

**St. Alphonsus Home & School**  
**Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2009 8:15 am, School Library**

**In Attendance:** Mr. John Steck, Sherry Mischler, Liz Fitzpatrick, Tricia Loftus, Kathy Tavolaro, Judy Felix, Maura Zimmerman, Deb DeAngelis, Carla Cooper, Colleen Araco, Kellie Brogan, Angie McDonnell, Beth Perri, Judy Morrissey, Diane Signoretta, Emily Klammer

**Parish Report:** N/A

**School Report:**

- Mr. Steck extended his thanks for a good year and his pleasure in getting to know all of the parents, faculty, staff and students.
- All teachers currently on staff plan to return to the school in September.
- 2009-10 schedules are now being finalized.
- Mrs. Senior (computer lab) and Mrs. Stack (music) will change to full-time status in September.
- The addition of an Honors Math teacher will be postponed until next year due to financial constraints.
- Five of our teachers will participate in the Teacher Cohort, an association of teachers representing 15 archdiocesan schools. The cost for this, \$3,200 was covered under our technology budget.
- A “Wellness Wednesday” program will start this year. Fitness, nutrition, health instruction, etc. will be the focus of a specific weekday.
- The calendar is being finalized for the 2009-10 school year. One change is that Back to School Night will now be spread over a few nights.
- Though individual school results have not yet been analyzed, the archdiocesan schools did well overall on the Terra Nova tests.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

- Current Balance and 2009-10 Budget Reports were distributed for final review and approval.
- The report headings have been changed slightly to streamline budget items into more general categories.
- Following the current economic trend, our 2009-10 H&S budget has been scaled back to about 80% of its status in previous years.
- The fundraiser focus for this year will be a laptop cart. (cost = \$18-20,000)
- The teacher startup funds (CAS) have been increased from \$500 to \$600 per teacher/classroom for the 2009-10 school year. This new amount should now encompass a wider range of items previously assigned to other budget categories (i.e., assemblies, programs, etc. that are specific to an individual grade).
- Mary Finley will now manage the Scrip account. Following our recent audit, it was recommended that the administration of this business is to be managed in house, on a full time basis.

- All present voted to approve the 2009-10 Home & School Budget.

### **Committee Chair Reports:**

- **Ways and Means:** Carla reported that we are already receiving donations for the 2009 auction/fundraiser, *Feeling Groovy!* – and thus, off to a good start.
- **Social:** Teen Trivia Night was cancelled due to lack of response.
- **Programs:** Assemblies/Programs budget was reset to \$2000 for the 2009-10 school year.
- **Community Affairs:** The Ice Cream Social held on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> was a success. More than 30 new families attended and had plenty of fun. Appreciation and thanks were given to Kellie for a job well done.
- **Volunteers:** Beth is preparing her sign up/recruitment strategies for Back to School Night 2009.
- **Publicity:** N/A

### **Installation and Welcome of New Board Members:**

The following were presented and welcomed to the 2009-10 Home and School Board:

- Deb DeAngelis – President
- Emily Klammer – President Elect
- Kathy Tavolaro – Secretary
- Judy Morrissey – Treasurer
- Tricia Loftus – Ways and Means Chair
- Kathie Reilly – Publicity Chair
- Colleen Araco – Social Chair

### **Appreciation of Service:**

Many thanks were extended to the following members, who have completed their terms, for their dedication, time, and service to our school:

- Angie McDonnell
- Mary Dolaway
- Dianne Signoretta
- Carla Cooper
- Deanna Michie
- Karen Hornbaker

Next meeting, **Wednesday, September 2, 8:15 am in the Library**

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Liz Fitzpatrick.