

SAINT VIATOR PARENTS' CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING 03-03-08

Present: Debbie Roman, Agnes Nagengast, Chris Schmidt, Sharon McKee, Nancy Murray, Jackie Frett, Cheryl Lardner, Kathy Loy, Nancy Mueller, Carla Zivoli, Teresa Stewart, Renee Diak-Witek, Cathy Sweeney, Valerie Wallenberg, Connie Grzeszczak, Charlene Krawzak, Sue Abrahamson, Pam Tidaback, Geri Senchuk, Diane Dettloff, Lori Cataldo, Barbara Frenzer, Officer Mike Cowser, Deni Janus, Laura Ferrari, Karen McLoughlin, Carol King, Pam Sammons, Lynette Toussaint, Kim O'Grady, Eileen Manno, Jean Spiegelhalter, and Bridget Platania

THE MEETING:

OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was brought to order at 7:35m by Parent's Club President Jean Spiegelhalter, who welcomed all. Nancy Murray led us in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Nancy Murray motioned to approve the minutes and Kathy Loy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

School Principal Eileen Manno began by stating that next Friday March 14th ends the 3rd quarter. It has been a crazy quarter for Juniors and Seniors due to the multiple snow days, Brother Rule's passing, and teacher staff changes.

After spring break, Senior Events will hold their Parent Meeting on April 1st.

Registration is currently in progress and is going smoothly. She reminded us that you need to finalize the contract on the left. Perhaps it is too low, so look for it on the bottom left. You can go back in until next Monday to change classes, or until you click "finalize contract."

Summer school registration had technical problems on the first day. The program had been tested, but when they had 400-600 people on it at the same time, problems occurred. The programmers couldn't believe how many people were on the web site at one time. They also discovered that some parents were on the website prior to the 4:00pm registration time. So school wiped out those early people so all could begin equally at 4:00pm. Some parents, who use Comcast for the internet, could not get in. So programmers will be addressing this problem in registrations.

Summer school was originally begun as a necessity for some students to fulfill all their requirements that they couldn't fit in during the school day, such as band or chemistry students. Parents must realize that not all students can be in summer school.

Currently, there are 234 freshman registered for next fall – the school would like 250.

The Spring Open House is coming up for current 7th graders.

Mrs. Manno asked the Senior Events' Chairs to comment on how much extra money should be added to the prom ticket in order to cover the expenses of all the upcoming events. Last year \$25 was added, so it was agreed that this amount should be added this year also. The price for Prom will be below \$100 per couple.

PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Jean Spiegelhalter introduced Nancy Murray and Jackie Frett as the Co-Presidents of the Parent's Club for next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Deni Janus reported that there is currently \$65,403.81 in the General Account and \$15,196.62 in the Senior Events Account. It will cost the kids \$40 to attend Senior Celebration. Senior Events will need about \$31,000 in total.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS OFFICER'S REPORT:

Officer Mike Cowsert said that his replacement as "School Resource Officer" has been named and is a good candidate. He will bring him along to the next meeting. Officer Cowsert doesn't know what his new position will be yet, but we will miss him being at our meetings.

He will be doing a "Rapid Deployment Drill" in June at Windsor school. This will benefit staff members and train new officers in the drill.

Registration for the "Rocking with Cops" program is open. They would like 250 5th graders to attend. You must print out the on-line application, complete it, drive it to the police department and give it to the front desk personnel. It is free and the kids get to hang out with the police. If successful, they will do it again next year.

Don't forget that Officer Cowsert is available for group presentations on such topics as Internet Safety.

Cheryl Lardner asked about robberies in the Ivy Hill area. Officer Cowsert said while burglaries in the Buffalo Grove area have risen, Arlington Heights has stayed the same. He cautioned that homeowners must be pro-active in deterring burglars from breaking into your home. Burglars look for blacked out houses to show no-one is home. Use outside spotlights with motion detectors. Call 911 if you see a suspicious car parked on your street. Watch your neighborhood.

Officer Cowsert, along with the Arlington Heights Police Department, participated in the Polar Plunge. They raised \$1,000 for Special Olympics.

- COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FLORAL SHOW:

The show is all set to go on Wednesday March 12th. It is a fun event enjoyed by all that attend.

SENIOR EVENTS:

POST PROM (5/16/08):

Cheryl Lardner stated that everything is booked. She is still in need of 8 more chaperone volunteers. She would prefer either Junior or Sophomore parents.

SENIOR CELEBRATION (5/09/08):

Deni Janus and Diane Dettloff stated that the planning is on schedule.

MARKETING/WEB PAGE:

Teresa Stewart stated that the deadline for Lion Lines is Wednesday 03/05. You can access it on-line if you are not receiving your copy timely in the mail.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jean Spiegelhalter presented the Executive Board roster for next year. It is subject to vote/approval at the April meeting, so all members are reminded to attend this vote next month. There are new volunteers in new slots for the non-executive board. The line up for next year will be exciting.

Kathy Loy and Barbara Frenzer stated that since the upcoming Spring Open House for 7th Graders has never been done before, it is not in the current budget. They asked that a motion be passed for a Parent's Club expenditure of \$200 to pay for this event. The motion was passed.

In April, guest speaker Timothy C. Smith will speak at 6:45pm. He authored the book "Crashproof your kids: Make your Teen a Safer, Smarter Driver." He will be a very interesting speaker.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Platania
Recording Co-Secretary