

SAINT VIATOR PARENTS' CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING 05-05-08

Present: Debbie Roman, Chris Schmidt, Sharon McKee, Nancy Murray, Jackie Frett, Cheryl Lardner, Kathy Loy, Valerie Wallenberg, Sue Abrahamson, Pam Tidaback, Geri Senchuk, Diane Dettloff, Barbara Frenzer, Officer Mike Cowsert, Deni Janus, Karen McLoughlin, Terri Bordes, Carol Sandmeier, Barb Siemienas, Eileen Cortese, Sandra Stanley, Kay Haubenreiser, Elizabeth Hansen, Teresa Stewart, Alice Wimberly, Paula Saban, Cathy Sweeney, Jean Simpson, Eileen Manno, Jean Spiegelhalter, and Bridget Platania

THE MEETING:

OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was brought to order at 7:50pm by Parent's Club President Jean Spiegelhalter, who welcomed all. Parent's Club Vice President Jean Simpson led us in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Chris Schmidt motioned to approve the minutes and Sandra Stanley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

School Principal Eileen Manno began by informing us that the 2008-2009 tentative school calendar is available. Copies were distributed. Homecoming will take place on October 18th against Notre Dame. Other dates will be finalized in June.

AP exams are underway. It's a busy time for seniors with finals and book buy back and Baccalaureate. It was decided that Graduation will take place late morning (11:00 am) this year. One of the reasons is that some colleges (both Notre Dame and Marquette) have graduation the same day. Volunteers may be needed to help serve at graduation.

The school year is winding down and summer school will soon be starting.

Mrs. Manno expressed her heartfelt thanks to all. She is very appreciative of the monies raised and the hard work done by all the Parent Club officers.

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. A list of the SVHS Parent's Club officers for 2008-2009 was distributed.

Jean mentioned the following Parent's Club events for next year:

Housewalk 10/10/08

Fashion Show 11/09/08 - to be chaired by Carol Sandmeier

Metropolis – sometime in January

Floral Show 3/5/09 (switch to Th from Wed) – Pam Sammons, Laura Ferrari, Lynette Toussaint

Senior Celebrations – Post Prom

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Deni Janus reported that there is currently \$70,942.71 in the General Account (to be discussed as new business) and \$21,757.79 in the Senior Events Account. This money will cover the bus, cruise and other senior celebration costs.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS OFFICER'S REPORT:

Officer Mike Cowsert was proud to say that he's been with us for 6 years. It has been an unbelievable experience and he enjoyed every minute. When he started he had no kids. He now has 2 (oldest is 3 ½) and he truly hopes he can send them to St Viator. He mentioned it's a great place to get educated. He said his experience here was priceless and he learned a lot as well. For one, he said it has made him a better speaker.

He wanted us all to know that he will always be around. He will stop in occasionally and we should all feel free to email him (of course emailing his replacement Jeff Aiello primarily).

He reported that the recent Lockdown drill at St Viator was exemplary. One minor problem is our cafeteria. There is just no place to run to. He said just "run the other way" and get safe.

There have been the usual complaints from St Viator's neighbors (lights/parking etc).

He has not forgotten about his initiative to get signage in local liquor stores and he will be following up on that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SENIOR EVENTS:

SENIOR CELEBRATION (5/09/08):

Loose ends are being tied up. The fund raisers like the House Walk & the Night at the Metropolis were very successful bringing in funds for expenses. Deni Janus said any excess money will go to the school to help pay for the computer lab. The Raffle Committee is making purchases for prizes for the kids to win. There will be games in the gym and concessions with wild wings and pizza. There will be a hypnotist. The DVD is done. Set up will begin at 3:00pm. It ends at 11:00pm and no one will be allowed to leave early.

POST PROM (5/16/08):

Discussion started out with Cheryl Lardner stating that she needed 4 more chaperones. Sue Abrahamson and Pam Tidaback volunteered. There will be a total of 11 parents and 3 faculty chaperones (faculty will be paid). The boat is 100% non-smoking. All ash trays have been removed. Off duty (?) Chicago Police will be present. Any problems should be reported to the faculty. The boat ride will be from 12:00am – 3am. Students will be wearing their prom attire.

The question arose about who will be running post prom next year. Dave & Busters may be considered as an activity either in Schaumburg or downtown. Hersey has tried it.

(By the end of the meeting the 4th chaperone was obtained.)

HOUSE WALK:

Nothing to report.

FASHION SHOW:

Carol Sandmeier reported that next year's theme will be "On Broadway". Playbills from musicals like Hairspray & Jersey Boys will be used for decorations. There will be red roses and black and white gloves. The same choreographer will be used (appropriate choreography). It will be held 11/9/08 (Carols' birthday). The mailing will go out in June asking for volunteers and student models. Auctions will be similar to last year – silent auction, basket raffles and a grand raffle. Tickets for the grand raffle will be included with the invitation. Help is needed for decorations and preparing the baskets. A co-chair (or 2) is needed.

Last year's show did very well. Approximately \$55,000 was raised. Attendees had a good time and it was safe for the kids. The cost per ticket was \$50. Stonegate's prices are going up. The cost of the Production Company is going up. The food contract has increased a little. Parents will come no matter what the cost. It was decided the cost will be \$60 this year. The price may include 2 raffle tickets perhaps for prizes like a hotel stay, quilt and smaller items. Names of volunteers will be needed by the first meeting in the fall. Rehearsal will take place 10/27/08 (faculty institute day).

Mrs. Manno stated that Brian Liedlich has resigned. Fr. Egan will need to co-ordinate getting donations from families and companies.

FLORAL SHOW:

Date is switched to Thursday March 5th.

MARKETING/WEB PAGE:

First meeting for the Parent's Club for next school year will be Tuesday after Labor Day (Sept 2nd).

HOSPITALITY:

Barb Frenzer said they are freezing leftovers.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Kathy Loy asked that anyone who has suggestions for next year should let her know.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deni Janus distributed the Proposed Disbursements of 2007/2008 St. Viator Parent's Club funds of \$70,942. Note that the \$27,000 designated for a Computer Lab will be for a new wireless lab in 1 classroom with 32 computers. \$2,000 for Guest Speakers will be for 2008/2009. Thanks to Deni Janus for all her hard work. The Disbursements were approved and seconded. There were unanimous ayes.

A new policy needs to be set up for Parent's Club gifts for retiring teachers. Mr. Leitner will be retiring after 40 years. E.g. he deserves a greater gift than someone retiring after 5 years.

Jean Spiegelhalter mentioned that it would be fun to have an end of the year get together at Ravinia to see Roberta Flack. Lawn seats are \$15. Checks should be made payable to Jean.

A list of 2008-2009 Board Members was distributed.

RETIREMENT OF BADGES:

Jean Spiegelhalter expressed her thanks to graduating Senior Parents, Officer Cowser and Mrs. Manno. She gave each one a garden bird as well as a thank you.

Deni Janus received a bracelet from the Board Members for her dedicated service and outstanding job of getting the checks out and the facts accurate.

Jean Spiegelhalter received a necklace from Tiffanys from the Board Members. She has been a delight to work with. She has come up with many ideas for guest speakers. She has given much time and dedication and has helped focus us as parents.

Incoming Co-Presidents Nancy Murray and Jackie Frett presented flowers to Jean Simpson for her hard work year.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McLoughlin
Recording Co-Secretary