

St. Alphonsus Home & School
Meeting Minutes of January 13, 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, Judy Felix, Maura Zimmerman, Sherry Mischler, Liz Fitzpatrick, Kellie Brogan

School Report: John Steck

- Mr. Steck did not give a school report to give more time to discuss Catholic Schools Week.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Morrissey

- Judy distributed an updated P&L report. Judy pointed out the start-up expense for the school store.
- We also reviewed the CSW budget. We will donate school supplies to Mercy Neighborhood Ministries.
- Liz will take care of the gift for the bus drivers (Dunkin Donuts gift cards through Scrip).

Committee Chair Reports:

Publicity: Kathie Reilly

- Marketing Folder Update: Kathie, Emily, and Kathy have started to work on the content for the folders. Mr. Steck will review, edit, and update. Trish will order hunter green folders with a gold emblem. Our motto will read "Tradition of Excellence. Rooted in Gospel Values." We will start with an order of 200 folders. Fed Ex will copy and cut the content sheets. Kathy and Trish will stuff the folders.
- Kathie will update the dates for the Open House on the signs and set up over the weekend.
- Kathie has created photo displays for CSW. Emily will display at the breakfast reception.
- Kathie has also created photo books from Shutterfly (one with student life photos, and one with Candlelight photos). These will be available for the Open House.
- Kathie will send out an e-mail blast with instructions on accessing the Candlelight photographs from Shutterfly.

Volunteers: Beth Perri

- Beth sent an e-mail to those who volunteered for CSW events in September, and a hard copy of the volunteer form went home in the Family Envelope today. Beth will send a list of volunteers to the Group leaders.
- She has volunteers to provide treats for the faculty on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (in two locations) of Catholic Schools Week.

Community Affairs: Terry Zajac and Kellie Brogan

- Terry and Kellie shared their plans for Family Bingo on 2/6. The registration form was included in today's family envelope. Terry will talk to Aramark about ordering hotdogs and water bottles.
- Deb will purchase prizes for the younger children at US Toy.
- If anyone has any brown paper shopping bags, please give them to Terry.

Social: Colleen Araco

- Talent Show: Deb and Colleen met with Mrs. Stack and Mrs. DiNenno to discuss plans for the Talent Show. The Talent Show has been advertised on Gator Cast, the eighth grade will present their auction performances, and an eighth grade boy and girl will act as MCs. Rehearsals will occur on the Wednesday and Thursday the week prior. All parents are invited to attend.
- The Father Daughter Dance is scheduled for February 26. Cathy Horniak and Colleen are holding a planning meeting on Friday, January 22.
- The Mother Son Baseball game is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 2 at the Camden Riversharks. Colleen is looking into transportation costs.

Programs: Judy Felix & Maura Zimmerman

- Judy and Maura are planning the Faculty Luncheon. The luncheon will consist of soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts. There will be a raffle for the teachers with scrip voucher prizes of \$25, \$50, and \$75.
- The Philadelphia Zoo on Wheels will hold two assemblies on Friday of Catholic Schools Week. The school will be split into two groups (K-4 and 5-8). The topics are "Born in the USA" and "Who's Who in the Zoo."

Ways and Means: Tricia Loftus

- The School Store will make its debut on Family Bingo night. The initial order of 450 items consists of hooded sweatshirts with an embroidered SAS on the front (the girls' sweatshirts have a pink madras plaid, and the boys' sweatshirts have hunter green fabric), long sleeve white t-shirts (St. Alphonsus crest on the chest and Saint Alphonsus on the sleeve), and plaid hunter green and white flannel pajama pants (with SAS on the leg). A .pdf file with pictures will be available the week before Family Bingo and included in the Family Envelope. The items will be cash and carry the night of Family Bingo with order forms available the week after.
- The purpose of the school store is to generate school spirit and community. Items for sale in the school store will be marked up minimally since this is not meant to be a major fundraiser.

CSW Miscellaneous: Deb DeAngelis

- Monday Tribute to our Wounded Warriors:
 - Each grade will bring in items for First Response Backpacks for wounded soldiers. The backpacks will be assembled on Thursday with help from the Ladies Auxiliary. Some students will also be making fleece blankets of hope; others will be making rosaries.
 - The Color Guard and State Representative will attend our kick-off ceremony on Monday. Four sixth graders will be reading their essays, “When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes?”
 - Mrs. Moore’s friend is bringing a flag back from Iraq and it will be dedicated to our school in the ceremony.
- Treats for Students: The students will receive a treat on Friday after mass and before the assembly. Emily will call Stacy Brennan and the Upper Dublin Bakery about heart sugar cookies.
- Teacher Raffle Prizes during Catholic Schools Week. Deb is trying to find a substitute to offer a “teacher’s day off” prize.
- Champions of Character – teachers will nominate students for Champions of Character. Students will be recognized for demonstrating Mercy foundations of character. A child from each homeroom in graders 1-8 will be selected. Home and School will purchase gold cross lapel pins and will make up certificates for the winners of the awards.

Next meeting, **Wednesday, February 10, 8:15 am in the Adult Faith Formation room.**
Future meetings: March 17, April 21, May 19, and Monday, June 7.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Tavolaro.