

SAINT VIATOR PARENTS' CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING 11-03-08

Present: Sue Abrahamson, Officer Jeff Aiello, Eileen Cortese, Jackie Frett, Kay Haubenreiser, Kathy Loy, Eileen Manno, Sharon McKee, Karen McLoughlin, Erin McMahon, MaryKay Morsches, Nancy Murray, Nancy Naughton, Pam Sammons, Chris Schmidt, Teresa Stewart, Cathy Sweeney, Valerie Wallenberg, Alice Wimberly, Paula Saban, Jody Lakowske, Mary Baur, Lori Cataldo, Jeanne Carney and Diane Beletti

THE MEETING:

OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was brought to order at 7:45pm by Parents' Club Co-President Nancy Murray. She welcomed all and led us in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chris Schmidt made a motion to approve the October minutes and Teresa Stewart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Teresa Stewart reported that there is \$28,611 in the treasury. So far 461 Fashion Show tickets have been sold. The House Walk should make about \$5100. The boat deposit of \$3500 was made this week.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS OFFICER'S REPORT:

Officer Jeff Aiello reported there will soon be a lock down drill. He has attended a training class to help schools develop crisis plans. He reported that South & Thomas will be hosting Rachel's Challenge. Saint Viator hosted it last year.

He also was happy to report that anytime a Saint Viator student has been stopped, no drugs have been involved.

The Arlington Heights Police Department will be hiring 17 & 18 year old students this summer to work compliance checks. Anyone interested should contact Officer Kostka. They will start in June and students should apply as early as March.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

School Principal Eileen Manno reported they are very happy and still celebrating the Blue Ribbon Award. The school is also celebrating many other events including the Boys State Golf 1st Place win and the Girls Volleyball Team is moving on.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held this Thursday and at least 400 families have signed up. Parents are to call Pat Grandziel if there are any scheduling problems. This Thursday is early dismissal and there is no school Friday.

Teachers will be attending a workshop with Dr. Miller addressing assessments and teaching strategy. Students have different learning styles. The teachers will be attending lectures and will be reminded what it's like to be a student again. They will learn new ways to evaluate students that go beyond the multiple choice test. Spring focus will be mapping.

Tomorrow the students will have a surprise. Jared Payton is going to be principal of the day. He will also be promoting the Toy Drive. Saint Viator came in 2nd last year to St Pats and it would be great to beat them this year.

Next Wednesday is early dismissal. Teachers will be attending a DCFS mandated program on protecting our children.

There will be a presentation Wednesday November 19 on College Financial Aid.

Last years sophomores and seniors took an alcohol usage survey. The perception is that there is a lot more drinking going on than there actually is.

Mrs. Manno stressed that parents need to be aware and network. There is no need for sleepovers, Alpine Valley or Dave Matthews.

Mrs. Manno will not be attending the Fashion Show this year since her daughter is getting married Saturday.

She again thanked the Parents' Club for all that they do and the financial support is appreciated.

PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Nancy Murray reported that The Parents' Club will be working with Campus Ministry to help a needy family. Saint Viator has done this for 15 years. An envelope was passed around for donations. Volunteers are needed to shop for the family.

Jackie Frett announced that the Parents' Club will be holding their annual **Christmas Party at 7:00** prior to the next meeting. Sign ups for food and drink were made. She reminded all that everyone should tell other parents to come to the meeting. It's usually the biggest meeting of the year.

Next meeting will be 12/1/08 at 7:30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-HOUSE WALK:

Jean Simpson was absent. Jackie reported that 150 people attended for a profit of about \$5000. However, there was disappointment due to the lack of senior parent participation. Only 1/3 of the attendees were senior parents.

-FASHION SHOW:

Carol Sandmeier was absent (putting together baskets for the show next Sunday). So far, there have been about 500 RSVP's. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. The maximum is 600.

The senior girls have their appointments at Mario Tricoci.

There will be about 56 baskets raffled off and many great silent auction items.

Set up will begin at 8:00am. Doors will open at 11:00.

-FLORAL SHOW:

Pam Sammons reported that 3 out of 4 florists have been booked. Things are going well. They have Brent Leech. The flier is designed and there will be an ad in Lion Lines.

-HOSPITALITY

Kathy Loy reported that 3000 people have been served this year! Open House hospitality was wonderful. All is well.

-CLASS REPS:

Freshmen Retreats were great. Some Freshmen may have missed and may be going to Quest instead. (2nd Freshman Retreat was better than the 1st for some reason)

-SENIOR EVENTS:

Kathy Gallagher and Mary Jo Biondi were both absent.

All were reminded that Francesca's is participating in a fundraiser for Saint Viator Monday night November 10th. The Arlington Heights Restaurant will donate 20% and the Barrington Restaurant will donate 15% of the total bill to Saint Viator if presented with the ad from Lion Lines or the email that parents received.

-SENIOR CELEBRATION:

-POST PROM :

-VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:

Contact Chris Schmidt at kcsj@att.net to volunteer. Eileen Cortese will be working on Catholic Schools Week.

-MARKETING/WEB PAGE & LION LINES:

Kay Haubenreiser said that the deadline for Dec/Jan Lion Lines is tomorrow Tuesday Nov 4th. That issue will thank the Parents' Club for the House Walk and Fashion Show. A mention will also be made that Graduation cards can be purchases.

The deadline is 1/7/09 for the Feb issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Lori Cataldo to adjourn and seconded by Paula Saban. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McLoughlin
Recording Secretary