

**ST. ALPHONSUS HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES - NOVEMBER 18, 2003**

PRESENT: Gerri Lipp, Monsignor Owens , Sister Ruth Hennessey, Jane Girondo, Susan Hitchings, Karen Sullivan, Lisa Stefkovic, Linda Lillo, Karen Price, Bernadette Armstrong, Bill Hunter, Pat MacNamara, Kevin Zakrzewski

ABSENT: Joanne Quinn

1. OPENING PRAYER - Monsignor Owens

2. SCHOOL UPDATE - Sister Ruth Hennessey

- The Technology Committee had a meeting and will introduce St. Alphonsus website at the January General Home and School Meeting.
- The 7th and 8th grade classrooms want to purchase mounted projectors.
- Sister Ruth asked for a list of names for school/rectory items purchased at the auction.
- Tuesday, November 25th breakfast for two favorite teachers will be enjoyed by Mrs. Houseman and Mrs. O'Connell.
- Monday, November 24th, St. Alphonsus School will be featured on Channel 10 news (aerial view) at 6:00 PM. The students will be asked to wear their gym uniforms. The students will gather outside at 8:15 and wait for the chopper's arrival.
- Sister Ruth needs parent volunteers to help in the cafeteria with the second lunch (12:20-12:45) after Thanksgiving until Christmas.
- Sister Ruth will be teaching the full day kindergarten during this time.
- Craft Day will take place on December 3rd. Sally Scott and Donna Bennett are heading this event.
- The Secret Santa Shop will be held in the music room on December 11th-12th.
- The Christmas Band concert was switched to December 11th.
- The Boys Varsity Soccer team is playing in the Archdiocesan Final Four on November 22nd. See the newsletter for more details.
- The big move is scheduled for December 29th-30th. Volunteers will be needed to help with the transition. We have a list of people who signed up to help and Karen Price will be contacting them.

3. PARISH UPDATE - Monsignor Owens

- The School Auction was a success thanks to all volunteers.

- The building is progressing and the dedication will be held on December 28th. There will be a 12:00 mass followed by a reception and Open House. Bernadette Armstrong is on the Dedication Committee. Liz DiFrancesco is handling refreshments. A photographer will take pictures of the Christmas Sanctuary.
- The new parking will be available for use but not paved until project completion.
- The Church should be finished July 26, 2004.
- St. Alphonsus is presently interviewing people for a part-time Maintenance position.
- The Finance Committee is discussing the tuition for the 2004-2005 school year . A decision will be made by Catholic Schools Week.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT - Karen Sullivan

- As of now St. Alphonsus School nets \$100,980.62 from the school auction. There are still outstanding expenses.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- There is a Secret Santa sign-up sheet for the teachers and their classes in the faculty lounge.
- The Advent Gathering will be held on Saturday, November 22nd after the 5:00 mass. There will be crafts, hoagies and desserts. The Home & School funds this event. It was discussed as to whether or not this event will be funded again next year.
- The Parish Breakfast for Catholic Schools Week will not be offered this year because of the construction of the new building.
- St. Alphonsus will close with Family Bingo. The menu for this event will be decided at a later date.
- The Home & School will be purchasing water bottles with the school name on them for all the students. The water bottles will be given out during Catholic Schools Week.
- A decision was made to cancel the December Executive Home and School Meeting as this is a busy time for everyone.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lisa Stefkovic

Next General Home and School Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2004 7:30 PM

Next Executive Home and School Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2004 7:30 PM