone to keep in mind the need to schedule the use of the Parish Center through the rectory.

A beverage vending machine has been installed, Monsignor stressed that trash in the gym has been an issue, trash need to be placed in the proper receptacles.

School Report: Sister Ruth

Re-registration and new registrations are moving along well! Pre K is a definite go for 2007 – 2008!

Students preparing for confirmation participated in a retreat on 2/5 and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. A presenter from outside gave the retreat.

Sister thanked everyone for the delicious faculty appreciation luncheon!

Smartboard Update:

- Faculty input regarding the use and desire for a Smartboard yielded the following results:
 - Almost 100% of teachers would like one rather than share
 - Kindergarten has requested ceiling mounted projectors
 - There is concern in the Junior High unit about lack of board space after the whiteboards are installed. Sister will speak to Joe and measure to see if suggestion to move blackboards over one bulletin board is feasible.
- Quotes are as follows:
 - 16 Smart Boards from the IU, including one for every classroom in Grades 1-8 and one for the first floor computer lab, \$1200 x 16 = \$19,200
 - Ceiling Mounted Projectors, one for each Kindergarten, \$2,452.10 total
- It was noted that alternative products have already been investigated and other quotes have been evaluated (see January minutes). Sister will talk to Kathy Tenzinger and begin to move this process forward.

Playground Update:

- The Home and School has approved \$10,000 to be used for upgrading the playground at Monsignor and Sister Ruth's discretion.
- Sister Ruth is working on getting quotes.
- Quote 1 from Dick Kaminski (Twin Springs and GMA)
 - Rock Wall: \$3,127.00
 - Loose Rubber Child Turn (at Twin Springs) and plastic border \$10,438 + \$1,699
 - Pour in Place Rubber Surfacing/5 year warranty \$23,800
- Andy Scutti has worked with:
 - Recreation Resources
 - 204 S. Willow Street
 - Kenneth Square, PA 19348
 - Larry McCullough, 610-444-4402

Sister will call Larry for information.

Tile for 1st Floor Classrooms

- Andy Scutti will provide an estimate for replacing carpets on first floor.

Treasurer's Report: Dianne Signoretta
No numbers are available for CSW.

Budget Statue: Suzie Devlin

Suzie surveyed the committee chairs to see if each area is staying within their budget. In the coming months, committee chairs will be asked to submit expenses to date for input into the budget for the coming year.

Anticipated expenses to be include this fiscal year include: white boards, ceiling projectors, playground upgrade, student periodicals, teacher startup costs, United Streaming, Parent Broadcast and Science Equipment. After these expenses are covered, other items which will be considered include tile flooring for the 1st floor classrooms and moving the upstairs computer lab to the math room to take advantage of the A/C there.

Suzie is working on a document for distribution to parents which outlines all of the things the Home and School supports including those items mentioned above as well as Social Activities, Programs and CSW.

Committee Reports

A.) Community Affairs: Suzie Devlin for Joe Wall

Community Affairs is creating an information sheet which will provide information about the new high schools in Lansdale and Upper Dublin.

The Home and School will assume responsibility for the uniform exchange. The next uniform exchange will be held during the week of the Book Fair.

B.) Programs: Carolyn Schumann

Feedback regarding Unique Entertainment was that it was not of the same quality as in the past. The Velocity assembly is set for April 30th.

The Book Fair and Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3rd at 7 PM. Volunteers are needed for the Ice Cream Social.

C.) Publicity: Ann Markley

The CSW bulletin boards look great.

D.) Social Activities: Mary Dolaway

Family Bingo was well received; extra food was donated to St. Mary's.

The Father Daughter Dance is scheduled for February 23rd.

Bowling is scheduled for March 16th at Thunderbird Lanes.

E.) Volunteers: Michele Gallagher

Michele will be organizing volunteers for the Ice Cream Social and the uniform exchange.

F.) Ways and Means:

The whiteboard purchase is moving ahead (see notes under School Report).

An idea was offered about using services of the Mudd Shack in a fundraising effort. This was done recently by a neighboring parish and was well received.

Old Business

A.) The Bullying seminar was well received, about 35 parents attended. A suggestion was made to consider videotaping future meeting and lending the tape to those unable to make the meeting.

Motion: A Formal Motion was made to approve giving both speakers a \$50 stipend for their time.

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

B.) Playground Update (see notes under School Report)

C.) Tile for 1st Floor Classrooms (see notes under School Report)

New Business

Thank You's from faculty/staff for CSW food/gifts were shared.

Suzie will work to confirm the date/speaker for the next General Home and School Meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Paris