

**St. Alphonsus Home & School**  
**Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2009 7:30 pm in the Adult Faith Formation Room**

**In Attendance:** Mr. John Steck, Mrs. Jane Girondo, Carla Cooper, Liz Fitzpatrick, Sherry Mischler, Beth Perri, Judy Morrissey, Dianne Signoretta, Judy Felix, Maura Zimmerman, Kellie Brogan, Terri Zajac, Angie McDonnell

**Parish Report:** N/A

**School Report:**

- Mr. Steck mentioned a few ideas for consideration:
  - 1. Teacher Consortium: association of teachers in the Archdiocese set up to share ideas on teaching methods, curriculum focus, etc. Cost = \$3500.
  - 2. Weather Bug: live weather analysis, equipment, etc. Cost = \$6500. (Potential auction focus.)
- We applied for the Connelly Grant to purchase a laptop cart (16 laptops, printer, connection) – response due back in a few weeks.
- The Peace Program will kick-off in September.
- First Holy Communion scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>, May Procession on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade will see *Bye Bye Birdie* at Bishop McDevitt H.S.
- A Vietnam Veteran will be visiting the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade today (4/22). A \$75 donation was requested of H&S – decision was made to draw from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher start-up funds.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade will make a field trip to Harrisburg, PA
- Mrs. Girondo reported details of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to the Liberty Museum – excellent trip, very educational and enjoyable for all.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Welcome Judy Morrissey as new Treasurer, to serve for two years, starting in the 2009-10 school year.
- Concerns expressed about the 2009 auction seed money. Nick wants to hold off on keeping these funds aside for startup...hoping to find some way to show zeroed cash balance on the accounting books by the end of the school year.
- The Scrip Program is being run in house by Mary Finley, while it is being audited with other parish funds. An automated tracking system (software) should be in place this fall to facilitate this process.
- Positive feedback and letters of appreciation have been received from parents for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Brainpop software and also for Gradelink.

**Committee Chair Reports:**

- **Ways and Means:** Carla posted a blurb in the family envelope regarding Escrip and also an advertisement for Ambler Florist – auction donor.

- **Social:** Terri reported that the Father-Daughter Dance went well. The only change would be to schedule this event for a maximum of two hours, and possibly earlier in the evening. Plans are being made for the talent show on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Angie offered to plan Teen Trivia Night.
- **Programs:** Judy and Maura will be looking into programs for the upcoming school year.
- **Community Affairs:**
  - Kellie will now be our Political Action Representative – to honor a request from the Archdiocese to have a contact person in case of need for letters or representation of the our school to state or local legislators, political action committees, etc.
  - A majority voted on dropping the supplies (wipes, tissues, etc.) expense from our H&S budget. Donations of these items will now be requested of each family.
- **Volunteers:** Nothing to report at this time.
- **Publicity:** N/A

#### **Old Business:**

- Plans for the 2009 Fundraiser are underway.
- Nominations for the H&S Ballot are as follows:
  - President Elect: Emily Klammer
  - Publicity: Kathie Reilly
  - Secretary: Kathy Tavolaro and Terri Peel

#### **New Business:**

- The General H&S meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled, and possibly rescheduled, as Terra Nova scores have not been received yet.
- The New Family Ice Cream Social is planned for Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – headed up by Kellie, with the help of some current Kindergarten parents.
- The Board voted unanimously to cancel any remaining trips to Robbins Park this year. Our coordinator, Melissa Maolino, is out on maternity bed rest until September.

Next meeting, **Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 am**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:00 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Liz Fitzpatrick.

