

St. Alphonsus Home and School Association

Minutes – JUNE 19, 2007

Present: Monsignor Owens, Sister Ruth, Suzie Devlin, Angie McDonnell, Dianne Signoretta, Mary Dolaway, Michele Gallagher, Gina Giuliani, Ann Markley, Carolyn Schumann, Sherry Mischler

Absent: Lisa Vernacchio, Deb DeAngelis, Mark Wolpert

Purpose of the Home and School Monsignor Owens

The purpose of H&S is to have open communication between parents and staff members for the benefit of our children's education and well being. The H&S is not a school board and does not set policy, hire or fire.

1. **Parish Report** Monsignor Owens

The Finance Committee Mortgage 15 page report put in bulletin over the summer goal for the project moving forward.

Mortgage reduction money set aside for capital improvements.

Sherry and John Mischler - Parish report - 250 responses well received.

Mortgage reduction affects all parish members. Goal is to push down the debt.

2. **School Report** Sister Ruth

Currently about 400 students enrolled.

PK 15 children enrolled (class is closed)

Kindergarten- 3 full day classes, 15 children per class.

Aramark to implement a K-3 pre-ordering system. For a printed review of what was purchased parents can contact Alice, the Aramark manager at St. A's.

Yard Duty - Anne Markley 75% response. The reason for the change to payment up front is because in past collection of monies was at a loss.

Nick D'Amico is the main point of contact for business.

Sister Ruth and Monsignor Owens contact for school needs

Monsignor Owens signs contracts because of the liability.

School Nurse -3 parents interested in the position. Upper Dublin Township only required by law to supply us with a school nurse 1 1/2 days per week.

Rock Wall ordered by the end of June and no shipping charges. The children will be climbing by September. Only shredded rubber mulch will be used. No swings ordered, as they can only accommodate 4-6 children. The rock wall accommodates 10-12 children.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Dianne Signoretta

'07/'08 Budget Vote – Motion to approve and a vote was taken by the committee and the Budget was *approved* by unanimous decision. See attached report.

4. **Committee Reports**

a) Ways & means

Auction Focus – Carla/Angie

Update status of auction each month. Goal for money made from this auction is to update the older section of school with the newer section. Some examples: Carpets removed and tile to replace this, air conditioning, new ceilings and tiles.

b) Social

Mary/Deb - Calendar for the year. See attached copy

c) Programs

Carolyn/Mark – Assemblies for the year, will present ideas to the H&S board for approval.

d) Community Affairs

Deanna/Angie - Mentoring Program – will send out letters to new parents.
Uniform information and school supplies are on-line.

e) Publicity

Ann - There are 2 school cameras and 1 cam-corder for use. See office staff.
The school bulletin board will be maintained by Ann.

f) Volunteers

Sue/Angie – our goal is to get people involved. An informational packet of volunteer needs will be sent home and also available at back to school night.

5. Old Business

Playground: Approval was unanimous for additional cost of \$5,000 to complete the back play area.
New parent social is June 20th at 7:00 pm
School newspaper: Budget was approved as line item for school newspaper publication.

6. New Business

Angie welcomed all of the new members present.

The schedule of previous H&S Board meetings was they were held the 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the evenings. This year the 07-08 Board agreed that the meetings will be the third Wednesday of each month at 8:15 a.m. This schedule better fulfills the availability of the Board.

Terra Nova meetings for parents will be scheduled by Sister Ruth. Possibly explore the option of a morning meeting as well as evening. Dates will to be determined.

Volunteers: Any volunteer who has weekly contact with the children MUST HAVE all 3 forms on file in school (Criminal History Check and Child Abuse Clearance / not more than five years old as well as certificate of attendance at the Virtus program.

* Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Next Meeting

□ The next meeting to be determined

*Respectfully submitted by: Karen Hornbaker