

St. Alphonsus Home & School
Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2010, 8:15 am, Adult Faith Formation room

In Attendance: John Steck, Jane Gironde, Deb DeAngelis, Emily Klammer, Kathy Tavolaro, Judy Morrissey, Kathie Reilly, Colleen Araco, Terry Zajac, Beth Perri, Tricia Loftus, Maura Zimmerman, Kellie Brogan, Sherry Mischler, Liz Fitzpatrick, Meg Pensabene, Kelly Palazzo

Opening Prayer: Deb Deangelis

School Report: John Steck

- Mr. Richard Wieda from the Assembly of the Knights of Columbus presented St. Alphonsus with a \$500 award.
- Upcoming events:
 - Mr. Steck discussed upcoming events: 5/19 - May Procession; the week of 6/7 - End-of-year testing; 6/11 - Last Aramark lunch.
 - Mr. Steck will have his hair “cut” on June 10 in front of the whole school.
- Curriculum Updates:
 - Our new Math Program (courtesy of Home & School) has arrived from Prentice Hall (Grades 1 - 6).
 - Government funds will be used to supplement our ILA program. Next year, there will be more emphasis on Phonics, and Grammar will be taught as a separate subject.
 - The fourth grade Social Studies books will be updated.
- The Terra Nova test results came in last week and will be sent home in the mail in early June.

Treasurer’s Report: Judy Morrissey

- *Budget for 2010/2011* - Judy distributed an updated P&L report and a proposed 2010-2011 budget. She asked the board to review line items. The budget will be approved at the June meeting.
- *New Lunch/Yard Duty Schedule* - Judy also shared the Yard & Lunch Duty Volunteer Form for next September. We discussed the importance of punctuality and an understanding of the playground rules for volunteers. We will have a volunteer meeting in the fall to review procedures.

Old Business: Deb DeAngelis

- *Board Election Results* - The 2010/2011 Home & School Board ballots have been collected. We will welcome new board members at the June Meeting:
 - Meg Pensabene, Treasurer Elect - Bridget Barton, Community Affairs
 - Katie Greene, Social - Michele Hand, Volunteer Coordinator
 - Maura Jennings, Programs - Steve Shegogue, Programs

- *Terracycle Update* - So far, we have earned \$53 as part of the Terracycle recycling project. The program sends checks in June and December. We will use the money earned for a special treat for the children during Catholic Schools Week.
- *Staples Schoolkidz Program* - Deb is going to follow up with Staples to offer parents the opportunity to buy a prepackaged school supply kit that will be delivered directly to school. Information will be sent home with each class.

Committee Chair Reports:

Social: Emily Klammer/Colleen Araco

- *Camden River Sharks recap* - The mothers and sons really enjoyed the Camden River Sharks event. We have some lessons learned for next year (one bus, don't order as many tickets up front).
- *Teen Event*-The Trivia Bowling event was canceled due to low student response. A teen event probably needs to be planned earlier in the year.
- *Events for next year* - Emily and Colleen met to discuss next year's Social calendar. Colleen is sending home a Home and School Social Events Survey in the family envelope. She wants to get opinions and suggestions from our families before planning next year's events.

Publicity: Kathie Reilly

- Kathie is working with the Auction committee on publicity matters. She has sample baskets ready for display at the New Family Ice Cream Social.
- She is also adding new photographs to the Shutterfly site and will create a Sacramento photo book.

Programs: Maura Zimmerman

- The Hip Hop Program was a big hit with the kids!

Community Affairs:

- *Wine and Cheese* (Emily) - We opted to cancel the proposed Wine and Cheese social and instead invite all new families to the New Family Ice Cream Social.
- *New Family Ice Cream Social* - Emily, Kathy Tavolaro, and Bridget Barton met to plan the Ice Cream Social scheduled for June 17 at 7pm. Invitations were sent to new families and an invitation for current school families with new students in Pre-K and Kindergarten was included in the Family Envelope.
- *Playground Concerns* - Kellie Brogan and Kelly Palazzo discussed their concerns with student injuries resulting from falls in the parking lot. They will form a committee to discuss the feasibility of having recess on the fields.

Ways and Means: Tricia Loftus

- There was no Auction update today. Tricia will be the contact between Home and School and the Auction co-chairs.
- We will have Gator Gear raffle baskets at the Ice Cream Social.

- School Store Update—We discussed some ideas for new items for the fall (pencils, sweatpants, short sleeve tees). Tricia also let us know that the supplier can provide Christmas ornaments. We would like to suggest the ornaments to the Auction committee.

New Business

- *Mentoring* - A list of new families will be shared at June's Board Meeting. Board members will sign up as mentors for the new families.

Next meeting, **Monday, June 7, 8:15 am in the Adult Faith Formation room.**

Meeting Adjourned: 9:55 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Tavolaro.