

## SAINT VIATOR PARENTS' CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING 4/6/09

Present: Sue Abrahamson, JoJo Biondi, Jeanne Carney, Lori Cataldo, Cindy Dougherty, Jackie Frett, Kathy Gallagher, Kay Haubenreiser, Sara Kay, Charlene Krawzak, Eileen Manno, Karen McLoughlin, Nancy Murray, Jean Simpson, Teresa Stewart, Pam Tidaback, Lynn Ward and Alice Wimberly

### THE MEETING:

### OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was brought to order at 7:40pm by Parents' Club Co-President Nancy Murray. She welcomed all and led us in a special prayer thanking God for the gift of our children.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jeanne Carney made a motion to approve the March minutes and JoJo Biondi seconded. The minutes were approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Teresa Stewart reported that there is \$63,285 in the General Account. \$264 was paid for the stationary. If anyone has any outstanding bills they should get them to Teresa as soon as possible. The balance in the Senior Events account is \$21,391.

**We will vote on the disposition of funds at the May meeting, so a quorum is needed. Everyone listed on the roster (board and committee members) must attend the May meeting.**

A big thank you and round of applause was given to the Floral Show Committee.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Eileen Manno reported she had a meeting with Fr. Egan regarding the disposition of funds. Ideally they would like another \$10,000 for the scholarship fund. The remainder could be used for more Smart Boards for more classrooms.

Over the summer, 2 science labs will be torn up and rebuilt.

There was no Senior Ditch Day.

One of the student's parents died in a water accident in Mexico over Spring Break. The Parents' Club will send something to the family – probably a Mass Card or a donation to his designated charity. There is no protocol yet for how much will be sent.

There will be a Choral Showcase tomorrow night.

Placement testing for incoming students will be next week.

The Spring Play is coming up and the Variety Show will be the following weekend.

Night of the Lion has sold out.

AP Exams will be given the first week of May.

All students need to turn in the paperwork for service hours. Seniors will not be allowed to attend Prom if their service hours are not completed by 4/15/09. All other students have until 6/15/09.

Next year, we will have a speaker discuss bullying and a new topic cyber bullying.

Contracts were given to the teachers on 4/1/09. Some teachers will have less hours next year and their salaries will be reduced.

We are getting calls from prospective students from Driscoll since they are closing. The sophomore class is getting full but there are plenty of openings for freshman and juniors.

There is a new jacket currently being sold in the bookstore. There are two styles – fitted and loose. Current sweatshirts may be worn for one more year.

#### INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION BY MARY MAHRER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HR OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Mary Mahrer introduced herself and talked about fundraising. We need to make sure we have enough money for academics and co-curricular activities. A lot of our needs are technology based. We can't compete with each other and the parishes. There is an 80/20 rule. 20% of the people donate 80% of the money.

Bill Sandford and Jean Simpson were added this year for recruitment. The value of Saint Viator starts in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We need to bring them in for activities like poms and soccer. Our Open Houses are important. Perhaps we may change them to be more individualized and personalized.

We need to keep the alumni involved in the school.

The Night of the Lion is the biggest fundraiser. Ron Hawking will be entertaining this year.

Mary stressed that she is here to Learn, Listen and Support. She is here to maximize our fundraiser success.

#### PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Jackie Frett reported that she has a connection to the New Colony Six and suggested we have an Adult Sock Hop/mixer for parents and alumni who are of age as a fundraiser for next years Parents' Club.

Eileen mentioned that the dress code will be changing slightly next year. Only one color pants will be allowed – beige/tan. New shirts will have the new Saint Viator logo but will not be required.

Thoughts are being discussed about changing The Million Dollar Classic in the future to make it more of a family event instead of just golf. Perhaps the pool and tennis courts can be used.

Next meeting will be 5/4/09 at 7:00. It's our last meeting of the year and we will celebrate with drinks, appetizers and deserts. All parents are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend.

Ideas are needed to keep in touch with new alumni i.e. graduating seniors. Perhaps an online network or directory can be developed. We have about 13,000 alumni and only 4,000 email addresses.

Committees for next year are pretty set except for the Fashion Show. Carol Sandmeier will work with the new chair.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### -FASHION SHOW

### -FLORAL SHOW

The committee did a great job. It was a big success.

### -HOSPITALITY

The committee is aware of the events and they are prepared.

### -CLASS REPS

## SENIOR EVENTS:

### -SENIOR CELEBRATION

Everything is under control. Items are needed for the raffle and can be dropped off in Cathy Abraham's office.

Cindy Dougherty reported that preparations should be started in Junior Year. The kids should be working on raising the money to help fund the event. The Junior parents need to be connected. There is no need for big gift bags. Their "gift" is their good education. The kids really don't need lavish gifts and prizes. They enjoy just being together.

### -POST PROM

JoJo Biondi said she has a good response for the chaperones.

### -VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:

Contact Chris Schmidt at [kcsi@att.net](mailto:kcsi@att.net) to volunteer.

### -MARKETING/WEB PAGE & LION LINES:

Kay Haubenreiser said that the deadline for the summer Lion Lines is May 20<sup>th</sup>. July 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the Alumni newsletter in the fall.

Lynn Ward reported that we have the new stationary.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Jeanne Carney and Sara Kay thanked everyone who attended the mini fundraiser at Ciao Bella. Ciao Bella donate \$300 to the Parents' Club – 15% of the purchases from the 2 Saint Viator parties. It was a lot of fun.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Since Officer Aeillo no longer attends our meetings, it was asked if he can send us emails to inform us of things going on in the community. It was mentioned that we can go to the AH Police web site and sign up to receive special alerts.

Eileen brought up the fact that student tutoring is getting too burdensome for the kids. Adult tutors may be needed. The Parents' Club was asked to organize a new volunteer program.

The May meeting will be the first Monday of May – May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00. This is our last meeting of the year and we will celebrate with drinks, appetizers and deserts. All parents are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jeanne Carney made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Sue Abrahamson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McLoughlin  
Recording Secretary