

SAINT VIATOR PARENTS' CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING 2/1/2010

Present: Sue Abrahamson, Mary Baur, Diane Beletti, Jeanne Carney, Susan Carsello, Lori Cataldo, Eileen Cortese, Jackie Frett, Kay Haubenreiser, Marie Julius, Carol King, Kathy Loy, Eileen Manno, Sharon McKee, Karen McLoughlin, Erin McMahon, Patti Menges, Nancy Murray, Pam Sammons, Chris Schmidt, Jean Simpson, Teresa Stewart, Cathy Sweeney, Lynette Toussaint & Valerie Wallenberg

THE MEETING:

OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was brought to order by Parents' Club Co-President Nancy Murray, who led us in a special Valentine's Day Prayer.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Reverend Robert M. Egan, President of Saint Viator High School, gave a special presentation touching 5 subjects – Advancement & Development, 50th Anniversary, Enrollment Trends, Lenten Campaign and Haiti. Father Egan thanked the Parents' Club for raising a "ton of money".

He apologized if the Wine Tasting (new to November this year) conflicted with the Fashion Show, but it was felt that each targeted different clientele and would be of minimal disruption to the Fashion Show.

The Saint Viator 50th Anniversary will be in September 2011. Kickoff will begin in January or February 2011 most likely with Catholic Schools Week. There will be significant events over the course of the year. The Night of the Lion will be at Navy Pier in 2011.

Enrollment has been strong. In the summer of 2008 there was a loss of about 30 students most likely due to the economy. Summer of 2009 showed an increase of about 20 students. The closing of Driscoll helped a little bit. Ideal enrollment is in the 1040-1060 range. The school is in a good financial state. We are a blessed community.

There are Viatorians in Haiti from the Canadian Province. Saint Viator is holding a Dress Down Week. For a \$20 donation to the Viatorian Haiti Fund, students can wear jeans and Spirit Wear for 1 week. An email was sent out to the families.

There will be a new 5K run/walk in March this year during Lent to benefit local food pantries.

There is Mass in the Chapel every day during Lent. Parents are welcome to attend. There will also be opportunities for Confession.

Campus Ministry has a Lenten Reflection Book. It is available via the web site.

On March 4th, Saint Viator is hosting a one-man play Damien starring Wayne Messmer. It has received rave reviews.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 2010 meeting and Erin McMahon seconded. The minutes were approved at 8:10pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Teresa Stewart reported that there is about \$51,000 in the general account and \$1700 in the Senior Events account. Senior Events still owes the Parents' Club some money for some deposits. The Parents' Club will fund 2 scholarships at 50% next year (about \$16,000 - \$18,000). \$30,000 will be gifted back to the school.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Eileen Manno reported that there was an incident prior to Martin Luther King Jr day off that prompted her to send an email to parents cancelling all Monday events at the school. She reported that the Arlington Heights Police were extremely helpful. As it turned out, they were being overly cautious and a 2nd email was sent that all Monday activities were no longer cancelled.

NAEP testing is tomorrow. 100 students were selected at random to take the test.

The ACT Prep Course will again be offered to the juniors at the same price as last year. The same teachers will also be involved.

No date has been set yet for the 2011 Floral Show.

The Fashion Show will be Nov 7th 2010. The Wine Tasting will be held the following Friday.

Registration for next year will begin the last week of February.

Summer School registration went well last year and will be the same this year. The system will be cleared at 4:00 and then freshmen will test the system and new juniors & seniors will be allowed to register.

There will be a new Honors Spanish Program next year that will start with the incoming freshmen. There will also be an experiment in the Social Studies Department with taking the Constitution Test. Current freshmen will have summer work and take the test in the first 2 weeks of sophomore year to get it out of the way.

The next Parents' Club meeting will be March 1st in the Viator Room on the 3rd floor.

PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Nancy Murray reported that the school resource officer has not been able to come to the regular Parents' Club meetings due to budget cuts. Officer Aiello will attend the March 1st meeting and do a presentation on topics such as Club Drugs, Parties, Drinking, Driving Hours, Emails and Facebook. Parents may submit questions to Nancy ahead of time on specific topics they would like addressed. Officer Aiello will begin his presentation at 7:30. It was noted that there is a new law for cyber threats and 17 year olds can be charged with a felony.

Jackie Frett reported that there are openings for many board positions next year and the Fashion Show needs new Co-Chairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-FASHION SHOW

Co-chairs for the Fashion Show are needed.

-FLORAL SHOW

Pam Sammons and Lynette Toussaint reported that the Fremd Floral Show was packed and hopefully Saint Viator's will be the same. They asked where they would be able to sell tickets. They will not sell tickets at the Senior Parents' event Cheers & Tears nor at The Night of the Lion. They may sell tickets at the basketball playoff games in the concession stand area. The price is \$15. Sweets were donated by Oak Mill Bakery. The Jazz Band may perform. The National Honor Society and The Ambassador Club will be responsible for student volunteers. It was noted that the more students involved, the more tickets will probably sold.

-HOSPITALITY

Kathy Loy reported that there is nothing coming up until the National Honor Society in April.

- CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Everything was very lovely for Catholic Schools Week. Treats and little gifts were provided for all the teachers. Thanks to Corresponding Secretaries Sue Abrahamson & Eileen Cortese.

-CLASS REPS

All good.

SENIOR EVENTS:

-POST PROM & SENIOR CELEBRATION

Marie Julius and Diane Beletti reported that all is going well. There will be no fundraising except for Cheers & Tears. There will be appetizers and a cash bar. A lot of money has been raised already. Blankets and ponchos and hand-painted wine glasses will be sold at Cheers & Tears, as well as graduation cards and thank you cards customized for 2010. Kickoff will be tomorrow night. Tickets for the prom have gone up a little. About \$15,000 is needed and they are half way there. Gifts will be raffled off at Senior Celebration. The price of Senior Celebration is going up by \$10 this year. The theme is a secret.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:

Chris Schmidt reported that parents have already been contacted for Friday night Senior Celebration.

MARKETING/WEB PAGE & LION LINES:

Kay Haubenreiser said that the deadline for the March Lion Lines is February 3rd. There will be an ad for the Floral Show, Senior Celebration and Post Prom. There will also be a request for Parents' Club Board Members. The date of the next Parents' Club meeting will be published mentioning that Officer Aiello will be there for a special presentation and the meeting will be on the 3rd floor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeanne Carney suggested a new mini fundraiser similar to the Ciao Bella fundraiser last year. Encore Wear in Buffalo Grove (behind The Melting Pot) will stay open late and offered 20% of its profits that night to the Parents' Club. (Jeanne said the store is great and she got a smokin' hot jacket there for \$12). Jeanne will set up a date before Spring Break. An email will be sent to all Parents' Club members after the details are finalized.

Marie Julius proposed that the Parents' Club split the cost of buying 10 bistro tables (at @\$130 each) with the Boosters Club and Advancement. The tables can be stored easily and can be used for Senior Celebration as well as many other future events. Cost to the Parents' Club will be \$438.33. Parents' Club voted OK.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Eileen Cortese made a motion to adjourn and Pam seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McLoughlin
Recording Secretary