

## **St. Alphonsus Home & School**

### **Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2010, 8:15 am, Adult Faith Formation room**

**In Attendance:** John Steck, Monsignor Owens, Jeanine Duncan, Deb DeAngelis, Emily Klammer, Kathy Tavolaro, Judy Morrissey, Kathie Reilly, Beth Perri, Tricia Loftus, Judy Felix, Maura Zimmerman, Kellie Brogan, Liz Fitzpatrick, Kelley Faust, Katie Greene

**Opening Prayer:** Monsignor Owens

**Parish Report:** Monsignor Owens

- We are pleased to welcome Father Quan Trinh as our new full-time assistant Parochial Vicar.
- Holy Martyrs School is closing this year. Some Holy Martyrs students will be joining the St. Alphonsus School community in September. When the numbers are finalized, a letter will be sent to the parents.
- Good Shepherd Regional Catholic School in Ardsley will open this fall through the consolidation of Queen of Peace School in Ardsley and St. John of the Cross School in Roslyn.

**School Report:** John Steck

- Students from Holy Martyrs have been visiting St. Alphonsus School to shadow students. We will establish a mentoring program to help make the new families feel welcome. We are planning an evening Wine and Cheese for new parents.
- The eighth grade graduation retreat was held at the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer Mother House. The retreat was very well-received by the students who were well-behaved and impressed the teachers and retreat leaders with their mature, heartfelt responses.
- The First Communion liturgy will be celebrated on April 24.
- We have several class trips on the calendar:
  - 6th grade - Cathedral
  - 7th grade - Gettysburg
  - 8th grade - New York

**Treasurer's Report:** Judy Morrissey

- Judy distributed an updated P&L report.
- Last year, the Home and School budget was cut 20%. Our auction profit was \$67,000. Judy is working on the 2010-2011 Budget in QuickBooks. No additional cuts will be made to the 2010-2011 school year budget.
- The focus of Auction 2010 will be "Going Wireless."
- We have not yet received the laptop cart from the Connelly Foundation Grant. We do not have the funds to supplement with an additional cart. We have received a pledge for the donation of half a laptop cart if we can raise the funds for the additional half.

- There have been many student injuries on our basketball court at recess. Playground maintenance is included in our budget. We will get at least two estimates to repair the basketball court issues.

**Old Business:** Deb DeAngelis

- *Board Nominations and elections* - We have possible nominations for Social, Volunteers, Programs, Community Affairs, and Treasurer Elect. We still do not have a President Elect.
- *Redefining Community Affairs in bylaws* - All supported the vote to redefine the description for the position of the Community Affairs Chairperson in the bylaws.
  - Community Affairs Chairperson: Works with Publicity Chair and administration to keep school and Parish community apprised of school events via church bulletin, local newspapers, gator cast, web site, etc. Organizes student Mileage Club and coordinates Mentoring Program, which matches a new school family with an existing family over the summer.
- *Auction 2010 Update* - Michele Gallagher and Carolyn Schumann are the chairs for the 2010 Auction. They are working to solicit committee chairs and will meet with Judy to discuss the budget.

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Social:** Emily Klammer/Deb DeAngelis

- *Camden River Sharks update* - The Mother-Son event is now open to all St. Alphonsus families and friends. There will be two buses for roundtrip transportation to the game. We have sold 102 out of 120 tickets. We will send out an e-mail blast letting the school families know that a few tickets still remain available.
- *Teen Event* - Home and School is sponsoring a Teen Bowling & Trivia Challenge event for students in Grades 6-8 on Friday, May 14 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. (no school that day) at Thunderbird Lanes in Willow Grove. Angie McDonnell has included a flyer and registration form in the family envelope.

**Publicity:** Kathie Reilly

- Kathie updated the technology board, and she created the flyer for the H&S Board elections.

**Programs:** Judy Felix & Maura Zimmerman

- Maura distributed information about Chosen Dance Company, led by choreographer Clyde Evans, Jr. He founded Chosen Dance Company as an “alternative to the current stereotype of Hip Hop” to give “diverse audiences an outstanding, high energy performance!” The theme for the proposed assembly is Love + Respect = Peace for Everyone. The troupe is available on May 6 and May 12 and is comfortable with one performance for the entire school.

**Community Affairs:** Kellie Brogan

- Mileage Club was very successful this year. Since the weather is warmer, we will wrap up Mileage Club this Friday, April 23.
- Deb and Emily will schedule a date for the Wine and Cheese Social to welcome new Holy Martyrs parents. We discussed a Thursday evening in May.
- Emily and Kathy will coordinate the New Family Ice Cream Social on Thursday, June 17 in the gym. Kellie will share information from last year’s event.

**Ways and Means:** Tricia Loftus

- School Store Update—Gator Gear was on display at the Science Fair. We discussed selling Gator Gear at the New Family Ice Cream Social, Wine and Cheese Social, and Book Day. Suggested new items included hats, sweatpants, water bottles and short sleeve T-shirts.

**New Business**

- TerraCycle Drink Pouch Recycling Project
  - Melissa Locati suggested this recycling project which will be kicked off on Earth Day--Thursday, April 22. The TerraCycle Drink Pouch Brigade™ program encourages schools to save drink pouches from taking up space in landfills. TerraCycle will donate \$.02 for each drink pouch we receive. There is a recycling bin in the cafeteria. If the students fill three bins, they will earn a dress down day.
- School Supply Kits - Deb shared a brochure from SchoolKidz USA which prepackages school supplies in kits and delivers them to school. Their focus is to make school supply shopping easier for parents--“By fulfilling the exact school supply requirements of educators and combining exclusive savings programs, SchoolKidz is committed to offering parents the best overall value” ([www.schoolkidz.com](http://www.schoolkidz.com)).
- Deb will meet with Suzie Devlin to discuss Uniform Exchange.

Next meeting, **Wednesday, May 19, 8:15 am in the Adult Faith Formation room.**  
**Future meeting: Monday, June 7.**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:30 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Tavolaro.