

SAINT VIATOR PARENTS' CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING 9/14/09

Present: Due to the fact that the sign in sheet disappeared by the end of the meeting, there are no entries to be made here.

THE MEETING:

OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was brought to order at 7:40 pm by Parents' Club Co-President Nancy Murray, who led us in prayer. Each person present introduced themselves and what Parish they came from and named their sons or daughters attending Saint Viator.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Teresa Stewart reported that there is @\$20,000 in the General Account. Saint Viator Parents' Club holds 2 main events – the Fashion Show which usually brings in over \$50,000 and the Floral Show which usually brings in about \$3,000. Funds are used during Catholic Schools Week for treats for the teachers. Funds are also used for end of the year teacher gifts and Hospitality. Last year the Parents' Club gifted out over \$40,000 - \$17,000 was used to purchase Smart Boards, \$2000 went to the Viator Foundation and the balance was used for two 50% scholarships and Tuition Assistance.

A secondary fund has been established for Senior Events and Post-Prom. This is self-funded by the senior parents. Any money left at the end of the year goes to the Parents' Club main fund.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jeanne Carney made a motion to approve the May minutes. Teresa Stewart seconded. The minutes were approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Eileen Manno reported that the Saint Viator ACT average is 25.3 (based on 2009 graduates). This is an increase and is very good.

AP exams are again mandatory this year.

The current curriculum is being evaluated using curriculum mapping looking at content, skills and continuity.

Ryan's Story (regarding bullying and cyber bullying) will be presented to parents (and parents of St James) on 9/23/09 and to students on 9/24. On 9/25, the students will process the information in varying classes.

Spring trips will be offered to France and Spain.

Staff is addressing the flu. Students are very vulnerable and should stay home if sick. Gallon jugs of sanitizers are in the Dean's Office and the cafeteria and signs are posted in the bathrooms. The archdiocese does not want to close the school due to any flu outbreak.

Saint Viator receives District 214 Title 1 money which helps pay for things like loaner books.

There will again be adult education classes offered in various subjects including religion, dancing, Italian & Spanish for travelers and a marriage workshop.

Some students have circulated a petition and presented it to the Administration regarding the new dress code. The topic will be discussed with the students.

PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Jackie reported The New Colony Six "Block Party" was a blast. There was a profit donated for Tuition Assistance. It will happen again.

Nancy Murray reminded everyone about branding. Any correspondence out of the building must be approved by Nora Cay Ryan. Any Parents' Club correspondence should be channeled through Jackie or Nancy first.

Next meeting will be Tuesday October 13th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-HOSPITALITY

Kathy Loy reported that less money was spent on Meet the Faculty Night this year and all was well. The Junior Ring Ceremony is the next event.

-FASHION SHOW

Jeanne Carney reported that the Fashion Show will be 11/8 at the Stonegate Banquet Hall. There will be a silent auction, raffle and a professional runway show. Stores are needed to participate. The theme is Saint Viator American Idol.

-FLORAL SHOW

No one from the committee was present.

-CLASS REPS

Nothing to report.

SENIOR EVENTS:

-POST PROM

Renee Diak-Witek reported that a co-chair is needed. The deposit was made for the boat.

-SENIOR CELEBRATION

No one was present.

-VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:

Chris Schmidt reported that the list was almost done and she got another stack of names.

-MARKETING/WEB PAGE & LION LINES:

Kay Haubenreiser said that the deadline for the November Lion Lines is September 30th. The Fashion Show will be mentioned. The directory/phone book was distributed. The web page looks great. Eileen Manno reported that the new web site will probably be available next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

The next meeting will be Tuesday October 13th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jeanne Carney made a motion to adjourn and Kathy Loy seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McLoughlin
Recording Secretary