

SAINT VIATOR PARENTS' CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING 04-07-08

Present: Kathy Loy, Sue Abrahamson, Kay Haubenreiser, Pam Tidaback, Jackie Frett, Barb Siemienas, Karen McLoughlin, Renee Diak-Witek, Paula Saban, Aileen O'Malley, Rose Bruin, Pam Sammons, Lynette Toussaint, Laura Ferrari, Officer Mike Cowsert, Officer Jeff Aiello, Nancy Naughton, Alice Wimberly, Chris Schmidt, Teresa Stewart, Cathy Sweeney, Val Wallenberg, Sondra Stanley, Debbie Roman, Lori Cataldo, Marilyn Rittmeyer, Jean Simpson, Jean Spiegelhalter, Diane Dettloff, Deni Janus, Bridget Platania, Eileen Manno, and Terri Bordes

THE MEETING:

The meeting was brought to order at 7:55 PM by Parents' Club President Jean Spiegelhalter, who welcomed all and led us in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Jackie Frett motioned to approve the minutes and Chris Schmidt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

School Principal Eileen Manno began by stating that The Easter time Mass will be held tomorrow, April 8, for students.

The play *Arsenic & Old Lace* will be opening this week and wanted everyone to spread the word.

On April 9, 10, and 11, the State of Illinois will be at school to re license the building for 4 more years. Mrs. Manno said it should just be a formality.

Next week Student Council elections will be held at school.

AP Exams will begin on May 5. The Junior/Senior Awards Ceremony will be on Thursday, May 1. On April 24, 75 junior and senior students, who were randomly selected, will undergo National Testing in the areas of math and reading. The tests are approximately 90 minutes long and the students will receive about 1 1/2 hours of service.

Mrs. Nicolou, one of our science teachers will be undergoing back surgery and will be out for the remainder of the school year. While on spring break, she fell while walking her dog. The other science teachers have all stepped up to help teach her classes.

Regarding the school's wish list, Deni Janus reported that there is \$68,218.49 in the General Account. Mrs. Manno said that she has already met with Jean Spiegelhalter and Jean Simpson to discuss the school's wish list. The requests will be presented for approval and disbursement at the May meeting. Some of the items on the wish list include replacing the sign on the front of the school building that blew away. The new sign cannot have any flood lights on it. They would like to have the mission statement of the school moved to the front entrance, they want to have add a foreign language lab and a computer/writing lab with about 32 laptops. They feel they need one more wireless computer room with laptops accessible for teachers and students to use. To offset the rising cost of tuition, they would like approximately \$15,000.00 for scholarships. At next month's meeting, she will firm up the list.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Vice President Jean Simpson will give the president's report. Jean wanted to remind all that the May 5 meeting is the last meeting of the school year. The outgoing board will welcome the new board members. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM to accommodate our year-end party. Appetizers and refreshments will be served. Kathy Loy will be passing around a sign-up sheet for drinks and treats.

At the May meeting, we will be acknowledging outgoing senior board members for their service.

Jean stated that the Parent's Club would like to give a gift, maybe in the form of a gift card, to teachers who are retiring, based on their length of service. Mrs. Manno said the school has a luncheon for them where they receive gifts, etc. She also stated that the Retirees will be in the Lion Lines.

Jean introduced the 08-09 Board for approval as follows:

Co-Presidents:	Jackie Frett Nancy Murray
Vice President:	Cathy Sweeney
Treasurer:	Teresa Stewart
Corresponding Co-Secretaries:	Sue Abrahamson Eileen Cortese
Recording Co-Secretaries:	Laura Ferrari Karen McLoughlin

The board was approved with a unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Deni Janus said that the Floral Show made \$2,800.00.

Senior Events currently has \$39,000.00 in the account. There is enough money to meet all of their contractual obligations. The class has been very generous in giving donations to support this committee.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS OFFICER'S REPORT:

Officer Mike Cowser thanked the Parents' Club for their donation to the Polar Plunge in which he took part. He said that pictures are available on the web site.

Officer Cowser introduced the new School Resource Officer, Officer Jeff Aiello. Officer Aiello will be taking over beginning in May. He has been on the police force for five years, has been married for nine years and has four children. He is really looking forward to this assignment and thinks it is a good change for him and his family.

Officer Cowser said that he is still involved in some programs such, as his Decision Making Seminars, held in late April or early May, the lockdown drill on April 17, and Rapid Deployment to

be held at Windsor School on his last day as a Resource Officer. In the Rapid Deployment Drill, they invite two Reps from every school in Arlington Heights and show them what happens if an intruder enters their school and they go into lockdown.

He is also involved in Rockin with the Cops on June 13 at Pioneer Park. Bridget Plantania asked if there was any information on the web site regarding the program because she was unable to find it. Officer Cowsert said that it will be promoted very soon on cable access and in the newspaper.

Barb Frenzer asked if the liquor license signs had been approved yet and was told that they were not.

Officer Cowsert will be at the May meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FLORAL SHOW:

Sue Abramhamson, Kay Haubenreiser, Pam Tidaback and Margaret Beiswenger were all present. Jean Spiegelhalter thanked the committee for the wonderful job they did. She said the MC was very engaging, the flowers were beautiful and there were a lot of winners, which made for an enjoyable show for all.

Sue said it was a great night and felt that people had a good time. They made \$2,900.00. She reported that ticket sales were down from last year. They sold 271 tickets. She feels that the fact that it was closer to spring break and the weather may have been a factor in the lower numbers. The plant/raffle sales were close to last year's figures. She also thanked all who helped.

SENIOR EVENTS:

SENIOR CELEBRATION (05/09/08):

Deni Janus said that everything is in order up to this point. The DVD is almost done.

POST PROM (05/16/08):

Cheryl Lardner was not present but Deni said they may need more chaperones.

MARKETING/WEB PAGE:

Teresa Stewart re-ran the ad for graduation cards.

On May 21 the President's wrap-up is due for year-end.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jean Spiegelhalter thanked Jean Simpson for being in charge of the pre-meeting speakers this past year. They will help Cathy Sweeney with next year's list. One suggestion was to have a speaker that speaks to children also speak at a Parents' Club meeting. Jean said that Linda Nicholas and Barb Durso have a speaker (Jerry Straub) booked for November for students and

Parent Club. She also asked that if anyone has suggestions for speakers for next years meetings, they should contact Cathy Sweeney, the incoming Vice President.

Mrs. Manno said there is a presentation for Junior Parents tomorrow, April 8, "Transitioning to College".

Kathy Loy discussed the Spring Open House and said she loved the new format because they went through a class schedule. She said that about 57 families attended the Open House and that the majority were 7th graders.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Jean Spiegelhalter moved to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Loy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bordes
Recording Co-Secretary