

SAINT VIATOR PARENTS' CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING 10-01-07

Present: Mary Loizzi, Karen McLoughlin, Geri Gately, Aileen O'Malley, Amy Goss, Alice Wimberly, David Harris, Barb Siemienas, Carol King, Diane Dettloff, Beverly Wickman, Karen Higginson, Eileen Cortese, Sue Abrahamson, Jim Cascino, Sondra Stanley, Rose Bruin, Sharon McKee, Pam Tidaback, Teresa Stewart, Mike Cowser, Jean Simpson, Barbara Frenzer, Nancy Anderson, Jean Spiegelhalter, Nancy Murray, Carla Zivoli, Debbie Roman, Angie Dickey, Renee Diak-Witek, Maria Liedlich, Cathy Sweeney, Deni Janus, Eileen Manno, Terri Bordes

THE MEETING:

The meeting was brought to order at 7:40 p.m. by Parents' Club President Jean Spiegelhalter, who introduced Betsy Fons, Director of Campus Ministry. Ms. Fons thanked the Parents' Club for all of their help and efforts with fundraising, which enabled campus ministry to purchase a 12 passenger state-of-the-art van. This van will enable campus ministry to transport students for community service and required Christian Service events.

Opening prayer was led by Deni Janus. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September meeting. They were approved with one minor change, under Other New Business, it should read Cathy Sweeney instead of Cathy Shanahan. Nancy Murray motioned to approve the minutes and Jean Simpson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

School Principal Eileen Manno began by stating that Drug Testing was just about completed for the entire student body. There are about 20 students who still needed to be tested. She said there was a very small number who tested positive. The administration has met with the parents of those students and they are dealing with it. She said they will start random testing in the next week or two. She also noted that Loyola High School has begun drug testing on a more limited basis. They are only testing seniors who want a parking permit.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Thursday, November 8, 2007 from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. This year they are introducing a new method of scheduling conferences. Parents will be able to schedule their own conferences online. A letter will be mailed in about two weeks explaining the procedure. Online scheduling will begin on October 23 on a first come/first serve basis. Teachers will not be soliciting meetings.

Friday, October 5, is a free day. The North Central Accreditation Agency will be in on that Friday. Wednesday October 17 is Testing day. The Plan, PSAT, and Explore tests will be administered. Dismissal is at 11:15 and seniors do not have school.

The Lion's Pride fundraiser has begun. Students who sell their tickets are allowed to wear jeans to school for two weeks and can earn an extra day off if our fundraising goal is met.

Barb Frenzer asked if students would be allowed to wear shorts in October if the warm weather continues. Mrs. Manno said that she didn't think the warm weather would be a factor.

Twenty five members of last year's students (juniors & seniors) were named AP Scholars with a score of 4 or 5 on three or more AP exams and there was 1 National Merit Semi-finalist and 5 Commended Scholars.

Homecoming tickets will go on sale for \$35.00. The theme this year is "All You Need is Love." American English tickets go on sale Wednesday, October 3 for \$2.00. The concert will be held

on Wednesday, October 10 in the Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 11 is games day and the last chance to buy tickets for the dance. Friday, October 12 is the Pep Rally at approximately 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Mrs. Manno encouraged parents to check out the web site energythursdays.com. It is the web site for an under 17 club in Melrose Park, IL which serves alcohol to patrons 21 and older. It is only open on Thursdays. She said that if your child has gone to one of these clubs or wants to go to one of these clubs, it would be a good idea and a real eye-opener for parents to look at the pictures online.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Deni Janus reported that there is \$1,800.00 in the Senior Events Account after the purchase of the Second City Tickets Fundraiser. There is \$16,000.00 in the General Account due to the 50% tuition scholarships. And, there is \$2,000.00 in the Viator Foundation Account.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS OFFICERS' REPORT:

Officer Mike Cowsert gave an overview of his responsibilities. He and Officer Hajck are in charge of 26 schools, 14 of which have regular Parents' club meetings. He has been coming to Saint Viator since 2003. In 2002, the Arlington Heights Police Department allocated grant money to form a School Safety Advisory Task Force. The purpose of the force is to come up with reasonable solutions to critical incidents. It was formed as a result of the Columbine High School tragedy. They address subjects such as Internet safety, club drugs, and have formed a bullying campaign.

He also addressed the issue of buying liquor for a minor, which is a Class A misdemeanor. If you provide alcohol to a minor who gets hurt, you are then charged with a Criminal Class 4 Felony, punishable by not less than 1 year or more than 3 years in jail. The AHPD is working to have laminated signs posted in liquor stores to advise people that they cannot buy, sell to, give or deliver alcohol to anyone under the age of 21 years. There was also a lot of discussion of parents' responsibility if anyone under 21 drinks in their home. Officer Cowsert said that parents will be charged if anyone drinks in their house, even if they did not know they were drinking and even if they were not home.

Mrs. Manno said breathalyzers will be utilized at the beginning and midway through the Homecoming dance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOUSEWALK - Friday, October 26, 2007

Invitations were sent out October 4, 2007. You are encouraged to buy tickets as soon as possible because booklets need to be mailed out in advance and time is needed to allow for mailing. They are still in need of 3 or 4 people to work the afternoon shift from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

FASHION SHOW - Sunday, November 11, 2007

Barb Siemienas reported that the invitations have been mailed. She reminded everyone to send your money in quickly, as the event sells out early. They are looking for donations for raffles. The donations or a monetary gift can be dropped off with Cathy Abrahamian at school. They can also be given to Barb or Carol Sandmeier.

METROPOLIS - SECOND CITY - Saturday, January 5, 2008

Eileen Cortese reported that they are working on publicity.

FLORAL SHOW - Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Sue Abrahamson reported that they are planning to mail the letters out to the Florists next week.

HOSPITALITY:

Marilyn Rittmeyer reported that they had a lot of help at Meet the Faculty and they did a fabulous job. Upcoming events are: Junior Ring Ceremony on October 21 and the 1st Open House in November.

CLASS REPS:

No Reports.

SENIOR EVENTS:

Nothing to report.

MARKETING/WEB PAGE:

Teresa Stewart reported that the deadline for the Lion Lines for the November issue is October 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS:

Terri Yee will be coordinating volunteers for the housewalk.

Cathy Sweeney inquired as to what the responsibilities were for the class reps. Jean Spiegelhalter said that an e-mail would be sent out regarding assignments. They will also be asked to help with hospitality. Freshman reps will call new families to welcome them.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Pre-Meeting Guest Speaker:

November - Father Egan, President, will be discussing the results of the drug testing

Other Pre-Meeting Topics, still to be finalized:

Safe Driving for Teenagers
Alcohol Expert - Responsibility and Liability
Mental Health Expert
College Counselor

Jean Spiegelhalter asked if anyone had any ideas for guest speakers for upcoming pre-meetings.

Other Meetings:

December - Christmas Party

OLD BUSINESS:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bordes
Recording Co-Secretary